

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

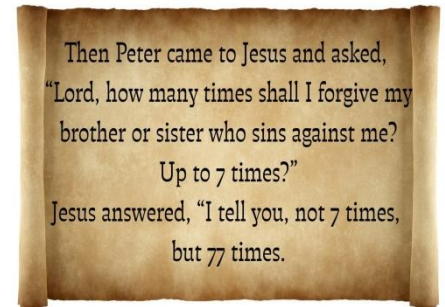
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **Holy Communion – Caldy**
6.30pm **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Jonah 3.10-end of 4 Philippians 1.21-end Matthew 20.1-16

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (13th – 19th September)

St Bridget: David William Fielding, Vivien Gail Johnston, Roderick Charles Bernard Ellis, Audrey Clare Bradley, Sylvia Jean Blaza, Peta Lynette Mills, Samuel Morrison, Ann Blackburn, Renée Durrant, William Edward Paterson.

Caldy: Harry Hamor Dawson, baby James Duncan Nichol, Paul Southworth, Marion Hinton, Vivien Gail Johnston, Roy Neville Williams.

RIP: William James Frederick Gollins, Lynn Ferriday, Margaret Jewsbury.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today are given by Paul Preston remembering Syd and Lima Thompson, and Joyce and Harry Preston. Joyce's birthday was 18th September.

We now have details of **Lynn Ferriday's funeral** and if anyone would like these please ask Paula in the office who has the information.

WIRRAL HERITAGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 12th September



St Bridget's Church and Caldy Church will both be open 10am – 4pm. There will be examples of creative arts associated with the Church – calligraphy, flower arranging, and vestment embroidery. You may have the chance to go up the Tower. Tea, coffee and cake will be available in the Centre, and the Museum will be open too.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

14th – 19th September

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	12.30pm	Deanery Chapter meeting
	2pm	Rossiniere Home Group – 1 Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	8.30-11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	4pm	Enhancement and Buildings group meets in St Bridget's church
Thursday		Parish Office closed today
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service download it here .
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	10am	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod – St Mary's Upton
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	9.30am	Decorating St Bridget's church for Harvest Festival
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	10.30am	Funeral (William James Frederick Gollins RIP) – Caldy Church
Saturday	9.30am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party at St Bridget's
	11am – 4.30pm	Earthfest on and around St Bridget's Field

Friday September 11th marked the 25th anniversary of the destruction of the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. Radio 4 broadcast a very moving service last Sunday – listen again here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00316sn>



BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The first session is this Thursday 17th September 10am - 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Newton. Still time to book a place: contact Paula in the office (0151 625 2739).

We are now in Creation Season and there is a lot going on next weekend !



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Saturday 19th September 9.30am – 12 noon

We will be clearing the paths of weeds in the upper churchyard – all helpers very welcome. Please bring gloves, secateurs, loppers and hoes. Refreshments provided.



EARTHFEST Saturday 19th September 11am – 4.30pm
on and around St Bridget's Field and St Bridget's Centre

Music, storytelling, earth-friendly stalls, café, bees, poets, food and drink and lots more.

We have been asked by one of the organisers, David Lacy from the URC, if we could help set up the field on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you're interested can you please contact him directly on 07899 914 213.

HARVEST FESTIVALS and Celebration of creation

St Bridget's Sunday 20th September, at Caldy Sunday 27th September



We are asked to bring donations for the Foodbank: particularly tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg (peas/carrots).



We are also invited to add to decorating church by saving an empty food tin, keeping its label on, and creating an arrangement of flowers or putting in a plant or other creation-themed item – this is completely optional.



BOOK CLUB on 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren

Next meeting is on Sunday 27th September, 5 – 6 pm in the Centre

Hope you will enjoy reading the next inspiring section of our book, entitled 'O!'

Chapter 8 is on 'Practising Jubilation'

Chapter 9 is 'O! Not just a word but a way of life'

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Thursday 24th September 12 noon at the back of St Bridget's



church. Come along for a quiet hour together in prayer. Our silent focus, guided by Deborah, will be on a Dominical saying, *i.e.* words recorded in the Bible spoken by God, Jesus or (occasionally!) by an angel. All are welcome.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Here's a hymn which some of you may not know and which we will be singing soon! [Freely freely](#)
Have a listen so that you will be able to join in joyfully – even some harmonies you could learn !

ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST BRIDGET'S & CALDY

The Parish Electoral Roll is the nearest thing we have to a Church membership list. We currently have 217 people on the Roll, although 437 receive this newsletter. Anyone over the age of 16 who is baptised and a regular worshipper in the parish, at either St Bridget's or All Saints Caldý, or online, is entitled to be on the Electoral Roll. You do not have to be resident in the parish. Hard copies of the application form are available at the back of church or in the office in the Centre, during office hours. Completed forms can be handed in to the office in the Centre, or emailed to office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk or mrees433@gmail.com

Please also email in – or tell us in person – if you have moved house, so that we can update your address, or if you are not sure whether or not you are already on the roll, or with any other questions. Mary Rees (Electoral Roll Officer) mrees433@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We would like to encourage every member of our church community to consider completing **Basic Awareness Training**. We all have a responsibility to listen carefully to one another, notice those who may be at risk of all kinds of harm and know what support is available. Please consider doing this online training accessed here and let Paula know when you have completed it. You will also receive a certificate. <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/book-safeguarding-training>



Yamaha table top electronic keyboard going free to a good home – tel. 0151 625 2404

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE AND KEEPING MUSIC LIVE

Work will begin this Monday, 14th September in St Bridget's to reinstall the refurbished organ. There may be some disruption and at some point we will be without an organ.



We also need to have work done on Caldý organ and would like to form a small fundraising team. If you would be willing to be part of this, please speak to Joy 0151 625 8676.

Secure card or app donations can be made at <https://givealittle.co/c/CaldyOrgan>

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SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about someone's safety or wellbeing contact:

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If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police