

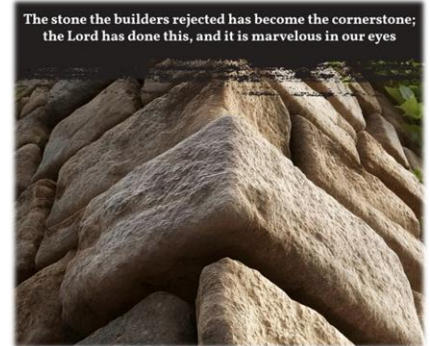
# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.



- 8am**            **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
- 10am**           **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
- 10am**           **Holy Communion – Caldy**
- 3pm**            **Film showing *The People's Emergency Briefing* – Centre**
- 6.30pm**        **Sacred Space Evening Prayer to mark the end of the Season of Creationtide – St Bridget's**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

## LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 5.1-7

Philippians 3.4b-14

Matthew 21.33-end

## FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October)

**St Bridget:** Joan Woolley, Averill Yeats, Eunice Ravenscroft, Roy Francis Dewhurst, Sandy McDonald.

**Caldy:** Winifred Evelyn Coward, Frances Isabel Booth, Margaret Turner, Audrey Nokes, John Richard Lawson Martindale, John Mark Kenchington.

**RIP:** Kenneth Francis Trott, Marjorie Davies, Timothy Richard Elton.

Thank you for everyone who helped us mark Creation Season in so many ways. Thanks also to those who kept our floral decorations fresh and made the church look beautiful for the funeral of Margaret Jewsbury and those who helped set up and serve at the funeral reception in St Bridget's Centre.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October

|           |              |                                                                                                 |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    |              | Rector's day off                                                                                |
| Tuesday   | 10am         | Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea                                          |
|           | 2pm          | Holy Communion at Caldy Manor                                                                   |
|           | 2pm          | Rossinière Home Group – Pikes Hey Road                                                          |
|           | 3.30pm       | Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's                                                                  |
|           | 4.45pm       | Sing Aloud                                                                                      |
|           | 6pm          | Choir practice                                                                                  |
|           | 7.15pm       | Theology Discussion Group upstairs at the Ring O' Bells                                         |
|           | 7.30pm       | Bell ringing practice                                                                           |
| Wednesday | 8am          | Holy Communion – Sisters of Jesus' Way, Abbey Road                                              |
|           | 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                                                                     |
| Thursday  | 9am          | Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service <a href="#">download it here</a> .                     |
|           | 10am         | Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK                                                              |
|           | 10am         | <i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton                                                |
|           | 1.30pm       | Memorial Service of Thanksgiving (Kenneth Trott RIP) – Caldy                                    |
| Friday    | 10am         | St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre                                                                |
|           | 11.15am      | Funeral (Marjorie Davies RIP) – Caldy                                                           |
| Saturday  | 12 noon      | Prayers for the needs of the world, thanksgiving and blessing – St Bridget's in the Lady Chapel |

The Rector will be attending a course from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October at St Beuno's entitled Spiritual Conversation. Please pray for this to be a fruitful time.

## THIS SUNDAY!

**THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING – what is happening to our climate**

**and what can we do about it?** We will be showing this 50 minute film on Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm in St Bridget's Centre, with discussion, sharing of ideas and hopes for a better future (recommended age 16+, 12A rating from the British Board of Film Classification); followed by an Iona-style Prayer for Creation at 6.30pm in St Bridget's Church. For more info and to register email [churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk) or [office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk)



## THERE WILL THEN BE A NEW STYLE EVENING SERVICE 6.30 pm SACRED SPACE

An opportunity to be together, pray and reflect in an Iona style setting.

## AI – HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH DO YOU USE IT ?

As an Eco church we need to consider how sustainable our use of AI is. Did you know Artificial intelligence damages the planet primarily through the massive carbon emissions, extreme water depletion, and heavy natural resource mining required to build and run AI models. Read more here [AI and the environment](#)

One quick tip – don't use AI for simple facts: Use a standard, low-energy web search instead of AI when you just need a basic piece of information. Add “-ai” when doing a Google search.

## THEOLOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

We meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the upstairs room at the Ring O Bells pub with the theme of *Evangelism*. Please note the later start time of **7.15pm**. All very welcome.

## ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October when Emma Liney from Claire House Children's Hospice is coming to give us an illustrated talk on the work at Claire House. She will also be bringing Christmas cards etc. to sell. This is an open meeting and members of the congregation are very welcome to join us.

## DONATIONS TO THE FOODBANK AND CHARLES THOMPSON MISSION

Following a wonderful All Age service at Caldys last Sunday to celebrate harvest we made further donations to the foodbank and lots of fresh food donations to the Charles Thompson Mission. During the service the children sat on hay bales as they heard about how God can use each one of us, even though we may feel imperfect, to bring blessings to others.



## INCLUSIVE CHURCH SUNDAY

**Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>** 10am at both churches. We have a visiting preacher at St Bridget's – Hannah Harvey who will be reflecting on how we can be more intentionally inclusive especially for people with neurodiversity.



## INTRODUCING NATALIE HODSON

We are delighted to share the news that we have another ordinand beginning a placement with us. Natalie will be with us for the next two years and will start by getting to know us and our church communities. Please say hello to her! Natalie grew up in Moreton, where she lives now. She is 38 years old, married with two children and one stepson. She is a former A&E nurse, then moving to Ophthalmology.

**BRIDGE AFTERNOON    Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre**

**Encourage bridge-playing friends to come !    Refreshments and prizes.**

Donations of cakes, home-made if possible, would be very welcome.

£20 per table, pay on arrival – please phone Audrey Briggs on 07486 918169 to book.



## **WORK CONTINUES ON OUR ORGANS**

We have received a detailed report on the meticulous work on the organs in both of our churches.

You can look at photos here [St Bridget's Organ work by Willis](#) and [Caldy organ work by Willis](#)

Thank you to all who donated to cover the work for St Bridget's and to those working hard to fundraise and cover the cost for Caldly.

## **LOOKING FOR DOCTORS, SURGEONS, NURSES etc.**

At our next All Together Worship at St Bridget's we are celebrating St Luke, the patron saint of doctors and surgeons. If your work has been in a medical profession please could you send the Rector an email, or pop a note in a letter completing the following statement: *In my work as a ..... My faith has made a difference in the following ways.* We will also have some cards available for you to give to our local doctors and health practitioners.

## **SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Are any of your ancestors named on War Memorials at St Bridget's either in the church or the graveyard? If so please let Rev'd Mary know: [maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com](mailto:maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com) or mobile 07773 884961. Many thanks.

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