



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 18th October 2026

St Luke the Evangelist

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
10am	All Together Worship – St Bridget (livestreamed)
10am	Holy Communion – Caldy
12 noon	Holy Baptism – St Bridget
6.30pm	Compline – St Bridget

a caring hand



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 35.3-6

2 Timothy 4.5-17

Luke 10.1-9

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

Matthew 22.34-end

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (18th – 24th October)

St Bridget: Jonathan Dodd, Ronald Parkinson, Wilfred Taggart Rankine, Vera May Chapman, Terence Peter Ashcroft, Jeanette Margaret Crawford (formerly Smith), Derek Ronald Fullwood, George Johnson-Jones, William Pierson Carter, Marjorie Elizabeth Riley, Muriel Edge, Peter Leslie Edward Jones, Donald James Bradley.

Caldy: John Edward Henry Simpson, Shirley Fuller, Alan Kilgour.

Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given by Carolyn Tallents and Maggie Ellis in memory of Gerry Ellis on his birthday today.



GIVING THANKS for our doctors, nurses, people and places of medical care



Today at All Together Worship at St Bridget's we will be giving thanks for our places of medical care in the parish, doctors, nurses, for those who work in the community and in care homes etc. Please take a prayer card from the back of St Bridget's and give it to someone or drop it in somewhere, to let them know how grateful we are and that we will be praying for them.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

19th – 24th October

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldry Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Rossinière Home Group – Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
	7.30pm	St Bridget's Educational Trust meets
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
	2pm	School Harvest service – St Bridget
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service download it here .
	10am	Caldry Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	10am	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	7pm	Film Night – Centre

TODAY IS PRISONERS' SUNDAY and marks the end of Prisons Week

Our parish is registered with the Welcome Directory, helping prison leavers find a community of faith in which they can worship, find encouragement and support. Please join with them and others who support all those affected by the criminal justice system. Testimonies and prayers can be found at <https://www.prisonersweek.org/>

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for material for the November magazine is Friday 23rd October. Please send articles or information to Ann Holden – ann.holden@cantab.net



A QUESTION

What 3 things are you grateful for today?

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st 10am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION AND ALL SAINTS

Bishop Mark will be leading our worship at Caldy and there will be no service of Holy Communion at St Bridget's at 10am. We encourage everyone to come along to Caldy and join our celebrations.

In the evening of the same day:

TIME TO REMEMBER – ALL SOULS SERVICE 6.30pm at ST BRIDGET'S

This very special service is an opportunity to remember those we love who have died by the lighting of candles and reading of names. If you plan to attend and would like someone's name read out please tell Paula in the office.

ST BRIDGET'S WAR MEMORIAL

In preparation for our 10am service at St Bridget's on Remembrance Sunday (8th November) I would like to hear from anyone who has an ancestor whose name appears either on the War Memorial in church or the headstone of a War Grave in the churchyard. Thank you to those who have been in touch with information already.

Rev'd Mary maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com or mobile 07773 884961.



Film Fridays 23rd October 7pm (6.45pm doors)

This film follows an Irish woman whose child was taken from her in a convent decades earlier, leading her to team up with a cynical journalist for a heartfelt cross-Atlantic search. The film blends emotional depth with humour, explores themes of forgiveness and identity, and features acclaimed performances by Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. Widely praised for its restraint and poignancy, it earned multiple award nominations and is considered a moving, worthwhile watch.

BOOK CLUB – 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren

Our next meeting will be at 5pm on Sunday 25th October in the Centre.

Do try and read chapters 10 and 11, entitled 'Sorry'.



St Bridget's Centre Clean and Repair Session - Wednesday 28th Oct 2 – 4pm

Come along for a social bit of cleaning, dusting or painting to help us keep the Centre looking fresh and pleasant. For info call Andrew on 07456 394 194.



BRIDGE AFTERNOON Friday 30th 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.

RAINBOW GOOD NEWS BIBLES

Lots of copies available at the back of St Bridget's church – help yourself.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

West Kirby Methodist Church is collecting for the Christmas Teams4U *Love in a Box* appeal, and would be grateful for filled shoeboxes, or items like: coloured pencils, felt tips, balls, small toys, musical instruments such as harmonicas, hair brushes, combs and hair accessories, things for teenagers such as make up and nail varnish, sweets and games. The boxes will be going to children in Ukraine, Romania, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. Shipping costs £3.50 per box. We choose to support **Teams4U** following concerns regarding the financial accountability, governance, political stances, and outreach methods used in campaigns like Operation Christmas Child and Samaritan's Purse. Huge thanks to Carole Barnett from the Methodist Church for coordinating.



THE LISTENING PATH

Living attentively A Day Retreat with Andrew Rudd

At Foxhill House and Woodlands, Monday 23rd November 9.30am – 3.30pm. Tickets £29.50 on sale until 19th November at www.foxhillchester.co.uk/event-details/the-listening-path

This is an opportunity to explore listening – to ourselves and our bodies, to one another and to God. In our busy world, and often busy lives, listening is the one thing that can draw us into peace, connection and wholeness. In listening we draw near to God.

The Christian ship Logos Hope will in Liverpool at Cruise Port, 2 Princes Parade, L3 1DL from 23rd October to 5th November. Tues – Sat daily 10am-10pm, Sunday 1pm-10pm. Closed Mondays and Thurs. 29th October. Entrance to the ship: £1 per person. 1-hour guided tours of the ship also available. To book and for details of on-board events see uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-liverpool

We will soon be rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service (Sunday 20th December). If you can't commit regularly to choir but would like to sing at the carol service please let the Rector know.

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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