St Bridget's, West Kirby
with Caldy Church

Second Sunday before Advent — 15th November 2026



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8am	**Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am	**All Together Worship – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am	**Holy Communion – Caldy**
6.30pm	**Compline – St Bridget's**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end | 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 | Matthew 25.14-30

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 | Ephesians 1.15-end | Matthew 25.31-end

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (15th – 21st November)

St Bridget: Laura Lou Baldry, Isabel Medley Baldry, Robert Millar Briscoe, Betty Bower, Malcolm Stephen Ellis, Brian John Smith, Jennifer Mary Flashman, Edith Mary Broderick, Arthur Pennal, Vera Hargreaves, Arthur Ernest Wilson, Jean Margaret Cora Mackenzie, Molly Duke, Rachel Muriel Cumming.

Caldy: Charles Anthony Southworth, Frances Berry.

RIP: Jennifer Ann Wood, Alan Noble, Ray Davies.

ST BRIDGET'S GOT TALENT

All Together Worship at St Bridget's this Sunday invites us to consider how God can use each of us and our gifts to bless others. Thank you to all who have helped with the special effects! All are more than welcome to join us at 10am. The service includes Holy Communion.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK **16th – 21st November**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy 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
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
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service **download it here**.
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	2pm	Buildings and Enhancement group meets – Centre
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	7pm	Film Night – Centre
Saturday	9.30am – 12 noon	Churchyard working party at St Bridget's
	12.30pm	Burial of ashes (Donald and Patricia Morris RIP) – St Bridget
	7pm	Palestine information evening – Centre

ST BRIDGET'S TOILET APPEAL

We now have Planning Permission for building the long awaited accessible toilet next to the north porch of St Bridget's Church.

See https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12707/page/96030/view/

We also have a generous offer of a loan to cover the cost, which is about £200K. If you can help us to pay it back, please donate at https://givealittle.co/c/StB-Toilet or direct to the church account with reference Toilet. One-off amounts and regular monthly donations are both gratefully received. For further information, ask the churchwardens or treasurer@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

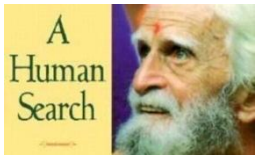
Basic Awareness training at St. Hildeburgh's, Hoylake on Saturday 14th November. The training is starting at 10am, refreshments from 9:45am, and will be finished by 12 noon.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY **Saturday 21st November 9.30am – 12 noon**



We will be doing winter tidying – all helpers very welcome. Please bring gloves, secateurs, loppers and hoes. Refreshments provided.

FILM FRIDAYS Friday 20th November 7pm (doors 6.45pm)



Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre

A rare showing of a documentary on the life of Fr. Bede Griffiths, a Benedictine monk who spent much of his life in India. A fascinating insight into a man who appreciated the wisdom of India and its spiritual traditions, and set his Christian monastic practice within the Indian worldview. The film will be prefaced with an introduction by parishioner Rosemary Griffiths, who knew him personally in India. There will be an opportunity for questions, comments and conversation after the showing. We hope this will be a stimulating and enlightening evening which may add to your Advent preparations. Please bring nibbles and drink to share.

"AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF LIFE IN THE WEST BANK OF PALESTINE"

7pm Saturday 21st November Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre, West Kirby

Our guest speaker Sue has lived in the West Bank three times, in 2019, 2022 and 2025, with the World Council of Churches and UCPiP (Unarmed Civilian Protection in Palestine). An eyewitness account of life in the West Bank with stories and photographs. Do invite friends along.

FUND RAISING FOR CALDY ORGAN RESTORATION



Drinks and nibbles at 5, Pikes Hey Road on Sunday 22nd November from 11.30am, following our Sunday services. No charge for admittance but donations towards the restoration of Caldy organ very welcome. https://givealittle.co/c/CaldyOrgan



ADVENT GROUP FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 12.30 – 2pm in the Centre.

Who is Jesus? A Journey Through the Old Testament

A four-week journey as we explore how Old Testament stories, promises and prophecies help us understand who Jesus is. Through Scripture, reflection and discussion, we will discover how the ancient faith of Israel points us towards the coming of the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. All are welcome, lunch will be provided and no prior Bible knowledge is needed. Please let us know you'll be joining us – either contact the parish office (0151 625 2739) or sign a form at the back of one of our churches.



REAL ADVENT CALENDARS

Now available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre – Advent calendars which have Fair Trade chocolate, tell the real Christmas story and come with a Christmas story-activity book. £4.95 each. As well as ensuring that the cocoa producers are paid fairly, sale of the calendars helps provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages.

Christmas Eve Play 2026 – help large or small needed!

Please help with our *Wirral famous* Christmas Eve Play? We will have spoken, sung and silent roles and general helpers needed, too. If you're interested please talk to Carolyn or Andrew.

PCC MEETING The PCC next meets on Thursday 26th November. If you have any matters which you would like them to consider please contact the PCC secretary Angela Douglas: angela50@gmail.com Thank you to all our PCC members for their time and talents!

BOOK CLUB – 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren

Our next meeting is Sunday 22nd November in St Bridget's Centre, on chapters 12 and 13. Our word this month is 'Help!' Please consider coming along as this is an opportunity to reflect on what trying to live a Christian life can mean.



An **EXHIBITION** at the University of Liverpool's Victoria Gallery & Museum called 'St Brigid's Arms' explores the experiences of women of Irish heritage in the North of England, using oral histories, visual art, music, dance and film to tell stories of migration, identity and belonging. It is particularly interesting for those exploring local migration histories, community identity and the ways in which different generations have shaped the places we live. The exhibition is free and runs until 17 April 2027. You can find out more here: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/victoria-gallery-and-museum/whats-on/exhibitions/st-brigids-arms/

Wirral Symphony Orchestral Concert – Sat. 28th November, Hope Church Hoylake 7.30pm

Music by Kabalevsky, Beethoven and Shostakovich. Tickets £18 (students £8) from West Kirby Bookshop, Rod Tann, the WSO website, or phone 0770 200 5409.



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