

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

27th July 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Genesis 18.20-32 Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 11.1-13

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (27th July – 2nd August)

St Bridget: Lena Bessie Jones, Isabel Lavender Crook, Albert Wood, Shân Leslie Roberts, Pauline Bleasdale, Mark Clayton Ball, Mabel Elizabeth Taylor, Isabel Marie Price, Robert Owen Griffith, Peter Donald Harvey.

Caldy: Kenneth Rutland Barrington, Edith Emma Toon, William Dobson Bertenshaw.

RIP: Bill Smith.



Our church family was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of Bill Smith last Saturday. Bill has been tireless in his support of the church community in this parish and we are only just realising the huge number of things he did.

We hold Doreen, his wife, in our prayers at this time.

WHAT'S ON this week

28th July – 2nd August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	6pm	Adult choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	1pm – 4pm	Parish Office open instead of in the morning
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9am – 12	Activity morning for families in the Centre
	2pm	Burial of ashes (Alison McAfee RIP) – St Bridget
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	1pm – 4pm	Parish Office open instead of in the morning

INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Many people in our church family have an awareness of what it means to be part of Inclusive Church. This is the statement which we have signed up to: *"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.*

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

It is good that we continue and learn how to live out this commitment and there are some interesting films you can watch here relating to what inclusion can really look and feel like for a church. <https://stjamesandemmanuel.org/beyond-inclusion/>

ECO CHURCH

Plastic pollution threatens wildlife and worsens climate change. We eat, drink and breathe plastic. By 2050 the amount of plastic in our oceans could outweigh the fish unless we do something about it. Help us turn off the plastic tap. Read more about it here

<https://www.plasticsoupfoundation.org> and here <https://www.clientearth.org/what-we-do/plastics/> and if you can find ways to make a difference or campaigns we can support please share them with us.

FAIRTRADE

We are fortunate to have a wonderful Fairtrade stall run by Margaret Smith each Wednesday at the Link and after church on a Sunday morning. Please take a look and buy fairtrade whenever possible. One of the biggest areas of injustice and exploitation is in the production of cheap clothing. Some companies are now responding with items made with fairtrade cotton. Take a look here



www.earthwardrobe.com – even if you don't want clothing you might like their dishcloths!



The Bereavement Journey, a place to talk.

September – November 2025

(thebereavementjourney.org)

Coping with the death of someone loved and precious is one of the most difficult things we have to do.

Sometimes we are still struggling to come to terms with bereavement many years later. The Bereavement

Journey is a series of 6 weekly sessions where participants explore their experience and response to grief in a supportive environment. The sessions were very well received and described by one participant as *'the most helpful thing so far in coping with my bereavement'*.

We are therefore pleased to be able to offer the course again this Autumn.

The sessions will be at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Queensbury, Newton, West Kirby CH48 6EP on the following Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon: 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October and 6th November. If you or someone you know is dealing with bereavement and grief and would like to explore being part of this journey, please contact the Parish Office or the Rector.



1 WALKING FRAME still available

Brand new, with wheels and a seat. Contact April Titley if you are interested, on tel. 0151 625 1243.

CHOPS CHIPS AND LEAVES!!!

On **8th August** the split yew tree by the Hazelhurst gates is being chopped down and shredded into chippings. This will then be used to replenish the pathways.

The Lower Churchyard Team are looking for help on the day to shift the chippings or bag them up for future use. If you have friends who would like to help, please encourage them to join us. If you have a wheelbarrow we can borrow this would be also a great help.

If you can help, please save the date and let Sally Cashen know on 07913502170 and she will contact you as soon as we have a time allocated.



Items urgently needed at the moment are: tinned fish, packet soups, tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn), tinned potatoes, jam, tinned fruit, tinned custard, female hygiene (tampons please), tinned rice pudding. They have plenty of beans and tea. Donations can be left in our churches and at the Parish Office.

ANTICIPATE: Pre-Christmas weekend retreat at Foxhill 28 – 30 November

<https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/event-details/anticipate-a-journey-to-christmas>

A few of us are going on this retreat and we can share lifts. Have a word with Anne Samuels if you are interested.

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Please note the Parish Office opening times are different from the usual this week:

Monday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	1pm – 4pm
Thursday	9.30am – 12.30pm
Friday	1pm – 4pm

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