

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh after Trinity

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget’s
10am	Holy Communion – St Bridget’s (livestreamed)
10am	Holy Communion – Caldry
12 noon	Holy Baptism – St Bridget’s
6.30pm	Compline – St Bridget’s

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Proverbs 25.6-7 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Deuteronomy 30.15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

Jeremiah 18.1-11 at St Bridget's

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (31st August – 6th September)

St Bridget: Carole Ann Blackmore, John Joseph Croft, Timothy Mark Cross, Christopher Richard Dearden Maddock, Elizabeth Diana Stossel-Billington, Martin Hamilton Middleton.

Caldy: Lois Robina Spencer, Rollo Lee, Robert Blakeney Moon, Agnes Edna Watkin.

RIP: Syd Ford, John Price, Patricia Couzens.

A memorial service of thanksgiving for the life of Syd Ford will be held at Caldy Church on Friday 5th September at 11am.

WHAT'S ON this week

1st – 6th September

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Adult choir practice
	7pm	Theology Discussion group upstairs at the Ring O' Bells
	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
	12 noon	Ministry Team meeting
	5.30 – 6.30pm	Prayers for Gaza – St Bridget
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	11am	Memorial Service (Sydney David Ford RIP) – Caldy Church
Saturday	9.30am – 12	Churchyard Working party at St Bridget's

PRAYER VIGIL FOR GAZA WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 5.30 – 6.30pm in St Bridget's

On Wednesday this week we will be holding a prayer vigil for Gaza: we will pray for lasting peace, healing and the restoration of communities; for safe access to food, water, sanitary items, medical supplies and fuel and treatment for those who are starving and suffering from malnutrition. We will pray for strength and for hope. For those who are hungry, terrified, mourning and suffering. For the families of hostages and the millions who have had to leave their homes in horrific circumstances. Please come to sit quietly, light a candle and join others across the world in prayer before God.



A QUIET SPACE Sunday 7th September 6.30pm in St Bridget's

A short and reflective evening service with prayer for wholeness and healing.

THEOLOGY GROUP The next meeting is on **Tuesday 2nd September** at 7pm in the Ring O' Bells, and the topic is *The Eucharist*. All are welcome to what has proved to be a very successful discussion group. You can just arrive if you wish, but if you send an e-mail to David Chester he can forward the preliminary materials. email: jg54@liverpool.ac.uk



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S

Saturday 6th September 9.30 am – 12 noon

There are lots of different jobs for us to get on with including clearing brambles from the upper churchyard, removing weeds from the edges of the paths, clearing some overgrown graves, removing plantain and removal of chippings to lower churchyard for later use on paths. Equipment required: Energy, wheelbarrow (although we do have a few), spade, gloves, daisy grubbers! We shall miss Bill Smith enormously but will endeavour to keep up the good work with the usual great refreshments provided by Doreen.



Come, celebrate!

Churchwarden Ann invites you all to help her take her mind off an imminent birthday. Please join her in the Centre after 10am service on **Sunday 7th September** for a slice of something and a glass of something else (there'll still be coffee). And, in case you wonder, absolutely NO presents.

ST BRIDGET'S MOTHER'S UNION



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September at 2 pm when Nick Lynch from Barclays Bank is coming along to tell us about computer / telephone scams. Church members are very welcome to join us – this is something that affects us all these days.

MEETING FOR READERS

Saturday September 27th or Saturday October 4th in St Bridget's Church 11am – 12 noon

If you're on our Bible reading rota, we'd love to hear your ideas on ways of ensuring our Bible readings are inspiring and engaging for everyone (perhaps especially for any who are new to church).

We hope you will be able to come to one or other of these one hour meetings so that we can chat about the challenges of trying to bring the Scriptures to life. We're so grateful to all of you for being prepared to stand at the front and we want to make sure we're supporting each other well. Please let Ann Holden know whether you can come (and if so, which date).



heritage open days

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

12th – 21st September

Over 80 venues across Wirral will invite the public to enjoy some 160 walks, tours, events and activities, all free of charge. St Bridget's church and the West Kirby Museum will be welcoming visitors on **Saturday 20th September** from **10am to 4pm**: tours of the church, the tower may be open for visits and it is hoped that there will be music played during the day. In the Centre: films and displays covering topics including local architects and architecture, VE Day and Wirral Geology. Vintage singer, craft activities, and refreshments will be available.

ECO CHURCH

Free online webinar 2nd September from 2.00 to 3.00. by A Rocha

'What does peace with creation look like?'

Join us at the start of Season of Creation (1st Sept – 4th October) as we reflect on this year's theme 'Peace with Creation'. The Season of Creation, or Creationtide, is an invitation to pay special attention to what God might be saying to us as individuals and the church about caring for creation. Be part of this special webinar, with stories, reflective prayer, ideas for individuals and church services to use throughout this season.

A Rocha UK's Eco Church programme equips churches in England and Wales to care for creation. If you wish to join this online reflection, book your free place by clicking the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-what-does-peace-with-creation-look-like-tickets-1529806746159?aff=oddtcreator>

BLISTER PACKS

We have successfully filled another box of blister packs to be sent for recycling. We pay £100 each time we have a large box full collected. If you can donate a small amount when you drop off your empties, we would be grateful – either with Paula in the office or via the Payaz machine.



HARVEST FESTIVALS at our churches:

Sunday 21st September at St Bridget's, Sunday 5th October at Caldby

The **Foodbank** have asked for our support during the season of Harvest Festivals, and we would like to send extra donations from our churches. Their Harvest shopping list comprises: tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, cereal, tinned meat, jam, long grain rice, deodorant, coffee and toothpaste. Donations can be left at the back of either church and at the Parish Office.



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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is open Monday to Friday mornings 9.30am – 12.30pm

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