

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

28th September 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in 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 – Caldy**
- 6.30pm** **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Amos 6.1a, 4-7	1 Timothy 6.6-19	Luke 16.19-31
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (28th September – 4th October)

St Bridget: Thomas Forshaw, Patricia Price, Elaine Billington, Isabel Marie Price, John Robert Gould, Gerald John Ellis, Richard John Floyd Rawlinson.

Caldy: Frances Isabel Booth.

Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given today by Phil Price in memory of his wife Pat.



WHAT'S ON this week**29th September – 4th October**

Monday		Rector's day off
	11am	Funeral (Patricia Couzens RIP) – St Bridget
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Adult choir practice
	6.30pm	School Governors' meeting
	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
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
Saturday	11am – 12 noon	Meeting for readers in St Bridget's church

THIS SUNDAY IS DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

This year's theme is 'Made in the Image of God', reminding us that every person, disabled or not, reflects the image of God in some way and is therefore special and precious to God and to the Church. This Sunday we are challenged to consider what barriers there might be for disabled and neurodivergent people in terms of access to our buildings and sensing they belong. How can we become more the church that God intends, where all are welcomed, included and where all have the opportunity to find faith in Jesus Christ and to serve him, his church and the world?

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE TOILET AT ST BRIDGET'S?

One of the barriers for many people of varied ages and ability is not having a toilet easily and fully accessible and available within the church building. We are almost at a stage of submitting drawings for planning approval. You can see some of the detail of the designs [here](#)

HARVEST AT CALDY CHURCH**SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 10am**

The toddler group and storytellers will be joining the music group at Caldy church to celebrate Harvest. Please bring gifts for the Foodbank.



CHORAL EVENSONG SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER ST BRIDGET'S 6.30pm

Our special first Sunday of the month service will be Choral Evensong, offering a restful, peaceful and contemplative time and a connection to a centuries-old musical heritage. This service reminds us that our relationship with God is not all about doing, and that sometimes we can simply be and receive God's peaceful presence. The choir have been rehearsing for many weeks so please come and enjoy their offering as you experience a different kind of worship.



INCLUSIVE CHURCH SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER – ST BRIDGET'S

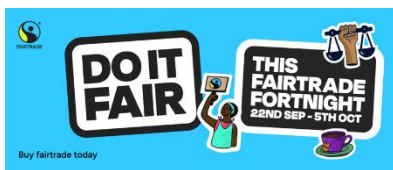
This year our focus will be on making church more accessible to those with neuro-diversity. A former curate Emma Speake, now the Disability Adviser for the Diocese of Chester, will be coming to preach at the 10am service at St Bridget's. Having a dedicated Inclusive Church Sunday aims to raise our awareness of the extra efforts needed to make all feel welcome and included and to affirm and celebrate every person regardless of ability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

ECO CHURCH Recycling electrical goods

If you have electrical goods that you wish to recycle and replace, the following information may be useful for you. Follow a link to the Gov.uk site, which states that any retailer who sells an electrical product must take the purchaser's old one offered in return for recycling, even when they did not buy it from them.

<https://www.gov.uk/electricalwaste-producer-supplier-responsibilities/take-back-waste-in-store?>

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



We are part way through Fairtrade fortnight so a good time to remind everyone who provides refreshments for any church linked activities to ensure that all tea and coffee are fairly traded. For top quality varieties, visit Margaret Smith's stall at the Link or after Sunday morning refreshments.

A HUGE THANKYOU

Following the harvest service at St Bridget's we donated a whopping 125kg of food to the Foodbank, including some very lovely treats. Thank you for your wonderful generosity and to our volunteers who transported it all.



Wirral Foodbank are also looking for people to join the **Board of Trustees**. Closing date for applications is 31 October 2025; email manager@wirralfoodbank.org.uk for more information. A copy of the role description is available in the Parish Office for anyone interested in knowing more.

MEETING FOR LESSON READERS

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

TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE TRAINING

A free course delivered by Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership at Hope Church, Hoylake, on **7th, 14th, 21st October** and **4th November 1pm – 3pm**.

Available for anyone working in the public, charity and third sectors, the course gives a robust understanding of the impact of trauma and adverse childhood experiences, enabling professionals and volunteers to adapt their approach to better support the most vulnerable in our society.

Booking essential at <https://www.merseysidevrp.com/whats-happening/events/trauma-informed-training-group-73-7th-oct-14th-oct-21st-oct-4th-nov/#em-event-booking-form>

SOMETHING MORE

Saturday 8th November

10am – 12 noon



Are you thinking there may be something more to life, but not sure what it is?

An informal and relaxed opportunity to ask our questions and think about how Christianity can help us find 'something more'. In St Bridget's Centre.

ST BRIDGET'S SCHOOL

After several years of discussion, discernment and debate, the school governing body has recently decided that St Bridget's school will join a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) within the Diocese named Chester Diocesan Learning Trust. The school has four governors appointed by the church; currently these are Nick Ledingham, Nichola Pollett, Sarah Wrightson and the Rector. We pray for our headteacher, staff, governors, children and families as they approach a period of transition.

ST BRIDGET'S EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Trust welcomes applications for financial support from young people aged under 23 years who attended St Bridget's school, or are members of the church family. In previous years the Trust has supported book grants for University, gap year trips to all parts of the world (like Portugal and Ecuador!), music and dance activities, purchase of musical instruments, educational materials. An application form is on the parish website: <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/educational-trust/>

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