

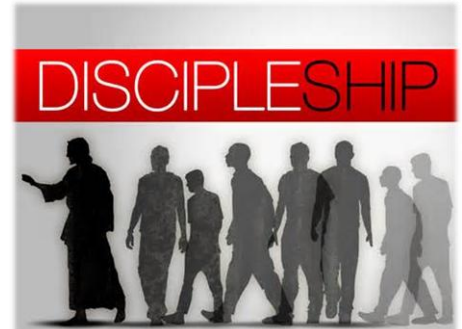
# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Twelfth after Trinity**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget's</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)</b>
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – Caldy</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b><i>A Quiet Space</i>      Prayers for Healing and Wholeness – St Bridget's</b>

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 30.15-20	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33
Jeremiah 18.1-11 at St Bridget's		

## Lectionary readings next Sunday

Numbers 21.4-9	Philippians 2.6-11	John 3.13-17
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## FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September)

**St Bridget:** George Taylor, Margaret Carnie Tottey, Dorothy Grant, Barbara Mary Shepherd, David William Fielding, Vivien Gail Johnston.

**Caldy:** Margaret Colman Harrison, Harold Anthony Wainwright, Harry James Hastings, John Sharpe Kennaugh, Olive May Crawford, Marguerita Elaine Ross, Harry Hamor Dawson, Vivien Gail Johnston.

**RIP:** Patricia Couzens.

**FLOWERS on the Memorial Table** at St Bridget's are given today by Madge Aitken in memory of her son James, on his birthday.





## **A QUIET SPACE This evening, 6.30pm in St Bridget's**

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

### **WHAT'S ON this week**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September**

The Rector is on annual leave all this week

Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	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
Thursday	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who attended the prayer vigil for the Holy Land and Gaza. We continue to pray for the people in positions of power and influence, that they would be open to God's ways of peace, justice and reconciliation.

### **CREATIONTIDE OR THE SEASON OF CREATION**

This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew our commitment to caring for our one planet home. It is why we celebrate our harvest thanksgiving during this season.



### **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 MOTHERS' UNION**



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> or Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> in 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 1 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).

If you would like to become involved with this important role in our worship, please speak to Ann Holden.



### **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**

**12<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **DING DONG...**

We have a fabulous team of bell ringers – but they need to train up bell ringers for the future so our bells don't fall silent. If you might be interested in learning please either let the Tower captain Randle, or Don the secretary, or Greg our former churchwarden know. You will be very welcome and could keep this wonderful tradition alive.

## 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, full box 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 21<sup>st</sup> September at St Bridget's, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Caldy**

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.



**BUT HERE'S A CHALLENGE:** this harvest time, when you shop, be Biblical – treat those in need of food as if it were you in need of food. Buy the things you might buy for yourself, including treats. Those of us who have worked in food distribution centres know how wonderful it is to be able to include things other than the 'everyday savers or value' range which is so often what the bags are filled with. Whilst there are always basic essentials, the Foodbank also give puddings, chocolates, a variety of tinned meat and fish, good quality cereals, tea, coffee and other food items... as long as it is non perishable they can distribute it. Bring your special harvest donation to one of our Harvest services and reflect the outrageous generosity of God. THANK YOU !

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