

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sunday 5th October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am	Harvest All Together Worship – Caldy
1pm	Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Christ our Lord.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4	2 Timothy 1.1-14	Luke 17.5-10
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Lectionary readings next Sunday

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c	2 Timothy 2.8-15	Luke 17.11-19
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FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (5th – 11th October)

St Bridget: Joan Woolley, Averill Yeats, Eunice Ravenscroft, Sandy McDonald, Mary Harper, Roy Francis Dewhurst, Akkanapragada Narayana (A. N.) Prasad, Marjorie Constance Harris.

Caldy: Winifred Evelyn Coward, Margaret Turner, John Richard Lawson Martindale, Audrey Nokes, Arthur Ellis, John Mark Kenchington.

Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given today by Sue Shaw in memory of her parents Harold and Kay Shaw.





HARVEST AT CALDY CHURCH

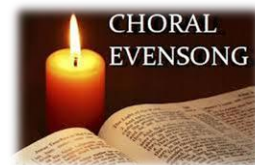
SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 10am

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



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

Our special first Sunday of the month service will be Choral Evensong, offering a restful, peaceful and contemplative time and a connection to 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.



WHAT'S ON this week

6th – 11th October

Monday		Rector's day off
	7.45pm	Deanery Synod – St Bridget's Centre
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldý Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldý 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
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldý Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
Saturday	9.30am – 12 noon	Churchyard working party at St Bridget's

We are **HOSTING DEANERY SYNOD** on Monday evening, 6th October in the Centre and would be very grateful for any **offers of help** with welcoming and serving refreshments before the meeting, which starts at 7.45pm. If you can help, please talk to one of the Churchwardens.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S



Saturday 11th October 9.30 am – 12 noon

We will be continuing to clear brambles in the upper churchyard, tidying graves, doing some Autumn pruning, weeding the edges of the paths and management of composting. Please bring gloves, secateurs, hoes etc.

THEOLOGY GROUP The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th October** at 7pm in the Ring O' Bells, and the subject is *Green Theology*. 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

NEW ARCHBISHOP AT LAST



The next Archbishop of Canterbury is to be the current Bishop of London, The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, the first woman after 105 men. Before ordination she worked as a nurse and then rose to Chief Nursing Officer; she speaks regularly in the House of Lords on issues including migration, child well-being, and health and social care. We pray for her as she prepares to take up this challenging role; she is to be installed in the Chair of St Augustine early next year.

ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is **Tuesday 14th October** in St Bridget's Centre when Revd. David Chester is coming to give an illustrated talk on *Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Me*. Everyone is welcome to come along, male or female.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

West Kirby Methodist Church will be packing 200 boxes for the Christmas Teams4U *Love in a Box* appeal, from 18th October. The boxes will be going to children in Ukraine, Romania, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. We are asked to give: coloured pencils, felt tips, balls, small toys, musical instruments such as harmonicas, hair brushes, combs and hair accessories, things for teenagers such as make up and nail varnish, sweets and games for boys.

BRIDGE AFTERNOON Friday 31st October, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre

Encourage bridge-playing friends to come ! Refreshments and prizes.

£20 per table, pay on arrival – please phone Audrey Briggs on 07486 918169 to book.

please bring a bridge cloth and cards, and donations of cakes will be very welcome.



PARISH MAGAZINE The October issue is out and can be accessed online [here](#).



INCLUSIVE CHURCH SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER – ST BRIDGET’S
SADLY EMMA SPEAKE IS CURRENTLY UNWELL AND HAS HAD
TO CANCEL COMING TO SPEAK. We will focus our attention on the many aspects of inclusion reflected in the Inclusive Church statement.

ECO CHURCH

Did you know that although these food containers are recyclable, Wirral is not yet accepting them for recycling? Currently recycling on Wirral is below the national average and far fewer items are accepted than in other areas. Help demand better recycling by contacting the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority



enquiries@merseysidewda.gov.uk and ask them to increase the range accepted for recycling.

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. 10am – 12 noon, repeated 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

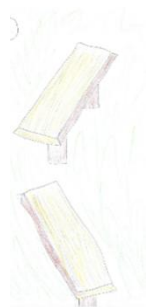
10am – 12 noon



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.

SPONSOR A BENCH

As part of the development of the lower churchyard as an area for quiet reflection we are hoping to install some simple, natural benches. Each bench will cost approximately £200 to install. If you would be willing to sponsor a bench please let the Rector know.



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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