

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Second Sunday before Advent

16th November 2025

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Safe to be you



- 8am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **All Together Worship – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **Holy Communion – Caldy**
6.30pm **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (16th – 22nd November)

St Bridget: Brian John Smith, Betty Bower, Jennifer Mary Flashman, Molly Duke, Edith Mary Broderick, Arthur Ernest Wilson, Jean Margaret Cora Mackenzie, Rachel Muriel Cumming, Colin Malcolm Bench-Capon.

Caldy: Charles Anthony Southworth, Frances Berry.

RIP: Andrew Cartwright, Angela Agbamu, John Lewys-Lloyd.



Please pray for St Bridget's school this week as they have a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. They will be looking at how the school's Christian vision enables pupils and adults to flourish.

WHAT'S ON this week

17th – 22nd November

Monday		RECTOR'S DAY OFF
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Rossinière Home Group – 1, Pikes Hey Road
	3.30pm	Funeral (Angela Agbamu RIP) – Landican only
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	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	Men's Shed lunch – Centre
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	12 noon	Bell ringers Wirral branch AGM – Centre



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY AT ST BRIDGET'S

Saturday 15th November 9.30 am – 12 noon We will be sorting the compost heaps by the Hazlehurst gates, tidying graves, removing brambles and weeds, completing some pruning in readiness for Winter and removing weeds from paths. Please bring gloves, secateurs, hoes etc. Great refreshments and good company as always!

THEOLOGY GROUP

This Group welcomes new members who would like to join for what has become an excellent and meaningful discussion forum. The **next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd December, 7pm at the 'Ring o' Bells'** and in the run-up to Christmas the theme is the **Incarnation**. If you would like to attend then please e-mail David Chester (jg54@liverpool.ac.uk) who will send copies of the materials in advance of the meeting. Alternatively you are very welcome to just turn up on night.

A VIGIL FOR PEACE

We will have another vigil for peace on **Wednesday 26th November, 5 – 6pm**. This will be in St Bridget's church, and will focus on prayers for children caught up in warfare. Please join us for part, or all, of the time. Thank you.



ONE BODY WITH MANY PARTS

The work of the church in this parish is wide ranging. We are aware that we are blessed to have people in our church family who have a variety of skills which would contribute to the flourishing of our vision and mission. Sometimes people can be a little reticent in **letting us know the skills,** wisdom and experience they have but we want to celebrate and use that. There are some slips of paper at the back of each church which we would like you to fill in and then post in the 'For the Rector' box. Don't be shy – we are one body with many and various parts and all are needed.

ECO CHURCH

BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

Thanks to everyone who brings blister packs for recycling, and to all who donate towards this. We are very grateful, as each box we send to the factory has a cost. We hope to continue to recycle these items, which otherwise go to landfill. Donations can be made via Paula in the office, or to John Smith, our treasurer, or via the SumUp card machine.



ADVENT RETREAT at FOXHILL

28th – 30th November

If you have registered for this retreat and can offer a lift, please let us know.

PARISH MAGAZINE



Before you become too busy writing Christmas cards and planning which of the church services you'll attend, the magazine editor is keen for you to contribute to the bumper Christmas (December and January) issue of the parish magazine. Christmas should be a joyful time, so all glad tidings or tales of Christmas past are welcomed. Please send or give your contributions to the office (office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk) or to Ann (churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk) by **Thursday 20th November**. *Also we need help, please*, to deliver the St Bridget's magazines as Jean Pilling is out of action for the next couple of months. If you can help, please let us know.



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 12th December, 12.30 – 3.30pm in the Hilbre Room at St Bridget's Centre. Cost £20 to include all materials, tea, coffee and mince pie. Numbers are restricted to ten people – please give your name to Paula in the office. And a plea for anyone who can help serve refreshments and, particularly, help to clear up afterwards. We would be very grateful.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Advent is just 2 weeks away. We begin a wonderful season of waiting and wondering. There are some daily Bible readings for use during Advent at the back of the churches. These are just £2 each – simply put the £2 in any of the collection boxes, envelopes or plates.

ART FOR THE SOUL Sunday 30th November 1 – 4pm in St Bridget's Centre

An afternoon workshop with a mix of art, creativity and spirituality: £12 per person including all materials and refreshments. Please sign up with Paula in the office.



CAN YOU GET YOUR STEPS UP?

Many of you will know that it costs us almost £4,000 per WEEK to look after our buildings and grounds and offer a wide ministry to the parish. We are aware that our churches are hugely valued and loved far wider than by those who attend regularly. We are hoping that more people may be happy to support us financially and have therefore produced a **leaflet which needs delivering through every door in the parish**. Please help us achieve this by signing up to deliver some of them: there are lists at the back of churches or email office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk to offer.



ORGAN UPDATE Just how complicated is a pipe organ like ours? Now is your chance to find out! We're hoping to visit our organ in the Henry Willis & Sons workshop (at Rotunda Organ Works, 72 St. Anne Street, Liverpool L3 3DY) during the week of 24th November. We haven't fixed a date yet until we know if anyone is interested: please contact Ann Holden (ann.holden@cantab.net) if you are, or the office 625 2739.



WIRRAL FOODBANK – A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENT CALENDAR

Follow this link to find a reverse Advent Calendar which can help families using the Foodbank this Christmas:

<https://wirral.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/198/2025/10/Advent-Calendar-2025-1.pdf>

KNIFE SHARPENING

Peter Walker offers to sharpen our knives in time for Christmas, and will have his machine at The Link on Wednesdays **19 November** and **3, 10 December**.



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