

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

The Sunday before Lent

15th February 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Holy God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



8am	Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am	All Together Worship – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am	Holy Communion – Caldy
12.30pm	Interment of ashes (Kathleen Cass Harper RIP) – Caldy
6.30pm	Compline – St Bridget's

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Exodus 24:12-end 2 Peter 1:16-end Matthew 17:1-9

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (15th – 21st February)

St Bridget: Peter Douglas Bird, Joan Metcalfe, Kathleen Margaret Todd, Francis Dykes, John Cameron Moir, Mary Betha Winifred Mellor, Doris Annie Lowe, Susan Helen Panting, Margaret Ellen Butterworth, Joseph Albert Trought, Peter Moran, Joyce Trout.

Caldy: Catherine Pugh Martindale, Frank Howard Beddow, Betty Booth.

RIP: Robert Edwin Jones, Nicholas Lean, Dale Ann Lowry, Peter Hall.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today have been given in memory of Stan and Joan Metcalfe by their daughter Gillian Russell.

WHAT'S ON this week**16th – 21st February**

Monday	RECTOR'S DAY OFF and Parish Office closed	
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	12.30pm	Flower Guild AGM at the Rectory
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Ash Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	10.30am	Men's Shed committee meeting – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion and imposition of ashes – St Bridget
	12 noon	Men's Shed lunch – Centre
Thursday	7.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - All are welcome to join
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	1.30pm	Bridge Drive – Centre
	7pm	Film Night – Centre

LENT – A TIME TO REFLECT AND PREPARE

ASH WEDNESDAY a service of Holy Communion at 11.30am at St Bridget's including an invitation to be marked in ash with the sign of the cross. Please make a special effort to begin the season of Lent by coming along.

THURSDAYS IN LENT an early morning half hour service of Holy Communion at 7.30am.

LENT CALL A chance to talk to someone about the Bible reading used in church that week. No previous knowledge needed – it's simply a short phone call or facetime chat or coffee. A chance to talk about what puzzled you or particularly spoke to you. If you're interested let Paula know.

LENT BIBLE REFLECTION at the home of Joy Alcock, Tuesdays at 2pm – contact Joy on 625 8675 for more information. The theme will be the Gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS a 30 minute service each Friday during Lent at 12 noon in the Lady Chapel at St Bridget's. We will reflect on two stations each week, allowing time for prayerful meditation as we journey together toward Easter. All are warmly welcome to pause, pray, and walk the way of the cross with us during this sacred season.

SOMETHING MORE? A small group discussion to explore questions of faith: If you are someone who has questions but worry you should already have the answers then this could be the group for

you. Whether you've been a Christian for 10 years or more, or just 10 minutes, you will be very welcome. There are just 2 sessions and they will last for 90 minutes with refreshments!

Session 1: Sunday 22nd February 4.30pm in the Centre and **repeated** on Thursday 26th February 10am at the Rectory and will consider what we understand or think about God.

Session 2: Thursday 26th March 10am at the Rectory and **repeated** on Sunday 29th March 4.30pm in the Centre and will be what we understand or think about Jesus. Please let Paula in the office or the Rector know if you would like to come.

UPGRADE OF THE BEACON ROOM AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Following 3 days' work, the Beacon Room in St Bridget's Centre is now fitted with the latest projector, sound system and assisted hearing devices which should improve the experience for those attending meetings as well as the increasingly popular film night.



FILM NIGHT Friday 20th February 7pm (Doors 6.45pm)

With Lent in mind we are showing a wonderfully thought-provoking French language film (English subtitles) following the true story of the Martyrs of Atlas, Christian monks of North Africa who stayed peacefully embedded in the community they served, despite the violent threats all around them. Prescient in its theme: the confrontation of worldly and power-based religion versus a heaven-bound faith demonstrated through the ultimate sacrifice.

FLOWER GUILD Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 17th February at 12.30pm at the Rectory If you would like to help with flowers in church then you are very welcome to join us at our meeting when we will make plans for the year ahead. Refreshments too!



ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 17th February** (please note this is one week later than usual) at 2pm in the Beacon Room when John Roberts will be giving a talk entitled *A View from the Bench*. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. As it is half term there should be some parking at the back of the Centre for those unable to walk far.

BRIDGE AFTERNOON Friday 20th February, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre

Donations of cakes, home-made if possible, would be very welcome.

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



PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for material for the March magazine is Friday 20th February. Please send articles or information to Ann Holden – ann.holden@cantab.net

HUGE THANKS to the team who took the lights down outside St Bridget's – don't worry, just 40 or so weeks until they reappear!

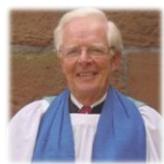


The next **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** at St Bridget's will be on Saturday 28th February, 9.30am to 12 noon.

HEARING AID FOUND – please contact the office 625 2739 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebratory bring and share lunch for the ministry of Brian Dodd, and his wife Peggy: Sunday March 22nd in St Bridget's Centre after the 10am services. All welcome.



A GENEROUS GOD – A GENEROUS CHURCH

One of the ways in which we show our love for God and others is in being generous with what we have. Each year the PCC agree an amount which we donate to charity from our funds. A small team meet to agree which charities to give to and we welcome your suggestions. We try to choose both overseas and local charities and we check that the charities reflect our ethos of inclusivity, justice and equity. If there is a charity you would like to suggest, please send your proposal to John Smith (smithjmdj@btinternet.com) or Jane Tann (ejtann@btinternet.com)

FOODBANK

If you are thinking of giving during Lent please consider the Foodbank. The amount of help needed is outstripping the donations received. The top ten items on the Foodbank shopping list are: tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, toothbrushes, tinned rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, shampoo and sanitary towels.



THE ELECTORAL ROLL Don't forget to join the electoral roll for the parish. Forms are available at the back of church or [online](#). Completed forms can be handed in at the office in the Centre, or emailed to the electoral roll officer Mary Rees mrees433@gmail.com 0151 625 1598. If you complete the form online, you may type your name for a signature.

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