

# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**PASSIONTIDE BEGINS**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our  
Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



- 8am**            **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**  
**10am**           **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**  
**12 noon**       **Bring and Share Lunch in the Centre**  
**10am**           **Service of the Word – Caldy**  
**6.30pm**        **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

## LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

## Lectionary readings next Sunday

Matthew 21.1-11

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Matthew 26.14 – end of 27 (Passion)

## FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March)

**St Bridget:** William Alfred James, Kathleen Mary Morgan, Gerald David Ashley, Elsie Dykes, David Donaldson Wynn Williams, David Rickard, William Edward Roberts, Samuel Woodyer, Alan Raymond Woodyer, Jonathon Andrew Trout, Lawrence Arthur Yeats, Henry Mottram Eccles, Henry Bartlett, Dorothy Margaret Stanley, David Edward Gordon Pope, William James Dudley.

**Caldy:** Christina Harley, Richard (Ted) Alderson, Arthur Andrews Kerridge, Marion Hatton.

**RIP:** Shirley Taylor, Dorothy June Chambers, Boyd Max Hyslop.

Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, is **Palm Sunday** – if you are worshipping at St Bridget's, we meet at the Centre at 10am to start our morning service with the liturgy of the palms before processing into church.

## PASSIONTIDE

This Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) is traditionally called Passion Sunday, marking the beginning of Passiontide – the last two weeks of Lent. Church looks a little different – this is to alert us to the special time we are in and to heighten our expectation of the great celebration of new life in Jesus on Easter Day.



**TODAY AFTER OUR 10am SERVICES Celebratory bring and share lunch** for the ministry of Brian Dodd, and his wife Peggy in St Bridget's Centre. All welcome.

Please could you let Sally Cashen know if you will be providing sweet or savoury ([jonesy@overcross.co.uk](mailto:jonesy@overcross.co.uk)) and we would also be grateful for help with the washing up!

### WHAT'S ON

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – Caldy Church</b> followed by coffee / tea
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – 1 Pikes Hey Road</b>
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
	7.30pm	St Bridget's Educational Trust meets
Wednesday	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer – St Bridget</b>
	8.30 – 11.30am	Link café and visit from Claire House representative – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	2pm	School Easter service led by Y3 – St Bridget
Thursday	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	9am	<b>Morning Prayer on Zoom</b>
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	10am	<i>Something More?</i> Session 2 at the Rectory
	7pm	PCC meeting – Centre
Friday	9am	<b>Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook</b>
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	10am	Funeral (Boyd Max Hyslop) – Landican
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross – St Bridget</b>
	2pm	Making palm crosses – Centre

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT (28<sup>TH</sup>)**

**Thank you** to all who made posies last week, to those who will make palm crosses and to everyone who helps to prepare our churches for the Easter celebrations.



## FILM FRIDAYS - THIS FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7PM (doors 6.45) ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE

Enjoy our upgraded audio visual equipment at our first foreign language film (French with subtitles) about the *Martyrs of Atlas*, Catholic monks during the Algerian civil war. ALL WELCOME!

## AS HOLY WEEK APPROACHES ...

7.30pm on Maundy Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) we commemorate Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and instituting the meal we know as Holy Communion. This service culminates in the altar being stripped bare, the church brought into darkness and us 'watching' with Jesus until midnight. On Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) we have services at Caldry (10am) and at St Bridget's (2pm) providing an opportunity to reflect on the death of Jesus and what that means to us today.

## HELP WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SCHOOL SERVICE

St Bridget's School hold their Easter service at 2pm on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** in church. If you are able to provide a cake or biscuits or could come along at 2.30 to help serve refreshments and wash up please let Paula in the office know. Thank you.

## MAKING PALM CROSSES

We will be making Palm Crosses for both churches in the Beacon Room on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**. It is a very sociable occasion and anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome. Please bring a strong pair of scissors and a sense of humour ! Refreshments provided.



## WARMING UP FOR EASTER...



Have a listen and sing-a-long to this hymn ready for Easter Day (our lyrics are a little different and we don't have electric guitars or drums, but let's make up for it in enthusiasm!) <https://youtu.be/ET65Y1r3YeQ>

## SOMETHING MORE?

The second of these sessions takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am at the Rectory and is **repeated** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm in the Centre. Come along to either session as we think about the resurrection of Jesus. You can simply sit and listen or offer your own ideas.

## REAL EASTER EGGS

Available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre, after the 10am services on Sundays and at the Link café on Wednesday mornings. Milk Chocolate eggs, Dark Chocolate Eggs and Easter Blessings chocolate bars.



## HOMEOPATHY FOR HEALTH IN AFRICA

Rachel Williams will be making cake for special Easter Sunday refreshments and asks for donations in return for this charity, with which she will be volunteering in Tanzania in October. Contributions can also be made via this link: <https://www.homeopathyforhealthin africa.org/>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO KEEP WEST KIRBY MUSEUM RUNNING

Could you spare some time to help keep the museum open and running smoothly?  
Speak to Paula in the office if you would be willing to give a few hours a month.



## HEAR! HEAR!

Work approved by the PCC, funded by our resources and a grant from the Diocese has enabled us to upgrade the audio-visual equipment in the Beacon Room in St Bridget's Centre. We hope it will provide an excellent experience for everyone and especially those with a hearing aid.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Do please do sign up to the Electoral Roll if you are new to St Bridget's or Caldy churches. Forms are available at the back of church or from the Parish Resources website (Form 1)

<https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/>



## ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?

Our wonderful Summer Fair team have already started planning this year's fair. Would you be interested in joining them? We share the planning and running of the event with the school and it's a great way of working together. Please consider joining them and let Paula know if you can help.

The Foodbank ask us to donate during Lent – even just one item from their list will help: tinned custard, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, toothbrushes, tinned rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, shampoo and sanitary towels.



## KNIVES OUT!



Peter Walker offers to sharpen our knives in time for Easter and will have his machine at the Link Café on Wednesday this week and next week.

*What do you call a knife that can cut four loaves of bread at once? A four-loaf cleaver.*

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