

# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

## The Third Sunday of Lent

8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's  
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)  
10am Holy Communion – Caldy  
3.30pm Supper Sunday – Centre  
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



### NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHERING SUNDAY – ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

We give thanks for mothers, our church as 'mother' and all those people who show us loving care

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

### Lectionary readings next Sunday

1 Samuel 16.1-13

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

### FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March)

**St Bridget:** Richard Gerald Haigh, John Edward Blackburn, Michael George Cole, David George Gibson, Eric Davidson, Robert Mulcaster Blackburn, Winifred Mary Bridge, Ivy Hastie, David Cowderoy, Harry Furness.

**Caldy:** Frances Marian McDermott, Harry Affleck, Barbara Doris Dixon, Kenneth Edward Moxley, Doris White, Jane Matthews.

**RIP:** Harold Pugh, Janet West, Shirley Taylor, Dorothy June Chambers, Boyd Max Hyslop.

**WHAT'S ON this week****9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – Caldy Church</b> followed by coffee / tea
	11am	Enhancements and Buildings group meets
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer – St Bridget</b>
	8.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – 1 Pikes Hey Road</b>
	2.30pm	Funeral (Janet West RIP) – St Bridget
Thursday	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion – St Bridget</b>
	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
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross – St Bridget</b>
	2.30pm	Funeral (Harold Pugh RIP) – Landican
Saturday	10.30am	Making posies for Mothering Sunday – Centre
	12 noon	Service of Prayer for thanksgiving and the needs of the world

**SERVICE OF PRAYER**

We will be beginning our monthly service of prayer on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This is a time for anyone to come and share in a time of prayer, bringing prayer requests for the needs of the world, our community and individuals. It also provides an opportunity to give thanks and pray for God's blessing. All are welcome and we will meet in the Lady Chapel for half an hour.

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH FROM 10.30am IN THE BEACON ROOM,  
ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE – MAKING POSIES FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Come and help us make small posies to give out on Mothering Sunday in both our churches. We like to make posies for everyone because we have all been mothered or have mothered others in some way. It's a fun morning and no previous experience needed – and the more people the merrier.



## ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm in the Beacon Room when our Ordinand Fred Aspbury will be coming to tell us about his Journey So Far. All visitors are welcome regardless of gender.

### FILM NIGHT Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm (Doors 6.45pm)

This French language film (English subtitles) follows 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. This wonderfully thought-provoking film is prescient in its theme: the confrontation of worldly and power-based religion versus a heaven-bound faith demonstrated through the ultimate sacrifice.



### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

Celebratory bring and share lunch for the ministry of Brian Dodd, and his wife Peggy in St Bridget's Centre after the 10am services. 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 setting up and washing up!

### MAKING PALM CROSSES

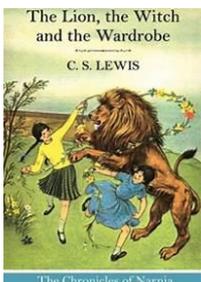
We will be making Palm Crosses for both churches in the Beacon Room on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**. It is a very sociable occasion and anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome. Please bring a strong pair of scissors and a sense of humour! Refreshments provided.



**LENT BIBLE REFLECTION** at the home of Joy Alcock, 1 Pikes Hey Road, Caldby at **2pm** on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please message Joy on 07778 976678 if you would like to come.

### SOMETHING MORE?

The second of these sessions take 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.



**Have you got a copy of this book?** Ray Samuels is wanting to borrow a few for the Reader Group in West Kirby Library. The books would be well-looked after – stored in the library in between meetings. If you can help, please let Ray have your copy in the next couple of weeks either by bringing it to church or leaving it in the parish office. Many thanks.

## REAL EASTER EGGS

The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. Real Easter Eggs can be purchased from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre, after the 10am services on Sundays and at the Link café on Wednesday mornings. As well as the Milk Chocolate eggs other options are available, including Dark Chocolate Eggs and Easter Blessings chocolate bars.



## 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.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Please join the electoral roll for the parish if you are a newcomer. It means you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in May; the number on the roll is used by the Diocese and Grant-awarding bodies as a performance measure for the Parish and the Rector; and lately, although we are a growing church, we have a falling roll. So please do sign up 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 <https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/apcms-and-electoral-roll/>

## KNIVES OUT!



Peter Walker offers to sharpen our knives in time for Easter. He will have his machine at the Link every Wednesday for the next four weeks – so look sharp, you can see the point. Donations to church funds.



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.

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