

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

PALM SUNDAY **29th March 2026**

Palm Sunday has a very distinctive and somewhat different shape to the worship. The two key elements are a procession of palms branches and the reading of the Passion Narrative. At St Bridget's we will begin our service in the Centre at 10am and then process to church with our palm procession. If you find it easier not to process, then please gather in church as usual and await the crowd! At Caldy we begin in church as usual.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
- 10am** **Procession of Palms starting at the Centre
and Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
- 10am** **Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion – Caldy**
- 4.30pm** ***Something More ? Session 2 in the Centre***
- 6.30pm** **Prayers for Healing and Wholeness – St Bridget's**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Matthew 21.1-11 Isaiah 50.4-9a Philipians 2.5-11 Matthew 26.14 – end of 27 (Passion)

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Acts 10.34-43 Colossians 3.1-4 Matthew 28.1-10

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (29th March – 4th April)

St Bridget: Susan Boumphrey, Patricia Anne Tottey, Miriam Edith Wainwright, Elsie Dodds, Peter Henry Morgan, Geoffrey John Chibbett, Norma Jean Ross, Dorothy Annie Shepherd, Frank Stanley, John Allan Knight.

Caldy: Gwendolyn Sumner Griffin, Ruth Margaret Young, John Alexander Ross.

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



This week is the most important in our Christian year. We have some very beautiful and significant services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please make an extra effort to come along to enter fully into the last days of Jesus' life and to anticipate the joy of Easter Day when we celebrate the resurrection.

On **Maundy Thursday**, 7.30pm at St Bridget's we have a service of Holy Communion ending with the church in darkness as the altar is stripped and we hear the words of Psalm 22 sung. The sacrament is placed in the Lady Chapel where we watch and wait with Jesus until midnight.

On **Good Friday** there are two opportunities to journey with Jesus and reflect upon the message of the cross: 10am at Caldy and 2pm at St Bridget's.

Holy Saturday is a day for quiet prayer and reflection with both churches open. We also begin to prepare our churches for the great celebrations of **Easter Day**.

WHAT'S ON in HOLY WEEK

30th March – 4th April

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Bible Study – 1 Pikes Hey Road
	5pm	Music group and choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8am	Holy Communion Sisters of Jesus' Way
	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30 – 11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	12 noon	Ministry Team meeting
Maundy Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	11am	Chrism Mass for Ministers at Chester Cathedral
	12.30pm	Funeral (Dorothy June Chambers RIP) – Landican
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with footwashing, stripping of the altars and prayer vigil until 12 midnight – St Bridget
Good Friday		Parish office closed
	10am	Activity Morning in St Bridget's Centre
	10am	Reflective service at Caldy Church
	12 noon	Stations of the Cross – St Bridget
	2pm	The Last Hour – St Bridget
Holy Saturday		Both our churches remain open for prayer and reflection

DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD THIS SATURDAY NIGHT (28th)



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to donate towards Easter flowers, please place your donation in an envelope and drop it in at the office. Thank you.

EASTER DAY



8am Holy Communion with lighting of Paschal candle – St Bridget

10am Holy Communion with renewal of baptismal promises – St Bridget

An ALL TOGETHER style worship to celebrate Easter!

10am Holy Communion with decorating of the Easter Cross – Caldy

6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget

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>

GOOD FRIDAY ACTIVITY MORNING

If you have youngsters to keep entertained then come along to the Easter Trail from 10 – 11.30am on Good Friday in St Bridget's Centre, church and churchyard. Lots of activities and refreshments too. Fun for all the family!

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.



STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes starting on 12th April 2026 will be in church shortly for you to pick up. If anyone needs them to be delivered to their home or would like to use this way of contributing to church funds and would like some envelopes please let Jane Tann know 0151 625 1234 or ejtann@btinternet.com If you are willing to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme to support our mission and ministry please follow this link. Thank you for your generosity.

<https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/west-kirby-st-bridget-w-caldy-wirral>

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.





THANK YOU to all my friends at St Bridget's and Caldy who made the day of my retirement from active lay ministry so memorable for both Peggy and me. We will carry your thoughts and best wishes with us always. *Brian Dodd*

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/>

ELECTIONS TO PCC

Each year we elect people to serve on the PCC for 3 years. If you would be interested in standing please speak to the Rector or one of the churchwardens.



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 in the office 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 on Wednesday this week. Last chance for a slice of the action.

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