



Thursday this week is **Ascension Day**. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to the whole fifty-day span of rejoicing beginning on Easter Day. On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	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	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
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
<b>Ascension Day</b>	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	9.30am	Archdeacon's Visitation
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	7pm	Film Night – Centre



## ELECTIONS TO PCC- this year we have 3 vacancies for PCC and 4 vacancies for Deanery Synod

Forms are available at the back of our churches for anyone wishing to stand for PCC. If you like to know what is going on and be part of decision-making then this could be the role for you! Please speak to the Rector if you would like to know more.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 11.30am in ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE

A chance for us to celebrate all that we shared and did together in 2025. Please come along and hear about the mission, ministry, strategy and vision of the parish which is the work of us all.

Please follow [this link](#) for Minutes of last year's meeting, Annual Reports and Accounts

## ELECTIONS TO DEANERY SYNOD

At our APCM we elect representatives to serve on Deanery Synod, who in September will elect members to the next General Synod, which shapes the Church of England. In General Synod many issues are decided by **just one or two votes**, meaning that every voice and every vote matters. Please consider standing for Deanery Synod and helping to create an **inclusive and diverse church** – a Church of England that truly welcomes everyone.

## ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at **2pm** when Rosie Earp who arranges *Away from it all Holidays* for MU Chester Diocese is coming to tell us about her work. Visitors are very welcome to come along. The Mothers' Union **Wave of Prayer** will take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 – 2pm** in the Lady Chapel at St Bridget's.

## FILM FRIDAYS                      Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May      7pm (doors 6.45pm)

A 2010 British biographical comedy about the early life of the food writer and chef Nigel Slater. The film takes us back to Britain's suburban 1960's when a tragic turn of events pits Nigel against his step-mother in a bake-off scenario. By turns hilarious, tragic and wistful this film sheds light on class, food, and social change in the Midlands of the 60's.



## INVITATION                      Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7pm in the Hilbre Room, St Bridget's Centre

If you are concerned about climate change, come to Transition Town West Kirby's showing of the film ***People's Emergency Briefing***, a UK climate focused film documentary presenting the latest scientific evidence on the climate and nature crisis. Suitable for 16/17 + years old. Church groups are encouraged to see and discuss this film.

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Do you ever long for some quiet and stillness, or a time of guided prayer? We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity of a contemplative prayer session at St Bridget's. A chance to find silence amid noise and stillness amongst the rush of life. **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30 – 2.30pm** at the back of St Bridget's on comfy chairs!

## CELEBRATING OUR LIFE AS A PARISH

The [Trustees' Report](#) is available for those who would like to read about how the PCC fulfil their obligations as trustees of the parish; and you can read in the [Parish Life booklet](#) about how we live out our faith. There will also be printed copies of these available.

## CALDY GROUNDS

Work continues on the grounds at Caldy with significant pruning and lopping of shrubs at the front of the church. This has now made the pavement much more accessible and opened up the area so that the church is more visible. Our thanks to all who have made this happen.

## ECO CHURCH

### Feeding the birds



We all enjoy seeing birds visit our gardens and consequently many of us like to feed them. However, there is now a serious threat to our native birds due to disease, much of which is spread by bird feeders. We are being asked to not use bird feeders from May to September. Watch this video to find out more <https://youtu.be/DTabpEvdaTI?si=Lr7uaeIHlQrxtQh9>

### Helping the environment

A reminder about some new things we can now put in the grey recycling bin to reduce landfill. From **April 2026**: plastic tubs and trays (yoghurt pots, takeaway trays), fruit juice and milk cartons (Tetra Paks), foil, biscuit/chocolate tins, and aerosol sprays. In **July 2026** we will have specialized caddies to recycle all cooked and raw food waste, including meat, fish, dairy, and peelings. This is converted into biogas and fertilizer via anaerobic digestion.



### Nature's bullies

We know that many people enjoy the lovely flowers of three-cornered leek and its onion-like smell and flavour. Unfortunately, this is not a native plant and is threatening to destroy wildflowers and grasses. We have a significant invasion in the upper and lower churchyard at St Bridget's. We also are battling some other bullies – Alexander Weed and Hogweed – and if we don't achieve a level of control we will struggle to provide the haven for butterflies, bees and birds and the flowers which sustain them. You can read about the three-cornered leek here and understand why you might see some robust management. <https://share.google/XIRaSakpVaeKTGcYY>

## AND FINALLY ... IT'S NO MOW MAY – so give the mower a rest

### PARISH BOOK CLUB May 24<sup>th</sup> 5 – 6pm in the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre

*Naked Spirituality* by Brian McLaren – A Life with God in Twelve Simple Words. The book is widely available both new and second hand, on Kindle and from the West Kirby Bookshop with 10% off.

The next **BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY**® will be held at Riverway Church, Grange Road, West Kirby from June 17<sup>th</sup> for seven weeks, every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. To register or find out more, phone 07718 646863 or 0151 625 2739 or email [rectorwestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:rectorwestkirby@gmail.com)

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