

# St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

## First Sunday after Trinity

## 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's  
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)  
10am Holy Communion – Caldy  
6.30pm Stories of Encounter: Evening Prayer using the Iona liturgy – St Bridget's



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Worship for 'First Sunday' evening: Sunday 7 June at 6.30pm

You are warmly invited to join us for this peaceful, meditative service of Evening Prayer using liturgy from the Iona Community. During our worship John and Margaret Smith will share their thoughts on what membership of the Iona Community means to them. We look forward to welcoming you. Mary & Graham

### LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Hosea 5.15-6.6                      Romans 4.13-end                      Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

### Lectionary readings next Sunday

Exodus 19.2-8a                      Romans 5.1-8                      Matthew 9.35-10.8

### FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June)

**St Bridget:** Ernest Henry Fairbanks, Ken Ravenscroft, Norma Phyllis Shakeshaft, Jane Bird, (Richard) Glyn Challinor, Frederick Harvey Lewis, Anthony Lynch, Frances Evelyn Gitsham, Thomas Gould, John William Bradshaw.

**Caldy:** Philip Sydney Gibson, Hilda Collins.

**RIP:** David Wilson.

Many will be surprised and saddened to hear that Dave Wilson, who looked after a number of people's computers, died peacefully last Sunday. All his family were with him. The funeral will be at Landican at 1pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK                      8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June**

The Rector is on annual leave until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all those who are doing extra duties during her time away.

Monday	2pm	Churches Count on Nature survey in the lower churchyard
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	1pm	Mothers' Union Bring and Share lunch – Centre
	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
Thursday	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
Saturday	9.30am	Churchyard Working Party at St Bridget's
	12 noon	Service of Prayers of thanksgiving, blessing and for the needs of our community. In St Bridget's church for half an hour.

**ST. BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION**

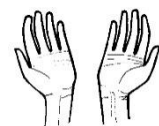
We meet on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** for our BRING AND SHARE LUNCH. **Please note the start time of 1pm.** Drinks will be provided. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.



**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY at St Bridget's    SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 9.30am – 12 noon**



We will be weeding paths and taking out the weeds from around the church building – there are a lot of them! Please bring a hoe if you have one. Refreshments provided as usual – please join us.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June                      PRAYERS**

All welcome to join together for a short informal prayer time in St Bridget's church from 12 noon to 12.30pm for the needs of our own and the wider community. Ruth leading this week.



## ECO CHURCH reminder

Come to the lower churchyard on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June (this Monday!) at 2pm** for an hour or less, for a Count on Nature – to look, listen and record any wildlife we can. Bring a mobile if possible, to record your findings. With or without a mobile, all welcome!

## A MESSAGE FROM RUTH OUR CURATE

My first year of curacy has absolutely flown by and I have loved being a part of the Ministry team in St Bridget's. It is wonderful to be in such a busy, thriving community, although being part time I do tend to suffer from FOMO (fear of missing out).



The next big thing on the horizon is my ordination as priest, and I am so pleased that so many are attending – including the Sisters of Jesus' Way, and some of the staff and residents from Caldby Manor. I have heard that Bishop Julie is looking forward to it!

As a reminder – **Ordination in St Bridget's on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm** followed by drinks and nibbles. **First presiding at Holy Communion – a joint parish service in St Bridget's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10am** followed by bring and share lunch. You are all invited!

*A note from the Wardens:* If you can help on either Saturday or Sunday with setting up in the Centre, pouring drinks, serving food and nibbles, or clearing up afterwards, please let Andrew Gibb or one of the churchwardens know. And please let Sally Cashen know if you are able to provide something for the Bring and Share Lunch on the Sunday.

## EXHIBITION

A wonderful free exhibition called *Threads Through the Bible* is at Chester Cathedral until 26<sup>th</sup> June. You can find out more on the website. Don't miss it!



## ART FOR THE CHURCHYARD

We are hoping to complete planning soon for a meditative prayer walk in the lower churchyard, with some artistic fixtures depicting the story of creation. Craftsmanship by the [Lazy Woodpeckers](#) (of Church Road) outdoor glass art, inspired by designs created by children of St Bridget's school. We have one example 'practice' fixture in St Bridget's Church if you wish to see it (have a chat with one of the churchwardens if you want to know more).

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)

**We need 2 or 3 volunteers** to welcome people and make a cup of tea at the beginning and half way through a session: please tell Ray Samuels, the Rector or Paula in the office if you can help.



## ST BRIDGET'S SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Please offer your

help !

We welcome donations of **homemade cakes, plants, paperback books, ladies' accessories, toys and nearly new designer/high end clothes**. Please look out any unwanted new or nearly new items you may have tucked away and leave them in the box at the back of St Bridget's church for the **Gift Stall**. **Raffle tickets** are now on sale and if you are willing to sell some please sign up on the list at the back of St Bridget's. We also need **volunteers** to help set up, dismantle and run stalls on the day. Thank you in advance.

The Fair will feature, as usual, our popular **Plant Stall!!** We would welcome any good quality plants you might wish to donate for sale on the stall. Please bring them on the day, suitably labelled if possible. If you, or a friend, are absolutely unable to deliver on the day text or phone 07530977885 or email [martinandsueharrison@gmail.com](mailto:martinandsueharrison@gmail.com) Bringing on the day is strongly preferred! We would also welcome any spare plastic carrier bags.

### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in being baptised or confirmed? We have the opportunity to invite one of our Bishops to a service for confirmation (and baptism). If interested, please speak to the Rector.

**WE ARE A FAIRTRADE PARISH** Please try and buy Fairtrade goods whenever you can, on sale in the Centre on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. If you host activities in St Bridget's Centre please use Fairtrade tea, coffee etc. whenever possible.



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**If someone is in immediate danger or harm, call 999 and ask for the police**