

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

19th July 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Holy Communion – Caldy
6.30pm Compline – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 44.6-8 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Lectionary readings next Sunday

1 Kings 3.5-12 Romans 8.26-end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (19th – 25th July)

St Bridget: William (Bill) Smith, Patricia Elizabeth Manslow, Marie Louise Jones, Elizabeth Mary Storey.

Caldy: Richard Lawson Martindale, Arthur Scott, Malcolm McCulloch, Andrew Peter Gollins, Penelope (Penny) Marion Wellstead.

FLOWERS on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today

from Claire & Nicola "remembering Peta and Christopher Mills whose birthdays both fell in July. May they rest in peace."



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Saturday 18th JULY 9.30am – 12 noon

Please bring gloves, secateurs, loppers etc. and help us keep the upper churchyard looking beautiful. A tribute to Bill Smith whose anniversary is the following day.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

20th – 25th July

Monday		Rector's day off and Parish Office closed
Tuesday		Parish Office closed
	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30-11am	Summer Link Club for families – Centre
	9.30-11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	7pm	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – Riverway Church, Grange Road
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	12 noon	Contemplative Prayer – St Bridget
	7pm	PCC meeting in the Beacon Room
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
Saturday	10.30am	St Olav's Walk starts from West Kirby Museum and St Bridget's

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Our Children and Families workers Carolyn Tallents and Andrew Gibb, and all those involved in supporting the work of the parish with young people. The first of the Summer Drop-in sessions will happen this Wednesday. And we pray this will be a chance to have fun and build community.

CALDY TODDLERS

Some of the children from Caldy toddlers were given a gift as they left toddlers this term. Good luck to Monty, Clemmy, and Theo as they prepare for school and Bunny and Sebastian who are off to preschool. Our love and prayers go with you.

SUMMER DROP IN CRAFT AND ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

Children bored yet?! Something for all the family – bring your children or grandchildren. Every Wednesday during the Summer Holidays 9.30 – 11am in the Beacon Room – refreshments available from the Link café. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

We next meet on **Thursday 23rd July, 12 noon** at the back of St Bridget's church for an hour of quiet prayer. The time is gently guided and there is no expectation for you to speak, simply come and abide. All welcome.



JOIN [CHRISTIANS AT LIVERPOOL PRIDE](#)

Liverpool Pride Festival is back and we are invited to join in! In previous years over 100 Christians from a wide variety of churches came together and marched through the city's streets with a positive and affirming Christian presence adding our voices to the call for equality.

Saturday 25th July from 10am – the March starts from Clayton Square at **11.30am** followed by **ticketed events** and community stalls at the M&S Bank Arena.

Sunday 26th July [a reflective service in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral](#) at 6.30pm. For more info or to go with a group from this parish, contact churchwardens@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

ECO CHURCH **Looking after wildlife in the heat**

Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects – put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer (!) could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See the blog on A Rocha website for more warm weather eco tips: arocha.org.uk/looking-after-wildlife-in-the-heat/.

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

PARISH MAGAZINE The deadline for material for the August magazine is Friday 24th July. Please send articles or information to Ann Holden – ann.holden@cantab.net



A SORT OF BOOK CLUB – THANKS!

Whether you have been to the previous sessions or not you are very welcome to join us as we discuss the word 'thanks'. This is a very simple prayer – but a very important one! It's the next word for our 'Sort of Book Club' based on **chapters 6 & 7 of our book 'Naked Spirituality'**.

We meet on Sunday 26th July at 5pm in the Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre.



ONE OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT – INCUBABIES

The Neonatal Unit at Wirral Women and Children's Hospital provides specialist care to fragile babies who have been born premature or sick in the Wirral, Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales areas. Based on the Arrowe Park Hospital site, the unit is one of only two 'Level 3' (the highest possible level) intensive care units in the whole of Merseyside and Cheshire.

OUR OWN BIG THANKYOU

Amazingly the Summer Fair took over 9K on the day which means over 4.5K each for school and church. A massive thank you to everyone for the part you played in this fantastic community event and in helping raise much needed funds.

MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

Our theology is one of a generous God which calls us to be generous in response, thinking of the needs of others first. This is why we give money to support charities and parishes in less affluent areas. HOWEVER we run at a deficit and have to draw money down from our reserves to cover any big expenditure. Whilst we can embark on fundraising events, it is much better for us to have regular income which allows us to plan. We are hugely grateful to those who donate money, especially those who set up standing orders or use the Parish Giving scheme and those who leave us legacies. So many of you are wonderfully generous. If you feel able to donate please consider using the parish giving scheme by following this link <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/west-kirby-st-bridget-w-caldy-wirral>



‘All things come from you and of your own do we give you’ Chronicles 29.14

ETHICAL MONEY MATTERS Saturday 1st August 10am West Kirby Methodist Church

Ethical Finances Exploration: short presentations, a keynote speaker from the *Just Money* organisation, a choice of workshops, and a Q & A session. To book your place email noelsharp@wirralmethodist.org.uk or click on the following link and reserve a space through EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1993008581317?aff=oddttdcreator>



Our local Foodbank is asking for Squash (500ml or 750ml), Tinned Potatoes, Size 6 Nappies, Tinned Fruit and Tinned Meat.

HELP STILL NEEDED TO DELIVER THE WEST KIRBY MESSENGER PLEASE to houses in Hydro Avenue and Mostyn Avenue. If you can help, please leave a message at the Parish Office.

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SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about someone's safety or wellbeing contact:

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