

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

5th July 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Holy Communion – Caldy
12 noon Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
6.30pm *A Quiet Space* Prayers for Healing and Wholeness – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Zechariah 9.9-12

Romans 7.15-25a

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 55.10-13

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (5th – 11th July)

St Bridget: Beryl Mary Bailey, Dudley Blackburn, Margery Kathleen Robinson, Ruth Parry, Philip Anthony Mitchell, Brenda Jean McLean.

Caldy: Brian Derek Crabtree, Leslie Kenneth Watkin, Ronald Parkyn Booth, Margaret Bowers.

RIP: Marianne Ryan, Anton Wills-Eve.



FLOWERS on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today have been given by Robin McLean in memory of his dear wife Brenda.

1st OF THE MONTH EVENING SERVICE 6.30pm Sunday 5th July

A Quiet Space when we offer prayers for healing and wholeness. This is a quiet reflective service and those attending, if they wish, can come forward for anointing and prayer either for themselves or others or for situations in the world. All of us need healing in some way and this time of prayer can be one of the ways we let God's love into our lives. The service has space to think, pray and receive and all are welcome.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

6th – 11th July

Monday		Rector's day off
	1.45pm	Baby Group and Caldly Toddlers visit Caldly Manor
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldly Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldly Manor
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	6.30pm	School Governors meeting
	7.15pm	Theology Discussion Group Holy Communion – St Bridget
	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
	7pm	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – Riverway Church, Grange Road
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	10am	Caldly Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	1pm	Lunch for Baby Group volunteers
Saturday	1pm	Wedding (Emma Szabo & Cameron Arrowsmith) – St Bridget



THIS SATURDAY IS OUR SUMMER FAIR: 12.30 – 4pm on the school field

Please support in any way you can. We need donations of cakes and biscuits, toys, paperback books, gifts, plants and volunteers to help set up, clear up and serve on stalls. Let Andrew Gibb know if you can help – 07456 394 194. A huge thank you to the committee who have worked tirelessly to make this event a success. Don't forget to visit church on Saturday to enjoy the floral displays

which complement the liturgical seasons of the church year. Thank you to the Flower Guild and all who help with the displays. Tower tours will also be available.

THEOLOGY GROUP

The final meeting of the Summer term will be on Tuesday 7th July which will have more of a social element. It will start in St Bridget's church with a service of Holy Communion at 7.15 pm, followed by a drink and chat at the Ring O' Bells pub. All are welcome – especially if you haven't been before and would like to meet other members of the group and get to know one another a little better. Looking to the Autumn term we will start again on 1st September: Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson has agreed to lead the November session on the Book of Revelation. Many thanks to Dave Chester for organising these sessions.

ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th July at 2pm** when Rod Tann will be giving an illustrated talk on *Wirral Matters*. A good chance to catch up on what is going on around you. Visitors are very welcome.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The next Contemplative prayer session will be on a Thursday, trying to accommodate folk who can't make Wednesdays. Come along to the back of St Bridget's church at 12 noon on 23rd July for an hour of quiet prayer. All welcome.

NEXT ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SUNDAY 12th JULY 10am ST BRIDGET'S

We will be celebrating next steps, new beginnings and new growth. If you are facing a new challenge, about to do something new or have some new beginnings to share please contact the Rector to help her with her planning. If you know young people who will be starting school, college or work, or moving to a new class or school, please invite them along.



FOCUS FOR JULY

Our monthly theme for July is social justice and Fairtrade – it can be difficult to know what this looks like and how we can play our part to make a difference. Social justice means equity, human rights, and equality for everyone, everywhere. To learn more take a look at what it can mean to be a global citizen <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/about/who-we-are/>

And don't forget that there are always lovely items for sale on Margaret Smith's Fairtrade stall.

WHERE'S FRED?

Our ordinand Fred is on placement for the month of July at Christchurch Moreton. Please pray for him and we look forward to welcoming him back and hearing about his experiences.

WIRRAL FOODBANK are looking for volunteers for their distribution centres, warehouse, driving and the office. For an application form please email enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk or look on their website www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk Volunteers must be over 18 years old.

Please continue to donate items to the Foodbank and a huge thank you to Kathrin Holme, Richard Mawdsley and Lynne Saunders who take our donated items to the warehouse.

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

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.



ORCHESTRAL CONCERT Saturday 18th July 7.30pm

Civic Hall at Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey

Last night at the Movies performed by the Wirral Symphony Orchestra (formerly St Bridget's Orchestra). Jonathan Small will conduct an exciting programme of well-known film music themes including *633 Squadron*, *Out of Africa*, *The Sea Hawk* and *Where Eagles Dare*, ending with traditional *Last Night of the Proms* favourites. Tickets £16 (students £6) from West Kirby Bookshop or Rod Tann or the WSO website or 0770 200 5409.

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