

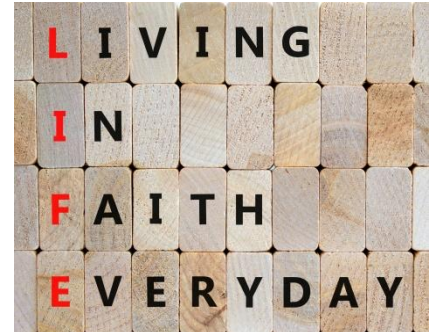
St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9th August 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you. Amen.



- 8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
Mothers' Union 150th anniversary and commemoration of Mary Sumner
10am Holy Communion – Caldy
12 noon Holy Baptism – St Bridget's
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

1 Kings 19.9-18 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.21-28

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (9th – 15th August)

St Bridget: Mary Wilson, Ella Maureen Town, Margaret Ellerton, Glennis Jones, Harold Kemp, Gladys Mary Gossop, Paul Edward Hedley Hair, Patricia Halliday Clark, Millicent Hannah Kenney.

Caldy: Sydney David Ford.

RIP: Jean Gorbett

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM

This is a lovely way to start the day and to join others as we pray for the needs of the parish and wider world. Every Thursday starting at 9am it lasts half an hour and is just a click away. There are hard copies of the service format at the back of our churches or you can [download it here](#)

Please pray for all who look after St Bridget's Centre and the hall at Caldy, especially Richard our volunteer Centre manager, Jamie our Centre caretaker and Alfonso and Ian with whom he works.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

10th – 15th August

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea in the Centre
	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
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook

MOTHERS' UNION 150th CELEBRATIONS – Mary Sumner Day, Sunday 9th August



Founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision who believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church. From that single spark of an idea, a global movement was born – and Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries who continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything they do is the unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives. Speak to Carole Steel if you are interested in becoming a member.

Our next event is on **Tuesday 11th August** when we will be holding a Strawberry Tea in St Bridget's Centre from 2 – 4 pm. This is our fundraising effort for the work of the Mothers' Union in this country and around the world.



There will be a **SOLAR ECLIPSE** on Wednesday 12th August which, in Liverpool, will start at 18.13 and finish at 20.04. The full effect of the eclipse of about 90% will be at 19.10. Twenty seven years ago there was a full eclipse in the UK.

ST BRIDGET ICON

If you are interested in contributing towards the commissioning of a St Bridget icon by icon painter Eamonn Kirke (www.eamonnkirkeart.co.uk), please speak to Alex, the Rector.

Wednesday 19th August 2 – 4pm ST BRIDGET'S CENTRE WORKING PARTY



Are you a dab hand with a paint brush or like a bit of deep cleaning? Or do you want to see the Church Centre looking its best? Then join us for a session of touch-up painting and cleaning to remove scuffs and bangs from around the Centre. All brushes, paint, cloths and cleaning liquids provided.

For information contact Andrew 07456 394 194



ST BRIDGET'S FLOWER GUILD LEADING THE WAY!

We have been approached by the Diocese to host a session on sustainable church flowers to encourage other churches to try to ditch foam and imported flowers and use a more eco-friendly approach. The be in St Bridget's Centre on Sunday 20th September at 3.30pm and will a service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in sustainable flower arranging.



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NEXT FILM FRIDAY – 21st AUGUST 7 pm (OPEN DOORS 6.45 pm)

The inspiring story of a black woman's liberation from slavery in the America of the 19th century, and the start of the underground railway. All welcome, bring a friend!

SUMMER DROP IN CRAFT AND ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

We are delighted with the response so far to these sessions and hope that some of our regular attendees at the Link have popped in to see what activities the families are enjoying. Every Wednesday during the Summer Holidays 9.30 – 11am in the Beacon Room with refreshments from the Link café. If you are looking for something to do with children or grandchildren then come along. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied but adults can come on their own!.

ONE OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

The DEC brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of humanitarian crisis overseas.

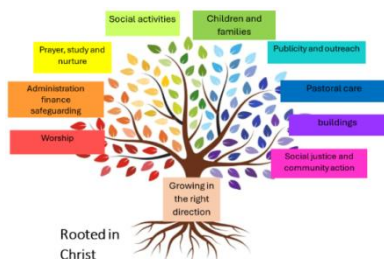


In these times of crisis, their mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives by working with the communities affected. Pooling resources to work as one, they are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. They are currently helping those who have been affected by the earthquake in Venezuela and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Middle East.

BLISTER PACK RECYCLING

We are currently one of the few places to recycle these items. It costs us £112 per box so please remember to make a donation when you drop items in the box – in thanksgiving for the wonders of medicine and in recognition of the damage production of the blister packs cause to the earth.

We also recycle other items such as jewellery, old mobile phones and electronic devices. Take a look at the boxes in the Centre.



I'D LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED!

If you are wondering how you might find your place or offer your time and skills within our church and parish community then look at our tree and see which branch you would find attractive! Speak to our churchwardens or the people who head up the focus groups (leaves).

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



FOXHILL RETREAT CENTRE

If you are looking for some time away, a pause and some breathing space then take a look at the many things on offer at Foxhill. From quiet days, to art retreats and individually guided retreats. All in lovely surroundings and with comfortable accommodation. <https://www.foxhillchester.co.uk/>

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

The current Bereavement Journey has just finished. The next course will start on Thursday 17th September 10-12 noon at St Michael's Church, Frankby Road, Newton. To book a place please contact Paula in the office.



We are very grateful to the West Kirby Charity Trust who sponsor these sessions.

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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