

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

30th August 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"

- 8am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am **Holy Communion with Baptisms – Caldy**
6.30pm **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-end Matthew 16.21-end

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Ezekiel 33.7-11 Romans 13.8-end Matthew 18.15-20

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (30th August – 5th September)

St Bridget: William Ralph Latham, Barry John McLeod, Carole Ann Blackmore, John Joseph Croft, Timothy Mark Cross, Christopher Richard Dearden Maddock, Elizabeth Diana Stossel-Billington, Martin Hamilton Middleton.

Caldy: William Edwin Taffs, Lois Robina Spencer, Rollo Lee, Robert Blakeney Moon, Agnes Edna Watkin.

RIP: William James Frederick Gollins.

From September 1st to October 4th we are celebrating the Season of Creation

This year, the theme for the season is Living Water. Follow [this link](#) to find out list of some of the events we have planned which you may be interested in.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

31st August – 5th September

Monday		Bank Holiday, Parish Office closed and Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Holy Communion at Caldy Manor
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8am	Holy Communion – Sisters of Jesus' Way, Abbey Road
	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
	12 noon	Ministry Team meeting
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service download it here .
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	12 noon	Enhancement and Buildings group meets
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
		Rector on annual leave until 12 th September
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre



PRAYER RETREAT

a message from Deborah Huthwaite

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer holds an annual retreat at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, Yorkshire. The date this year is 14th to 17th September 2026.

Cost with full board £240. There is a place still available. I will be going (travelling by train) and wonder if anyone would like to come too. Speak to me at church or ring me for further details. My number is 07425138681.

APPEAL from *A Jerusalem Voice for Justice*

Click this link to see a **letter from ecumenical leaders concerning the plight of Gaza, the West Bank, and Christians in Palestine** <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/55718> If you wish to help Gazans at this time, the UK government recommends that you donate to this organisation, or through other trusted aid organisations.

Donating through established and well-coordinated emergency response appeal mechanisms is the most effective way to support people during a humanitarian crisis. You can do this through the British Red Cross.



NEXT CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 19th September 9.30am – 12 noon. Save the date !

THANKS TO YOUR REGULAR GIVING...

...we are able to employ Paula, our parish administrator often referred to as 'Paula in the office'. I am sure you will agree that this is money well spent, so thank you for your generosity. If you do not already give regularly, please consider doing so. Follow this link to find out how: [parish giving](#)

NEXT BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY



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 (0151 625 2739)

A big **Thank You** to Dave Wright and Greg Buckridge, who last week carried out Portable Appliance Testing on every single electrical appliance we have, in St Bridget's church and in the Centre. Hundreds of them!



Our local Foodbank are planning their Harvest Appeal and ask us particularly for tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg (peas/carrots)

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We would like to encourage every member of our church community to consider completing **Basic Awareness Training**. We all have a responsibility to listen carefully to one another, notice those who may be at risk of all kinds of harm and know what support is available. Please consider doing this online training accessed here and let Paula know when you have completed it. You will also receive a certificate <https://www.chesterdiocese.org/content/book-safeguarding-training>

ANDY WARHOL INSPIRES HARVEST – BUT DON'T PANIC!



We will be celebrating Harvest and creation at St Bridget's on September 20th and at Caldy on September 27th. We will be asking for donations for the Foodbank but also invite you to add to decorating church by saving an empty food tin, keeping its label on, and creating an arrangement of flowers or putting in a plant or other creation-themed item (no live animals please).

This is obviously optional and for those who enjoy being creative.

THE SEPTEMBER THEOLOGY GROUP – TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

There has been much interest expressed in the next Theology Group meeting which will reflect upon End of Life and assisted Dying. If you are not a regular attendee but would like to come to this session please could you let Dave Chester know as we may need to find a larger space.

Do you enjoy singing with or listening to the Caldý organ? As many already know, our organ at Caldý (installed in 1962 by Rushworth & Draper) needs some TLC. For a 64 year old it is doing rather well but if we want to ensure it continues for another 64 years we need to have some work carried out which will cost approximately £20,000. The reinstallation of St Bridget's organ is due to begin on September 14th and therefore the time seems right to start fundraising for Caldý. With the aim to cover the costs, we would like to form a small fundraising team and if you would be willing to be part of this, please speak with Joy today 0151 625 8676.



ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST BRIDGET'S & CALDÝ

The Parish Electoral Roll is the nearest thing we have to a Church membership list. We currently have 217 people on the Roll, although 437 receive this newsletter. Anyone over the age of 16 who is baptised and a regular worshipper in the parish, at either St Bridget's or All Saints Caldý, or online, is entitled to be on the Electoral Roll. You do not have to be resident in the parish. Hard copies of the application form are available at the back of church or in the office in the Centre, during office hours. Completed forms can be handed in to the office in the Centre, or emailed to office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk or mrees433@gmail.com

Please also email in – or tell us in person – if you have moved house, so that we can update your address, or if you are not sure whether or not you are already on the roll, or with any other questions. Mary Rees (Electoral Roll Officer) mrees433@gmail.com

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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