



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

20th September 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



8am Holy Communion – St Bridget's

10am All Together Worship & Harvest Festival – St Bridget's (livestreamed)

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE FOODBANK

10am Holy Communion – Caldy

6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's

Celebrating God's Creation and the Flowers of the Field

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Christ our Lord.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

Philippians 1.21-end

Matthew 20.1-16

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

Psalms 25.1-8 (St Bridget's)

Philippians 2.1-13

Matthew 21.23-32

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (20th – 26th September)

St Bridget: Ronald Morton Hunt, Claudia Margaret Ferguson, Arthur James Balfour Johnston, Mary Housley, Jean Ramsbottom, Geoffrey Christopher John Watt, Margaret Fuller Fleurot, Eileen Parr, Jacqueline Georgina Howarth.

Caldy: Dorothy Taggart.

RIP: Margaret Jewsbury.

Margaret Jewsbury's funeral will be at 1pm on Wednesday 30th September in St Bridget's and will be livestreamed. A reception in St Bridget's Centre will follow.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's today have been given by Joan Pennal in memory of her husband Arthur. Always remembered, always loved.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

21st – 26th September

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	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 - for the service download it here .
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	10am	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton
	10.30am	Flower Guild outing to Abbeywood Gardens, Delamere
	12 noon	Contemplative Prayer in St Bridget's Centre
	7pm	PCC meeting – Centre
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	7pm	Film Night – Centre
Saturday	9am – 1pm	Diocesan Synod and AGM – St John's Knutsford

HARVEST FESTIVALS and Celebration of creation

St Bridget's Sunday 20th September, at Caldy Sunday 27th September



Please bring donations for the Foodbank: particularly tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg (peas/carrots).



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Saturday 19th September 9.30am – 12 noon

We will be clearing the paths of weeds in the upper churchyard – all helpers very welcome. Please bring gloves, secateurs, loppers and hoes. Refreshments provided.

EARTHFEST Saturday 19th September 11am – 4.30pm St Bridget's Field and Centre

Music, storytelling, earth-friendly stalls, café, bees, poets, food and drink and lots more. We have been asked by one of the organisers, David Lacy from the URC, if we could help set up the field on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you're interested can you please contact him directly on 07899 914 213.



Film Fridays

25th September 7pm (6.45pm doors)

A Franco Zeffirelli film following the spiritual awakening of Francesco, the privileged son of a wealthy merchant, who renounces material wealth to embrace a life of simplicity and harmony with nature. His journey is marked by deep faith, moral conviction, and friendship with Clare of Assisi. The film stands out for its lush cinematography, poetic visual style, and memorable soundtrack, especially Donovan's English-language score. Viewers praise its beauty, spiritual themes, and gentle yet powerful storytelling. During the season of creation this may be a gentle reminder of our relationship to the natural world. Please bring nibbles and drinks to share if you like.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Thursday 24th September 12 noon in the Beacon Room at



St Bridget's Centre (we cannot meet in church because of the organ restoration work)

Come along for a quiet hour together in prayer. Our silent focus, guided by Deborah, will be on a Dominical saying, *i.e.* words recorded in the Bible spoken by God, Jesus or (occasionally!) by an angel. All are welcome.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The deadline for material for the October magazine is Friday 25th September. Please send articles or information to Ann Holden – ann.holden@cantab.net



GET YOUR KNIVES OUT

Peter Walker will be at the Link with his knife sharpening machine next Wednesday, 23rd September – for one week only. All donations to church funds.

ST BRIDGET'S ORGAN

We are delighted to report that work is underway on the re-installing of the organ in St Bridget's. If you pass through the church during the week you will see fascinating things!

The number and size of pipes which have been brought down and cleaned is astonishing and 75 years' worth of dust has been hoovered up in the organ loft. It will be several weeks before the console returns and we get to hear the restored organ!

BOOK CLUB - 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren

The next meeting is on Sunday 27th September, 5 – 6 pm in the Centre

We hope you will enjoy reading the next inspiring section of our book, entitled 'O!'

Chapter 8 is on 'Practising Jubilation'

Chapter 9 is 'O! Not just a word but a way of life'



SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Are any of your ancestors named on the War Memorial in church? If so please let Rev'd Mary know: maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com or mobile 07773 884961. Many thanks.

ELECTORAL ROLL OF ST BRIDGET'S & CALDY

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 with any other questions. Mary Rees (Electoral Roll Officer) mrees433@gmail.com

DOING OUR BIT FOR PLANET EARTH

Our recycling of blister packs is as popular as ever – please remember to make a donation if you can – it costs over £100 to send a box away and we currently fill a box every 3-4 weeks.

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING – what is happening to our climate and what can we do about it? We will be showing this 50 minute film on Sunday 4th October at 4pm in St Bridget's Centre, followed by discussion, sharing of ideas and hopes for a better future. (recommended age 16+, 12A rating from the British Board of Film Classification)

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