



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

The Last Sunday after Trinity

25th October 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 8am** Holy Communion – St Bridget's
10am Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)
10am Service of The Word – Caldy
5pm Book Club in the Centre
6.30pm Evening Prayer – St Bridget's



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-end

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Revelation 7.9-end 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (25th – 31st October)

St Bridget: Christopher Richmond Mills, Peter Todd, Ann Gillian (Jill) Morris, Dorothy Johnson, Margaret Ellen (Nell) Basnett, Elizabeth Mary Dodd, Eric Carl Mates, Anne Patricia Eccles, Mark Anthony Mitchell, Vivien Margaret Davies, Harry Preston, Elizabeth Ellen Johnson-Jones, Donald Martin Ferriday.

Caldy: Evelyn Violet Roberts, Patricia Audrey Bartram.

RIP: Raymond Jack Moore.

BOOK CLUB – 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren

Our next meeting will be at 5pm on Sunday 25th October in the Centre.

We will be looking at chapters 10 and 11, entitled 'Sorry'.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

26th – 31st October

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer – St Bridget
	9.30-11.30am	Link café – Centre
	10am	Knit & Natter, Craft and Chat group – Centre
	11.30am	Holy Communion – St Bridget
	2-4pm	Centre working party cleaning and repairs
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service download it here .
	10am	<i>Bereavement Journey</i> – St Michael's Newton
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	1.30 – 4.30pm	Bridge Drive in the Centre

GIVING THANKS

Just 12 months ago Anne Samuels suffered a serious head injury after a fall. A year on we welcome Anne back as she preaches at St Bridget's this Sunday. Whilst not returning fully to ministry we are delighted to be able to share in this next stage of her journey to recovery.



Church Centre Clean and Repair Session Wednesday 28th October 2 – 4pm

Come along for a social bit of cleaning, dusting or painting to help us keep the church Centre looking fresh and pleasant. For info call Andrew on 07456 394 194.



BRIDGE AFTERNOON Friday 30th October, 1 for 1.30pm St Bridget's Centre

Encourage bridge-playing friends to come ! Refreshments and prizes. Donations of cakes, home-made if possible, would be very welcome.

£20 per table, pay on arrival – please phone Audrey Briggs on 07486 918169 to book.

ST BRIDGET'S WAR MEMORIAL

In preparation for our 10am service at St Bridget's on Remembrance Sunday (8th November) I would like to hear from anyone who has an ancestor whose name appears either on the War Memorial in church or the headstone of a War Grave in the churchyard. Thank you to those who have been in touch with information already.

Rev'd Mary maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com or mobile 07773 884961.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st 10am

PATRONAL FESTIVAL THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION AND ALL SAINTS

Bishop Mark will be leading our worship at Caldby and there will be no service of Holy Communion at St Bridget's at 10am. We encourage everyone to come along to Caldby and join our celebrations.

In the evening of the same day:

TIME TO REMEMBER – ALL SOULS SERVICE 6.30pm at ST BRIDGET'S

This very special service is an opportunity to remember those we love who have died by the lighting of candles and reading of names. If you plan to attend and would like someone's name read out please tell Paula in the office.



REAL ADVENT CALENDARS

Now available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre – Advent calendars which are both Fair Trade chocolate and tell the real Christmas story. Each calendar comes with a Christmas story-activity book. The calendars are £4.95 each. As well as ensuring that the cocoa producers are paid fairly, sale of the calendars helps provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages.

RAINBOW GOOD NEWS BIBLES

Lots of copies available at the back of St Bridget's church – help yourself.

“AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF LIFE IN THE WEST BANK OF PALESTINE”

7pm Saturday 21st November 2026

Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre, West Kirby CH48 3JT

Our guest speaker Sue has lived in the West Bank three times, in 2019, 2022 and 2025 with the World Council of Churches and UCPIP – Unarmed Civilian Protection in Palestine – (developed by Non-Violent Peaceforce International). Her role was to monitor human rights violations, accompany those living under military occupation and provide protective presence. Sue will give an eyewitness account of life in the West Bank using her stories and photographs. Do invite friends along too.

THE LISTENING PATH

Living attentively A Day Retreat with Andrew Rudd

At Foxhill House and Woodlands, Monday 23rd November 9.30am – 3.30pm. Tickets £29.50 on sale until 19th November at www.foxhillchester.co.uk/event-details/the-listening-path

This is an opportunity to explore listening – to ourselves and our bodies, to one another and to God. In our busy world, and often busy lives, listening is the one thing that can draw us into peace, connection and wholeness. In listening we draw near to God.



ADVENT GROUP WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS from 2 December
12:15–1:45pm in the Centre

Who is Jesus? A Journey Through the Old Testament

Join us this Advent for a four-week journey through the Old Testament as we explore how its stories, promises and prophecies help us to understand who Jesus is. Through Scripture, reflection and discussion, we will discover how the ancient faith of Israel points us towards the coming of Christ and deepens our understanding of the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome, and no prior Bible knowledge is needed. Come along, share lunch, and prepare for Christmas by discovering Jesus afresh through the pages of Scripture. Please sign up in advance to let us know you'll be joining us.

The Christian ship Logos Hope will in Liverpool at Cruise Port, 2 Princes Parade, L3 1DL until 5th November. It has a huge onboard bookfair with thousands of titles both Christian and secular available at very reasonable prices – Christmas shopping sorted! They encourage us to bring our friends – and a shopping bag when visiting! Open Tues – Sat daily 10am-10pm, Sunday 1pm-10pm. Closed on Mondays and Thursday 29th October. Entrance to the ship: £1 per person. 1-hour guided tours of the ship also available. To book and for details of on-board events see uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-liverpool



We will soon be rehearsing for the **Christmas Carol Service** (Sunday 20th December). If you can't commit regularly to choir but would like to sing at the carol service please let the Rector know.



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