

A group of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair and a dog, walking together and holding hands, symbolizing unity and support. The background is a colorful, abstract splash of paint.

This Sunday we celebrate being an Inclusive Church

Searching God, to you no one is lost, no one is left behind, no one is the price to be paid for the greater good. Give us the same restless desire, the same fierce joy, which finds grace in every child of earth and makes a community open to all. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who loved the world and did not count the cost. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION God of welcome, we thank you that in bread and wine
you have made yourself known to us and united us with one another. Empower us by your Spirit to
witness to the world your radical and unconditional invitation to all. Amen.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH SUNDAY This Sunday we celebrate what it means to be a truly inclusive church, and a part of the Inclusive Church Network. Thank you to Hannah Harvey for coming and preaching at St Bridget's and John Smith at Caldy. Please take a badge away with you as a visible sign that we welcome, celebrate and value all without prejudice.

RIP: Timothy Richard Elton.

SUPPER SUNDAY this Sunday 3.30 – 5pm.

An invitation to those with young families to meet, play, eat and share in a Bible story. If you would like to know more, or offer your help please speak to our Children and Family workers Carolyn or Andrew.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

12th – 17th October

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union – Centre
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	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
	11am	Funeral (Timothy Richard Elton RIP) – St Bridget
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre

PRISONS WEEK 11 – 17 OCTOBER

Our parish is registered with the Welcome Directory, helping prison leavers find a community of faith in which they can worship, find encouragement and support. Please join with them and others who support all those affected by the criminal justice system. Testimonies and prayers can be found at <https://www.prisonswelcome.org/>

This year's campaign takes its inspiration from Matthew 22.1-14, which says 'the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests'.

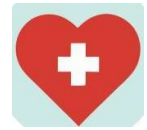
ST BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October when Emma Liney from Claire House Children's Hospice is coming to give us an illustrated talk on the work at Claire

House. She will also be bringing Christmas cards etc. to sell. This is an open meeting and members of the congregation are very welcome to join us.

GIVING THANKS for our doctors, nurses, people and places of medical care



Next week at All Together Worship at St Bridget's we will be giving thanks for our places of medical care in the parish, doctors, nurses, for those who work in the community and in care homes etc. Please take a prayer card from the back of St Bridget's and give it to someone or drop it in somewhere, to let them know how grateful we are and that we will be praying for them.

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.

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.



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

Thank you to everyone who attended the film last week and to Anna Gibson for organising this.

There is a petition urging the government to give a clear national briefing on the scale of risk due to climate and nature breakdown.

If you haven't signed already, please consider doing so [sign the petition](#)



To those who prepare for services, both on Sundays and during the week. There is much which goes on behind the scenes but which makes things run smoothly.

A QUESTION

When you look back over today, what did you enjoy about your own company?



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

West Kirby Methodist Church are preparing boxes for the Christmas Teams4U *Love in a Box* appeal, and would be grateful for filled shoeboxes, or items to go in them:

coloured pencils, felt tips, balls, small toys, musical instruments such as harmonicas, hair brushes, combs and hair accessories, things for teenagers such as make up and nail varnish, sweets and games for boys. The boxes will be going to children in Ukraine, Romania, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. This year each box costs £3.50 to send.

HEDGEHOGS – NOWHERE LEFT TO SLEEP



Almost every gardener in Britain knows the hedgehog is in trouble. Far fewer know that part of the danger is that back gardens are no longer hedgehog friendly.

So here are a few tips:

- i) Grow a Wild Patch: leave a corner of your garden untidy with long grass, native wildflowers, logs, and leaf piles to attract natural food like beetles, earthworms, and snails.
- ii) Provide Food and Water: leave out shallow bowls of fresh drinking water and meat-based wet cat or dog food (chicken or turkey in jelly) or crunchy meaty cat/hedgehog biscuits. Never give hedgehogs milk or bread.
- iii) Stop Using Chemicals: avoid chemical slug pellets, weedkillers, and pesticides, which destroy their food supply and poison them, and make sure there are gaps in fences and hedges for them to get through. If you have a hedgehog visiting you then let us know!



Let's not mention Christmas yet, but ...

Huge thanks to the West Kirby Christmas Lights team who have put in place a secure tree pit to hold the tree in a more visible place next to Caldy Church and who will be providing the tree and decorating it.

And, we will soon be rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service (Sunday 20th December at St Bridget's). 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