St Bridget's, West Kirby
with Caldy Church



Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2026

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8am **Holy Communion – St Bridget's**

10am **Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**

10am **Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance – Caldy**

6.30pm **Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, your Son is our peace and his cross the sign of reconciliation: help us, who share the broken bread, to bring together what is scattered and to bind up what is wounded, that Christ may bring in the everlasting kingdom of his peace; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 10.33-11.9 Revelation 21.1-7 John 15.9-17

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (8th – 14th November)

St Bridget: Eleanor Grace Sheppard, Robert Oliver MacBryde, David William Ramsey, James Mark John Pope, Iris Joan Chapman, Jean Frances Ratcliffe.

Caldy: Francis John Hollowell, Richard Alured Waller, Clement Robert C. Wallworth, Walter Riley, Donald Town, Pamela Wissett, John Morton Trott, John Cadwaladr Lewis-Lloyd.

RIP: Jennifer Ann Wood.



Flowers on the Memorial Table at St Bridget's have been given this week by Barbara Christian in memory of her husband David.

Remembrance Sunday at Caldy and St Bridget's: Our 10am service of Holy Communion will conclude with an Act of Remembrance and the laying of wreaths.
At St Bridget's during the service we will hear from the descendants of some of the servicemen whose names are inscribed on our war memorial. Wreaths will be laid on our war memorials and the young people from Storytellers will plant poppy crosses on the War Graves in the churchyard. This year the whole service will take place in church and will be livestreamed. The Last Post and Reveille will be played by local musician Harry McSwaine. Please join us in church or on-line as we remember the past and commit ourselves to promoting peace, justice and reconciliation in our world today.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK **9th – 14th November**

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	2pm	Mothers' Union lunch out at the Gravesberie, Greasby
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday		Parish Office closed
	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
	5.30pm	*Travelling Light* in and around St Bridget's church
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service **download it here**.
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
Saturday	12 noon	Prayers for the needs of the world, thanksgiving and blessing – St Bridget's in the Lady Chapel



Travelling Light Lantern Parade Wednesday 11th November 5.30pm starting from **St Bridget's Centre**. This annual lantern walk has been held since 2008, combining the tradition of St. Martin's Day lanterns with themes of peace and reconciliation for Armistice Day.

St BRIDGET'S MOTHERS' UNION There is no meeting in the Centre on Tuesday 10th November as we will be having lunch out at the Gravesberie in Greasby.

Are you interested in supporting Tearfund in prayer? There is a prayer meeting in Thingwall on the third Monday of the month at 10.30am. We support the Tearfund teams and the work they do. Get in touch with Joy who can offer a lift! Next meeting 16th November. Joy Alcock 0151 625 8675, or 07778976678.

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.

WEST KIRBY METHODIST CHURCH FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 7.30pm

The Liverpool Harmonic Gospel Choir are performing at the Methodist Church promising a lively and engaging evening – audience participation at appropriate times! Any surplus funds raised will support our chosen charity this year, Wirral Ark. Tickets are £10 each from Sam at the Methodist Church. Phone 0151 625 3224 or email westkirbymc@yahoo.com

"AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF LIFE IN THE WEST BANK OF PALESTINE"

7pm Saturday 21st November Beacon Room, St Bridget's Centre, West Kirby

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. Sue will give an eyewitness account of life in the West Bank using her stories and photographs. Do invite friends along too.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We encourage all members of our congregations and every volunteer to complete Basic Awareness training. One purpose of this training is to equip us with the knowledge and understanding of how to notice things of concern and how to respond if someone shares a concern with us. Whilst the training can be done on-line, there is a face to face session coming up at St. Hildeburgh's, Hoylake on Saturday 14th November. The training is starting at 10am, refreshments from 9:45am, and will be finished by 12 noon. Please consider going along and let either Paula or the Rector know if you are able to attend.

FUND RAISING FOR CALDY ORGAN RESTORATION



Drinks and nibbles at 5, Pikes Hey Road on Sunday 22nd November from 11.30am, following our Sunday services. No charge for admittance but donations towards the restoration of Caldy organ very welcome.



ADVENT GROUP FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 12.30 – 2pm in the Centre.

PLEASE NOTE THESE SESSIONS ARE NOW ON FRIDAYS, NOT WEDNESDAYS STARTING FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER at 12.30pm.

Who is Jesus? A Journey Through the Old Testament

A four-week journey as we explore how Old Testament stories, promises and prophecies help us understand who Jesus is. Through Scripture, reflection and discussion, we will discover how the ancient faith of Israel points us towards the coming of the one whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. All are welcome, lunch will be provided and no prior Bible knowledge is needed. Please sign up to let us know you'll be joining us – either contact the parish office (0151 625 2739) or sign a form at the back of one of our churches.

Christmas Eve Play 2026

Would you like to play a part in our *Wirral famous* Christmas Eve Play? We will have spoken, sung and silent roles and general helpers needed, too. If you're interested please talk to Carolyn or Andrew. Thanks.

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