St Bridget's, West Kirby
with Caldy Church

Sunday 22nd November 2026 — Christ the King

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.



8am	**Holy Communion – St Bridget's**
10am	**Holy Communion – St Bridget's (livestreamed)**
10am	**Service of the Word – Caldy**
12 noon	**Holy Baptism – St Bridget's**
3.30pm	**Supper Sunday – Centre**
5pm	**Book Club in the Centre**
6.30pm	**Evening Prayer – St Bridget's**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1.15-end	Matthew 25.31-end

Lectionary readings next Sunday

Isaiah 64.1-9	1 Corinthians 1.3-9	Mark 13.24-37

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (22nd – 28th November)

St Bridget: Colin Malcolm Bench-Capon, Jessie Benson, Douglas McNeill Carson, Frank William Hewson, Joan Furness, Ronald Carroll, Elspeth McPherson, David Irwin Adams.

Caldy: Rosa Evelyn Coward, Tessa Neal.

RIP: Jennifer Ann Wood, Alan Noble, Ray Davies, Katie Shann.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER **Wednesday 25th November 12.15pm in St Bridget's church**

You are warmly invited to come and experience an hour of quiet prayer at the back of church. If the time causes you anxiety about a late lunch, we are good at time keeping. You will be able to escape at 1.15! If you have a view on which day (Wed. or Thurs.) suits you best, please share it with Alex or me. Deborah Huthwaite 07425138681

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.



BOOK CLUB – 'Naked Spirituality' by Brian McLaren Sunday 22nd November 5pm in St Bridget's Centre. Our word this month is 'Help!', looking at chapters 13 and 14. Please consider coming along as this is an opportunity to reflect on what trying to live a Christian life can mean.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK 23rd – 28th November

Monday		Rector's day off
Tuesday	10am	Holy Communion – Caldy Church followed by coffee / tea
	11.30am	Funeral (Jennifer Ann Wood RIP) – Landican
	3.30pm	Toasty Tuesday in St Bridget's
	4.45pm	Sing Aloud
	6pm	Choir practice
	6.30pm	School Governors meeting
	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
	12.15pm	Contemplative Prayer – St Bridget
	6pm	Flower Guild meeting at 10, Warwick Drive
Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom - for the service **download it here**.
	10am	Caldy Baby & Toddler Group + STiCK
	7pm	PCC meeting – Centre
Friday	9am	Morning Prayer livestreamed on Facebook
	10am	St Bridget's Baby Group – Centre
	12.30pm	Advent Group – Centre



THE BRIDGE bumper edition for December and January

You only have a few writing days until the deadline for the double issue of *The Bridge*! – Sunday 29th November. The Editor is hoping to be snowed under with contributions from all corners of the Parish – articles on any subject, photographs and artwork more useful than gold, frankincense and myrrh. Be bold! This could be your first step to the Booker Prize.

PCC MEETING The PCC next meets on Thursday 26th November. If you have any matters which you would like them to consider please contact the PCC secretary Angela Douglas: angela50@gmail.com Thank you to all our PCC members for their time and talents!

Christmas Eve Play 2026 – help large or small needed!

Will you help with our *Wirral famous* Christmas Eve Play? We have spoken, sung and silent roles and general helpers needed, too. If you're interested please talk to Carolyn or Andrew.



ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

Please take one of our booklets '*Advent Waiting*' which is designed to be used 5 days of each week of Advent. We are inviting everyone to spend 30 minutes each day engaging with the Advent / Christmas story. There are questions and reflections and, we hope, an opportunity to enter the story with imagination and take time to see how it relates to our own lives. This is a home-grown resource, everyone will be given a copy, and they will be made available online too. It would be brilliant if we also found someone to chat with about it or even formed some small informal groups – it's up to you…and God!



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

Who is Jesus? A Journey Through the Old Testament

First meeting this Friday 27th November

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 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.

ST BRIDGET'S TOILET APPEAL

We will soon be applying for grants towards the cost of the accessible toilet and adjacent 'brew bar' which will provide a water supply for cleaners, flower arrangers and those who need a cuppa. The provision of these facilities will not only benefit our congregation but also support our outreach work and enable us to run activities for children within safeguarding recommendations. We are keen to start some fundraising towards the £200K cost. Please donate at https://givealittle.co/c/StB-Toilet or direct to the church account with reference Toilet. One-off amounts and regular monthly donations are both gratefully received. For further information, ask the churchwardens or treasurer@stbridgetschurch.org.uk



CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY **Saturday 21st November 9.30am – 12 noon**

We will be doing winter tidying – all helpers very welcome. Please bring gloves, secateurs, loppers and hoes. Refreshments provided.

Wirral Symphony Orchestral Concert – Sat. 28th November, Hope Church Hoylake 7.30pm

Music by Kabalevsky, Beethoven and Shostakovich. Tickets £18 (students £8) from West Kirby Bookshop, Rod Tann, the WSO website, or phone 0770 200 5409.





KNIVES OUT !

Peter Walker will be at the Link with his knife sharpening machine for the next four weeks. So chop chop, look sharp and have your knives ready for Christmas!

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved at any time. The next course starts on Tuesday 19th January at the United Reformed Church, 10-12 noon for 7 weeks. To register please either let Paula in the office know, or email susanriceoxley@live.co.uk

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS

Now available from the Fair Trade stall in St Bridget's Centre – Advent calendars which have Fair Trade chocolate, tell the real Christmas story and come with a Christmas story-activity book. £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.

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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