

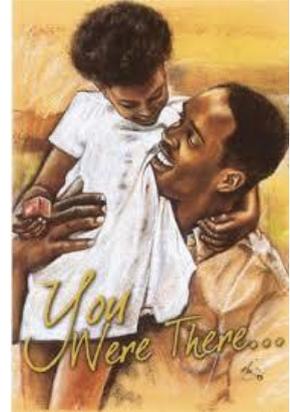
St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

Seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands

Sunday 21st June

Trinity 2

Fathers' Day



Re-opening our churches for Private Prayer

You'll be glad to hear that we are now able to open our churches for private prayer in a limited way from Monday 22nd June:

St Bridget's **10 – 11am** **Tuesdays and Fridays**
Caldy **10 – 11am** **Mondays and Thursdays**

Following guidance from the Church of England, we will all have to keep up hygiene measures and social distancing. At St. Bridget's, only part of the church will be available to sit in (to make cleaning duties easier). Unfortunately, we're not allowed to provide any kind of services so it will be private prayer only. If you have any queries, please contact Dave Wright (625 2389). Dave would also be glad to hear from anyone under 70 who might be able to help with 'stewarding' while people are in church. (If we have more helpers, we'll be able to open for longer.)

Service for the Trinity Season

On our website, there is a service for this season which you can use with the prayer and the readings below. Thought for the Week below is on the same theme.

Storytellers are enjoying meeting for worship each Sunday at 10am; if you would like to join in, please email Mary: maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com

Prayer for the week

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for this Sunday

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10.24-39



'Hopeful the Frog'

Watch Ray telling a short story for all ages. Video can be accessed via the website or our Facebook page.

Lectio 365

If you google 'Lectio 365' and download the app, you can listen to a 12-minute daily devotional which includes a Scripture passage and reflection for each day.

Books of Remembrance (21st – 27th June)

St Bridget: *David Duffy, Frederick James Hazlehurst, Kathleen Douglas, John Duncan Morgan, May Slater, William Gerard Kerr, Valerie Winifred Joyce Burnett, William Arthur Edward Johnston, David Whittaker, Doris Alexandra Marriott, Jillian Catherine Mary Hutton, Susan Elizabeth Taylor.*

Caldy: *William Alexander Rimmer, Candace Southey Elsworth, Phyllis Kerridge, Ronald William Moyes.*

RIP: *Alice Robinson.*

Funeral this week

Robert Charles Town RIP Friday 26th June, 1pm conducted by Canon Lindsay Owens

The Link Café on Zoom

If you'd like to join us at our **Zoom Link Cafe** on Wednesdays 10am - 10:45am, please email Mary: maryrailtoncrowder@gmail.com. Zoom is really easy to use. Mary will explain.

We are keen to keep people in touch with church news and want to make sure that those not online don't lose out. If you know someone you think might like to receive a printed newsletter, please let Paula know asap.

Church contact points:

Website: www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk www.caldychurch.org.uk

Facebook: [@ StBridgetsChurchWestKirby](https://www.facebook.com/StBridgetsChurchWestKirby)

Twitter: [@StBandCaldy](https://twitter.com/StBandCaldy)

Parish Magazine – material for the July issue should be with Trevor Bench-Capon (73, Hilbre Road or tbc@liverpool.ac.uk) by **Thursday 25th June**, please. The June edition can be read on the parish website at <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/news/parish-magazine>

Support for Asylum Seekers

Hope Church in Hoylake have said the asylum seekers at the Holiday Inn have been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people and are really grateful for clothes, trainers etc. Please don't donate any more goods but you can still give money at <http://hope-church.co.uk/hopeloves>.

ANNUAL CYCLING PILGRIMAGE by Canon John Bowers

It gives me real pleasure to repeat my thanks, and the warm appreciation of desperate Christians in Kenya for the £15,000 we were able to give them last year via the Barnabas Fund. No deductions are made: the money raised goes directly to the Cana Rescue Home to fund girls and young women rescued from FGM, child marriages and the like. Some of our money went to help feed Christian widows in Pakistan.

On Saturday 27th June John, his daughter Ruth and son Chris will cycle to the original Chester Cathedral, part of which is built into St. John the Baptist Church in Chester. Countless Christians made their pilgrimage there before the Reformation.

'Our Girls' in North Kenya, together with other folk in the area, are additionally suffering from the Coronavirus and the less publicised plague of locusts devastating parts of Africa and beyond.

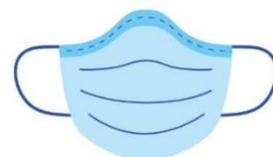
Should you wish to add your support, please make your cheque to BARNABAS FUND – adding Gift Aid if possible – and send it to Canon John Bowers, 2 Shalford Grove, West Kirby CH48 9XY.

I will reply after the event. Let me have your e-mail if possible to save my pocket!

Sincere thanks in advance – John Bowers (see also John's letter on the church website)

Face Masks

If you are making face masks, and can offer some to others, please take them to the office. Paula is now there **9.30am to 12.30pm** Monday – Friday. Phone 625 2739 if you would like to request one.



Don't Panic!

Many of us feel very anxious if asked to learn something new on the internet. However, we do want to encourage everyone to start using 'ZOOM' because it's a great way for us to meet while we can't get together. We're successfully using it for the Link on Wednesdays and for the Tuesday Bible study group. Zoom is a programme that can be used for a group of people to be on the same call at once. It's very easy to download the Zoom App on to your computer, tablet or phone. But you don't even have to do that to join a meeting. You can be sent a link by email which you click on to take you to Zoom. If you want to phone in to the event, you dial the number and are asked to key in the meeting number and password if there is one.

We are thinking about trying to provide some services on Zoom. you want to get started, you could get in touch with Mary or Ray or Anne to have a practice – or try it out with family and friends...

Contacts

Assistant Priest: Rev. David Chester 625 8004

Churchwardens: David Wright 625 2389 and Gregory Buckridge 625 1636

St Bridget's Centre is closed but the Parish Office is attended Monday to Friday, **9.30am – 12.30pm** (note changed times).

Messages can be left on office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk or tel. 625 2739

Material for the website can be sent to: editor@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

We are committed to following Government and Church of England guidelines on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is Bethan Halpenny 07837 755214 bethanhc@live.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When 2020 began I was hopeful that this year the climate emergency would take priority and the life of our planet would be protected and cherished.

Then: the pandemic hit us.

Then: George Floyd was killed - and frustration and anger over racial injustice and other inequalities boiled over.

Rarely can we have faced such life-changing issues all at the same time.

Today's gospel raises the question: What is life worth? Jesus' response pulls no punches, it's challenging. Yet it also contains great comfort, effectively assuring us that "God, your Father, knows, loves and cares for every single one of you!"

How to respond to all of this? Perhaps, in this age of slogans, with a new slogan:

"Black Lives Matter" Yes. But let's enlarge it to "All Lives Matter"

Saving the planet means "All Life Matters"

And the God who counts all the hairs of your head (even all those extra hairs you have grown recently); the God who knows when a single sparrow falls; this God says "Your Life Matters"

All Lives Matter All Life Matters Your Life Matters

These troubled times unnerve and challenge us daily, and despair lurks close by. Yet our faith is built firmly on hope. Hope springs eternal. So, inspired by God; inspired by love, and by anger, let's protect and reverence everything God has created. And thank God that he knows, loves and cares for YOU.

Graham Crowder