

St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

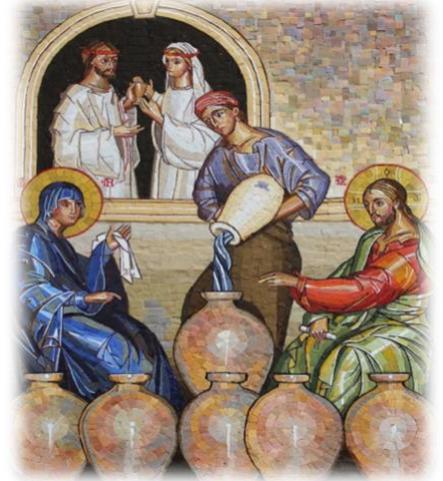
Seeking to follow Jesus with open hearts, open minds and open hands

Sunday 24th January 2021

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Prayer for the week

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.



- 8am** **Holy Communion (traditional language) – St Bridget's**
- 10am** **Holy Communion – St Bridget's and livestreamed**
- 10am** **Holy Communion on Zoom**
- 11am** **Caldy church is open for private prayer (no service today)**

Lectionary readings this Sunday

Genesis 14.17-20

Revelation 19.6-10

John 2.1-11

LOCKDOWN 21

Our worship in church continues subject to weekly review and, is dependent on strict adherence to the regulations for public worship. Thank you to those of you who attended last week for the careful following of guidance:

SANITISING OF HANDS UPON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE BUILDING

CORRECT WEARING OF FACE MASKS

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ABSOLUTELY NO MINGLING OF HOUSEHOLDS

In order to comply fully we ask that on arrival and after hand sanitising you go straight to a pew and, at the end of the service you leave the building and disperse.

If you are in a vulnerable group **WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONSIDER ATTENDING ON-LINE WORSHIP**, either through our Zoom service or the livestream on youtube

We are beginning to read Banns for couples with weddings booked for later this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they plan amidst uncertain times.

WHAT'S ON!



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- Monday Morning Prayer livestreamed via Facebook
Open Rectory: 1-3pm - book a slot
- Tuesday Alex attending a changing posts conference
8pm CAMEO meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday 10am LINK café on Zoom
Alex attending a changing posts conference
9pm Night Prayer livestreamed via Facebook
- Thursday 9am Morning Prayer via Zoom

LIVESTREAMING! Using livestreaming enables you to participate in worship from afar. We are trialling two ways of doing this. To watch on Facebook simply use this link

<https://www.facebook.com/StBridgetsChurchWestKirby>

And for YouTube use this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnWftoWF4MhN7V-mgGGainQ>

ZOOM

The link for ALL parish Zoom events (worship, bible study and social events) is

<https://zoom.us/j/8301824880?pwd=SC9vRVNOZU5RVGdOcm56NDBCWmxNUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 182 4880 Password: 0N9H4q If you are not online, you can still join in with the Zoom Communion service at 10am on your phone. Full instructions are available on the church website or for further help please contact John Smith on 678 6201.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Now, more than ever, we need to keep in touch with one another, whether that's to simply have a chat, keep one another's spirits up, pray or reflect together, ask for or offer support.



MORNING AND NIGHT PRAYER

We currently livestream Morning prayer at 9am on a Monday on Facebook and offer a Zoom Morning Prayer at 9am on Thursdays.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom, the service lasts no more than half an hour and gives a chance for prayer and reflection. Simply use the usual Zoom link. Night prayer is livestreamed on Facebook on Wednesday evening at 9pm.

BLESS THIS HOUSE – Blessing our homes at Epiphanytide

During Epiphany season, there is a tradition of blessing homes and marking them with a sign of welcome based on the visit of the wise men to Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Using chalk, the door or an adjacent wall is marked with either a simple cross or the traditional formula:

20 + C + M + B + 21

20 – 21 for the year and then crosses between the letters C, M and B standing for the wise men and also the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning Christ bless this house.

If you would like to pray a blessing over your home please collect a blessing pack from the box at the church lychgate when you are on your daily exercise or contact Alex to arrange delivery ! It's lovely seeing photos and signs of this blessing appear in our community – thank you!



LENT 2021 – take up something for Lent !

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Life on the Frontline! Small group Zoom

We have heard a lot about front -line workers over the last months. This short course looks at what it can mean to live

as a Christian in our everyday lives and explore what our own frontlines might be. The aim is not only to help us recognize our frontlines but also find ways of thriving on them ! Hopefully the sessions will also give us a chance to think about what we can do to make a difference as individuals and as a church community.

There will be 5 sessions, designed to last 40 minutes. Each will include a key question, a passage from the Bible to reflect on, some questions to discuss and then suggestions of things to try in the week ahead.

We would like to have several small groups of 4 or 5 people planned for a variety of times – so let us know if you are willing to give it a go ! Contact Alex by email or phone 625 1052 or Anne Samuels 625 3492.

OPEN RECTORY

Alex would like to chat! If you are free and would like to get to know Alex a bit better then what about a Zoom chat? Alex is putting aside time for phone and Zoom conversations on a Monday afternoon. Simply drop her an email (rectorwestkirby@gmail.com) or phone 625 1052 if you would like a chat and she will offer you a time.

THE LINK



Missing The Link in St Bridget's Centre on Wednesday mornings? It hasn't gone away! It has continued to take place on Zoom every Wednesday from 10am to 11am. Use the usual Zoom link and join us. There's no structure or agenda, just informal conversation – but you will have to bring your own drink and biscuits! Come and go as you wish. Look forward to having you with us. John and Margaret Smith

If you know of any parishioners who might need support because of illness, or bereavement, or any other reason, please let us know via the Parish Office on office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk or tel. 0151 625 2739.

FROM OUR BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE (24th – 30th January)

St Bridget: Enid Taylor, Harold Brown, Sandra Pierina Caruana-Walker, Sue Buntin, Margaret Eileen Woodyer, Thomas Mark Creer, Lena Ward, Sarah Jane Fairbanks.

Caldy: Bernard Ernest Harper, Audrey Constance Anderson, Clifford Stott Harley, Christina Burden, Denis York.

RIP: Bridget Johnston.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

Marion Holden RIP Tuesday 26th January 11am Landican
Conducted by Alex Williams

CONTACTS

Rector: The Rev'd Alex Williams 625 1052 rectorwestkirby@gmail.com

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Churchwardens: David Wright 625 2389 and Gregory Buckridge 625 1636

The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is attended weekday mornings: 9.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Tel. 0151 625 2739, email office@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

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