



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

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

Sunday 6th September

Trinity 13



We are now able to offer Holy Communion at all our morning services.

You should have received the service sheet for Communion, either by email or delivered to you. It is also on the website.

Please print it off and bring it to church or to Zoom each week.

In church, you will be invited to come up to the altar one at a time and receive an individual wafer. (We can't offer the wine yet.)

On Zoom, it will be 'Spiritual Communion'. As the priest receives bread and wine, we will all join in with a prayer that makes the celebration our own Communion. (This is an authorised practice of the Church of England.)

8am	St. Bridget's	Holy Communion	David Chester
10am	St. Bridget's	Holy Communion	Ray Samuels with John Smith
10am	Caldy	Holy Communion	John Bowers with David Chester

Service on Zoom:

10am	At home	Holy Communion	Anne Samuels with Brian Dodd
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If you come to church, you'll be asked to observe social distancing, sanitise your hands, wear a face-covering and give your contact details. At St. Bridget's the disabled toilet is available in the Centre if you need to use it. Please ask whoever is on duty to let you in.

The order of service is also on the parish website and can be accessed at

https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/sites/all/themes/bridget/public_files/Holy Communion 23 August 2020.pdf

Zoom Sunday Service 10am

The link for Sundays (same for Tuesday Bible Study and Wednesday Link café) is below:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 830 182 4880

Password: 0N9H4q

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for this Sunday

Psalms 119.33-40

Ezekiel 33.7-11

Romans 13.8-14

Matthew 18.15-20

Books of Remembrance (6th – 12th September)

St Bridget: *George Taylor, Margaret Carnie Tottey, Dorothy Grant, Barbara Mary Shepherd.*

Caldy: *Margaret Colman Harrison, Harold Anthony Wainwright, John Sharpe Kennaugh, Olive May Crawford, Marguerita Elaine Ross.*

RIP: *James Patrick McParland, Margaret Rogers.*

St Bridget's is open for private prayer 2.30pm – 3.30pm Tuesdays and Fridays

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

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

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



Please help us to keep in touch! 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.

Link Café on Zoom: same log-in details as for Sunday service above.



Induction of our New Rector

On Monday 9th November at 7pm, we will welcome Alex Williams as the Rector of St. Bridget's and Caldychurch.

The Institution will be performed by the new Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Revd. Mark Tanner.

Sadly, numbers will have to be limited and we will let you know about arrangements later. However, it's great news that the service is going

ahead and we know that Alex is very much looking forward to joining us.

(You can read a message from her in our August Magazine).

The September edition of the Parish Magazine is out now in print and can also be read on the parish website at <https://www.stbridgetschurch.org.uk/news/parish-magazine>

St Bridget's Centre

We closed our Centre following the Government lockdown order on 23rd March. It is time now to brief everybody on progress towards opening for our users in response to the relaxation and clarification of the rules that apply to preschools, educational groups, community centres, museums and fitness groups – yes, all these rules apply to us!! Top of our priorities is the safety of users and our staff (Paula in the office and our dedicated cleaners as well as volunteers who help run the Centre).

We started by preparing a strategy paper, approved by the Church authorities, based on Government guidelines and Diocese advice for a gradual, careful, phased opening guided by a set of principles, in particular:-

- Only one group/hirer should use the Centre at any one time (using the Hilbre Room only)
- No members of the public should be allowed in the Centre unless part of a booked group.
- A set of additional requirements would be issued for groups to follow when using the Centre including rules on social distancing, mixing, infection mitigation and cleaning measures.
- Each group should not be allowed back without submitting acceptable proposals meeting these requirements, promoting safe use of our facilities and social distancing.
- No new groups would be allowed to use the Centre.
- Enhanced cleaning facilitated by the appointment of a new caretaker to replace Andrea (Jamie Cook started on 1st September).

This has allowed selected groups and hirers to return – first Preschool on 1st June meeting Government priorities, then fitness groups on weekday evenings in late July and August and in September Kumon Maths classes on Saturday mornings. All weekday day time bookings have been cancelled as Preschool occupy the Centre then. These have the benefit of starting to generate income to support the finances of the Centre which are taking a hit! We are reviewing allowing more use on a monthly basis but allowing more bookings is problematical because of the Government rules on social distancing and mixing of activities including Church activities. We keep things under review on a monthly basis but without Government relaxation of the rules allied to reduced level of Covid-19, opening up to additional groups and users is difficult. We keep in touch with other local Community Halls and some Church Halls and know we are ahead on reopening. We know the situation is frustrating for some of you but we are doing our best so please bear with us.

Martin Harrison

St Bridget's Mothers' Union

Unfortunately we will not be holding our meeting on September 8th. Circumstances are changing all the time and we will let you know if we can meet in October. Please pray for our members who are ill at this time, Joyce Preston who is in hospital, Joan Woolley and Ruth Briscoe. If there is anyone else you know of who is ill or needs help please let me know. Carole Steel



Surplus fruit and vegetables: Sue and Martin Harrison offer surpluses from their allotment in return for donations to Wirral Food Bank. Ring 625 8535 or email martinandsueharrison@gmail.com We can deliver if required. Donations to the Food Bank can be done on-line or in cash via us.

Ecover Refills – if you wish to continue buying Ecover refills and are able to collect them from Sue Harrison's doorstep (11 Egerton Drive) please contact her on 625 8535 or martinandsueharrison@gmail.com to arrange a time. Sue also holds a limited range of **Traidcraft** goods at home; and you can also contact Margaret Smith for more items: 678 6201 smithjmdj@btinternet.com

A special prayer request – for Christian couple Shafgat and Shafguta, parents of four children, who have been on death row for six years in a prison in Pakistan. They are accused of blasphemy. At a third high court hearing on 10th September their Muslim lawyer will risk his life by defending the couple, telling the court that as they are illiterate they are incapable of writing a blasphemous text message. Pray that the couple will receive God's strength and that their appeal will not be adjourned a third time, but that they will be acquitted. We must remember the brave lawyer in our prayers, and pray that control will be taken by Jesus. Canon John Bowers.

Contacts

Assistant Priest: Rev. David Chester 625 8004

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St Bridget's Centre is closed but the Parish Office is attended weekday mornings: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”

(Matthew 18 verse 20)

Personal relationships are never easy at the best of times, and these are not the best of times. We are used to relating to most people in the same physical space. We can see them. We can pick up cues of body language. We can touch them, whether that be a handshake or a hug. We can pick up the nuances of language and intonation.

Just now, many of our personal interactions are having to be by phone, email or video link. On the phone, you can get some feel for the person you are speaking to through their voice, but you can't see facial expressions or body language. Using email can be an even more blunt instrument, with words used carelessly or misinterpreted setting up personal barriers where none were intended or exacerbating potential misunderstandings. Using video links (for most of us at the moment that means Zoom) things are a little better. You can at least see each other and get some idea of facial expression and body language. You still can't touch each other, and the voice is often distorted, making the picking up of subtle cues difficult.

In these testing times, the assurance that Jesus gives that **“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”** is just what we need to hear. In whatever way we are gathered, whether in the flesh or remotely by phone or computer, we need to be aware of God's presence with us, and to heed God's guidance through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. So, as we navigate our way through the very different situation that Covid 19 puts us in, let us be reassured by God's presence, and ensure that there is space in all our dealings for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

John Smith