



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

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

Sunday 13th September

Trinity 14



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	Anne Samuels
10am	Caldy	Holy Communion	Ray Samuels

Service on Zoom:

10am	At home	Holy Communion	David Chester and John Smith
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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

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for this Sunday

Psalms 103.8-13

Genesis 50.15-21

Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18.21-35

Books of Remembrance (13th – 19th September)

St Bridget: *David William Fielding, Vivien Gail Johnston, Roderick Charles Bernard Ellis, Audrey Clare Bradley, Sylvia Jean Blaza, Samuel Morrison, Ann Blackburn, Renée Durrant.*

Caldy: *Méry Suzanne Deserens, Harry James Hastings, Rosemary Linda Lowry, Hilda Mary Cooke, Harry Hamor Dawson, baby James Duncan Nichol, Paul Southworth, Vivien Gail Johnston, Roy Neville Williams.*

RIP: *Hesketh Ross Hughes.*

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

It was with a sense of relief that it was, at last, possible to hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting a week last Wednesday. The church building proved the ideal location for the meeting, which was chaired by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Peter Froggatt. It was also good to note that the Parish seems to be ahead of so many other churches in its efforts toward progressing towards 'normality'. Although it had not been possible to fill all the available PCC and Deanery Synod positions, we have a good representation on both bodies and all the key positions were filled. We can record that Dave Wright and Greg Buckridge were re-elected as Churchwardens for another year, and welcomed Paula Cobby, our Parish Secretary, who has taken on the additional role of Electoral Roll officer thanking Ken Andrew for doing the job over past years. Our elected PCC members are Joy Alcock, Priscilla Bench-Capon, Sheelagh Blair, Peggy Dodd, Stan Metcalfe,

Mary Rees, Arthur Roberts, Sue Shaw, Bill Smith and Simon Trout. Importantly, the Financial Statement was approved and the outstanding work undertaken by the Treasurer and his Team to compile it, was recognised. In his Assistant Priest's Report, David Chester paid particular tribute to the great support he had had during the Interregnum period from all the ministry team. We are now able to give our incoming Rector, Alex Williams, the re-assurance that our two churches are functioning well and compliant with legal requirements. Rod Tann, PCC Secretary.

Farewell to Dorothea Tettenborn

We say goodbye to Dorothea as she is returning to Germany later this month, after arriving in West Kirby 15 years ago thinking it was just for a year! Dorothea has been a good friend to so many people in the parish, and a loyal member of our church community. We will miss her very much and we wish her well.

St Bridget's Centre

We closed our Centre following the Government lockdown order on 23rd March, but can now report on progress towards opening for our users. We prepared a strategy paper, which was approved by the Church authorities, and 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. 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 admitting more bookings is problematical because of the Government rules on social distancing and mixing of activities. This includes Church activities. We are 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.



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

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>

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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre 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

Being in debt is frightening. Everyone wants to be fair and square. No-one likes the idea that because you can't repay a loan, you might be in danger of a visit from the bailiff. This – and worse – is the scenario in today's Gospel reading. Jesus makes up a story of a servant who owes his master an enormous amount of money and is in danger of losing everything because he can't repay it. Out of compassion, the master cancels the debt completely.



In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us 'owe no-one anything except to love'. He believes we all owe a debt of love to each other. Why? Well, this is what it means to be human as God intended. Yet all of us fall short of love. That's why God comes to us in Jesus. That's why Jesus died on the Cross – so that our sin may be forgiven. So that our debt may be cancelled. Now that we are no longer burdened by it, we are free to forgive others.

In Jesus' story, this is what the servant doesn't do. When he finds another servant owes him a small sum, he refuses to cancel his debt. He refuses to forgive. Therefore God cannot forgive him. He has put himself in the centre of his world; his grudge against his debtor takes up so much space, there is no room for the mercy of God.

If you were in terrible debt, and unable to pay, imagine the relief you would feel if your creditor simply let you off! This is what God has done for us in Christ. This is what we may therefore do for others when they hurt us. It isn't that the hurt doesn't matter. But if we leave it at the Cross we are free to let it go.

'Forgive us our sins as we forgive...'

Anne Samuels