



St Bridget's, West Kirby with Caldy Church

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



2nd Sunday before Advent 15th November

Alex Williams' first Sunday in the parish

8am Holy Communion: livestreamed from St Bridget's

10am All Together Worship with Communion via Zoom



6.30pm livestreamed 'Time to Remember' service from St. Bridget's

Unfortunately we cannot open this service to the public but Anne Samuels and Alex Williams will lead a time of prayer when we remember those we love who have died. To watch this service please use this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnWftoWF4MhN7V-mgGGajnQ> OR
<https://bit.ly/2JRryYW>

Or our Facebook page

Both St. Bridget's and Caldy churches will be open from 2-4pm today for anyone who would like to come in and have some quiet to make their own act of remembrance.

The order of service for today's special All Together Worship with Communion is available at:

[Order of Service !5th November 2020](#)

Lectionary readings this Sunday

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end Psalm 90.1-8 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Books of Remembrance (15th – 21st November)

St Bridget: Laura Lou Baldry, Isabel Medley Baldry, Robert Millar Briscoe, Malcolm Stephen Ellis, Brian John Smith, Jennifer Mary Flashman, Edith Mary Broderick, Molly Duke, Arthur Ernest Wilson, Jean Margaret Cora Mackenzie, Rachel Muriel Cumming.

Caldy: Charles Anthony Southworth, Frances Berry.

RIP: Harry Preston, Shirley Monks, Bernard Ramsbottom, baby Grace Giles, John Tarn.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

Bernard Ramsbottom RIP

Thursday 19th November, 1pm at Landican

Conducted by Alex Williams

Harry Preston RIP

Thursday 19th November, 1.30pm at Landican

Conducted by Malcolm Cowan

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER WILL BE ONLINE

Sunday Services 22nd and 29th November

8am Holy Communion (Traditional Language) – livestreamed from St Bridget's

10am Holy Communion via Zoom. Storytellers will join the main service at the beginning and then move into their own 'breakout' groups.

LIVESTREAMING!

Using livestreaming enables you to participate in worship from afar. We are trialling two ways of doing this. One is via our Facebook page, the other, on YouTube.

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>

'Livestreamed' services can be accessed via Facebook or YouTube, not only as they happen but any time afterwards. This is something new for all of us, so please be patient !

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. Anyone wishing to access a Zoom session via their landline phone needs to do the following:

Dial one of these numbers: 0203 481 5237 – 0203 481 5240 – 0203 901 7895 – 330 088 5830
– 131 460 1196 – 208 080 6591 – 208 080 6592

- When prompted for the meeting ID, dial 830 182 4880 followed by #
- When prompted for a participant ID - press #
- When prompted for the passcode: dial 861382 followed by #.
- This will give you audio access. Although you won't see all the participants you will be able to hear the conversation and contribute verbally.

If any further clarification is needed please contact John Smith on 678 6201.

A huge thankyou to everyone who has worked so hard to keep things going during both the interregnum and the pandemic. Alex is now licensed as Rector, living in the Rectory and looking forward to getting to know people as much as restrictions allow. She would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and gifts and hopes that before too long there will be chance to have an open house at the Rectory to celebrate!

Next year the Archdeacon will install Alex with a service of celebration in the church which hopefully everyone will be able to attend.



Joyce Preston would like to thank all her friends at St Bridget's and Caldy for all their prayers, support, and kind messages of sympathy both before and after the death of her husband Harry.

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.



Parish Magazine – material for December should be with Trevor Bench-Capon (73, Hilbre Road or tbc@liverpool.ac.uk) by **Thursday 19th November**, please.



On All Saints Day the Archbishops wrote to all the clergy in the Church of England and said they believe the first and primary response of the Church at this time is prayer. We are being encouraged to use this month of lockdown as a time of prayer for our world, country, communities and each other. There are prayer resources at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation> Together at St. Bridget's and Caldy, there will be the following opportunities to share in prayer and worship:

PRAYER IN CHURCH

St Bridget's will continue to be open for prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays 2.30 – 3.30pm
Caldy Church will be open for prayer on Sundays 11.30am – 12.30pm

DAILY PRAYER AT HOME:

If you would like to tune in to Morning Prayer at 9am you are very welcome. **Livestream** enables you to watch but not speak – **9am on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday (and Wednesday Night Prayer at 9pm)**

To Livestream on Facebook simply use this link:

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

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

Zoom Morning Prayer has opportunity to join in – **9am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. See details of the parish Zoom link above.

Morning Prayer 9am Monday – Saturday

Monday livestreamed from St Bridget's *especially praying for schools, colleges, children and young people*

Tuesday on Zoom

especially praying for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable

Wednesday livestreamed from St Bridget's

especially praying for businesses, the work place and economic wellbeing

Thursday on Zoom

especially praying for the NHS and other key workers

Friday on Zoom

especially praying for national and local government

Saturday livestreamed

especially praying for all who are grieving and suffering with physical or mental ill health

Night Prayer livestreamed 9pm Wednesday

Via Facebook or Youtube

You may like to try using an App for daily prayer. A gentle guided time of prayer can be listened to via the free Lectio365 App <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

CAMEO Meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 8pm

'Adventures with a microphone.' Our speaker, Judith Ley, (a friend of Mary) will join us from her home on the Isle of Man. All welcome. Use parish link above for Zoom. Contact Jane Tann for further details.

CONTACTS

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The Parish Office in St Bridget's Centre is attended weekday mornings: 9.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Messages can be left on 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

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

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

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

Thought for the Week

Our Gospel reading this week is the parable of the talents, or bags of gold. (Matthew 25:14-30)

One of the great things about Jesus was how clever and timeless his storytelling was. The parables challenge us today as much as they challenged those who listened over 2000 years ago. As I begin my ministry amongst you, I am tempted to reflect on the parable and ask of each one of us, 'What has God invested in us? What have you invested in me and I in you, as we begin our journey together? What will we do with those gifts and resources which our generous God has given us and how will we use them to bring in God's kingdom here and now?'

However, the parables of Jesus are often not as straightforward as they seem. I am not content to see God depicted as a harsh master who punishes those who don't produce a hefty profit in return for what they have been given. So, what if the master in the story is not God at all? What if Jesus is challenging those around him? Holding a mirror up to them and criticising those whose only aim is to make themselves richer? We do not know how the servants made their profit, but certainly the sums of money were vast. Even one talent was a lot of gold. So, what if the servant who refuses to do this, who instead buries his gold, is challenging the master and refusing to join in the exploitation of others for his own gain? It would be no surprise that this would make the master furious and want to cast the servant into outer darkness, not to mention the gnashing of teeth! Maybe the parable can challenge us to think about how we use God's gifts to help others and not just ourselves, and even to speak out against injustice.

This week take some time to ask, 'What has God invested in us and how might we, together, use that to transform our own lives and the lives of others?'

Alex Williams