A caring church where all are welcome to know the Peace and Love of God

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick
The Parish Church of All Hallows, Bardsey, and
The Church of Saint Mary Magdalene East Keswick

Order of Service for Holy Communion on the First Sunday of Advent,
29 November 2026, 10.30am
St Mary Magdalene

We sing: Awake, Awake Fling off the Night! (A&M 342)

Awake, awake, fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light; And we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, in Christ renewed, men with the Spirit's power endued. The light of life in us must glow, and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before his cross for guidance kneel; his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed. Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy and use each day; Give thanks for everything alway. Lift up your hearts; with one accord, praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) CCLI: 1307134/714723

The Greeting (please remain standing)

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[The first Advent candle is lit]

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts this Christmas, be king of our lives today.**

Prayer of Penitence

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Minister: May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Prayer for Today

Minister: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the lightness of holiness that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (64.1-9)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the
mountains would tremble before you! **2** As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to
your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! **3** For when
you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. **4** Since
ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has
seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for
him. **5** You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who
remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry. How then can we be saved? **6** All of us have become
like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us
away. **7** No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for
you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our
sins. **8** Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the
potter; we are all the work of your hand. **9** Do not be angry beyond
measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9)

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ. 4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given

you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— 6 God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

We sing: Christ be our light (on screen)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light…

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light…

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light…

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light

The Gospel Reading for Today (*please remain standing)*

Minister: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37)

All: Glory to you O Lord

24 "But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be
darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from
the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 26 "At that time
people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power
and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the
four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get
tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.
29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is
near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly
not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 32 "But
about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert ! You do not
know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He
leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their
assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.
35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner
of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do
not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone:
'Watch!'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address *(please be seated)*

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us sit or kneel to pray to the Father.

After: Lord in your mercy, please respond: **Hear our prayer**

After: Merciful Father, please respond: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand)*

Minister: May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We sing: Come Thou Long expected Jesus (A&M 31)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free; from
our fears and sins release us, let
us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of
every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a
child and yet a King, born to reign
in us forever, now thy gracious
kingdom bring.

By thy own eternal Spirit rule in
all our hearts alone; by thy all-
sufficient merit, raise us to thy
glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)
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The Eucharistic Prayer (*please sit or kneel)*

Minister: The Lord be with you
All: and also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Minister: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Minister: As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Minister: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread. Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Minister: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All: **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean; our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So, cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

You are most welcome to come to the altar rail to take communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, carry this service sheet with you.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Minister: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait for the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We sing: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (A&M 28)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him. Robed in dreadful majesty; Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the Tree. Deeply wailing. Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion, still his dazzling body bears. Cause of endless exultation, to his ransomed worshippers: With what rapture. Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) & John Cennick (1718-55) CCLI: 714723/1307134

Minister: May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen**.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Services in December

Wed 2nd: 11am HC, SMM

Thu 3rd: 6pm Carol Service with Beavers Group, AH

Sun 6th:	10.30am HC, AH
Sun 13th:	8am HC, AH 3pm Christingle, AH
Wed 16th:	7pm WI Carol Service, AH
Sun 20th:	8am HC, AH 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service, SMM
Mon 21st:	7pm The Angels' Nativity, EK Village Hall
Thu 24th	**Christmas Eve** 3pm Crib Service, SMM 4pm Crib Service, AH 11.30pm Midnight Mass, AH
Fri 25th	**Christmas Day** 10.30am Family Service, AH
Sun 27th:	8am HC, AH

Please note we are an inclusive parish - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.