

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Intercessions

Sunday 28 April – Robert Siekierkowski

Let us pray for the church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

We pray for the witness of the Church this week, particularly in places where the Christian faith is ignored and forgotten.

We pray for those who carry major responsibilities as bishops and church leaders. Give them compassion, wisdom and the mind of Christ and help them to help us grow the congregation in our local Parishes. Strengthen Nick and Arun our Bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ. In particular we thank Bishop Arun for visiting us today and pray that he will feel rested and encouraged within our company.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those innocents in war conflicts around the world, who have been injured and those who have had their family life destroyed in such places as Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, Israel and Gaza. We pray for those trying to negotiate a peace and in finding a way forward to rebuild the shattered lives of war victims.

Bless and guide Charles our King, give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace: that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for our leaders to find a way to educate people, particularly the young, about the dangers of knife crime. To show them the devastation they create, not only, for the victim's family but also their own. To teach them that every life is precious and needs to be protected.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the success of our Parish Fund raising weekend to not only bring in much needed funds to help manage our Parish but also brings the rest of our community closer to our churches.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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We pray for those whom we love, the special people you have given us, wherever they may be. We pray for our friends, the close ones and those we sometimes forget. We thank you for each of them, and what they mean to us. Keep us faithful to them as you are faithful to us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those for whom this day will seem long and hard, for those in hospital or ill at home. We pray for young people who struggle to cope with the pressures of social media. Let them find the strength to see the beauty in themselves and your love for them. We pray particularly for those for whom this day will be their last. We name in our hearts any people we know in special need, particularly those within our villages and congregations.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with deep gratitude those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but have now gone before us to be with Christ. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for Harry Moores, whose funeral was held this week in St Mary Magdalene and for his family and friends.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
AMEN.**