

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

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

Welcome to our Family Service, The Baptism of Christ
12th January 2025 10.45am All Hallows Bardsey

We welcome Ven Paddy Benson who leads our service today and also the family and friends of Isaac Lucas Butler who is being baptised.



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

Welcome and Introduction

We sing: Be Thou My Vision (Mission Praise 17)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

We say sorry to God (*please be seated*)

**All: Please Lord Jesus, we want to be ready for when
You return. Forgive us for the wrong things we have
done, and for the good things we have not done.
We turn away from doing those wrong things again
and ask for your help to put things right.
Thank you that You died so we can be forgiven
help us to turn to You, and follow You, Amen.**

We hear God's Word (*please sit*)

A Bible reading from the book of Luke (3:5-17, 21-22)

⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much

greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

²¹ One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy”

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

Talk: Ven Paddy Benson

We sing: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy one is here.
Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the holy one is here

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

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Baptism of Isaac Lucas Butler

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this
new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may
live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls
us to fullness of life.

*Parents and godparents stand with the baptism candidate. The
minister addresses the whole congregation*

Minister: Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God will you welcome this child
and uphold him in his new life in Christ.

All: With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the parents and godparents:

Minister: Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ.

With the help of God, we will.

Minister: In baptism this child begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today.

Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church and people?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The president addresses the candidate through parents and godparents:

Minister: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Minister: Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Minister: Isaac, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All: Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Minister: May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: Amen.

The baptism party move to the font. The congregation stands and turns to face the font.

Prayer Over the Water

Minister: We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All: Amen

Profession of Faith

Minister: Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with
the candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all
life and being, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our
human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him

Minister: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who
gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known
in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him

Minister: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Baptism

Minister: Isaac Lucas, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: May God, who has received you by baptism into his
Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within
the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be
renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the
inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: Amen.

Minister: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Isaac Lucas,
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: Isaac Lucas, we welcome you into the fellowship of
faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father;
We welcome you.**

We return to our seats.

We pray to God (prayers ending with the Lord's Prayer below)

**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.

Presentation of a candle and cards

Minister: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

We share God's peace together

Minister: We are baptised into Christ:
let us live in the Spirit of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

We offer those around us a sign of God's peace (hug, handshake, wave or high five!)

We sing: One More Step Along the World I Go.

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

We receive God's blessing and are sent out to serve him

Minister: The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

PLEASE STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

Services in January

Sunday 19th: 10.00am Joint Parish Holy Communion, SMM

Sunday 26th: 10.30am Covenant Service, East Keswick
Methodist Church

There will be a temporary alteration to the service pattern over the next couple of months as we are trying to just heat one church a week and rely on the goodwill of clergy, to provide service cover during the vacancy. Please check the website for details.

Also please ensure that the Parish Office has your contact details should you wish to be informed of service cancellations.

Café Callister will be open again on Tuesday 14th January from 12.45- 2pm in the Callister Hall. All welcome. No charge, but any donations go to the St Aidan's Foodshare.

Our regular monthly Bible Study group meet this Thursday, 16 January, at 2.30pm in the Callister Hall. Come along and join us as we study the book Acts.

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

Forms for the Parish Giving Scheme are available in the Parish Office and both churches, if you prefer that to online application.

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