

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**

Welcome to our Family Service with baptism, on the Second Sunday before Lent, 8 February 2026, 10.45am All Hallows, Bardsey.

Today we welcome Revd. Kingsley Dowling and the family and friends of Orla Evie O'Shea, who is being baptised today.



Welcome and Introduction

We sing: Lord of All Hopefulness (A&M 394)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

We Say Sorry to God

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

A reading from the book of Matthew (6:25-34)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Talk: Revd. Kingsley Dowling

We sing: Give Me Joy in My Heart (A&M 459)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising. Give me joy in my heart, I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising. Keep me praising till the end of day.

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving. Give me peace in my heart, I pray. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving. Keep me loving till the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna...

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Give me love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving. Keep me serving 'till the end of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King*

Baptism of Orla Evie O'Shea

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 **Orla** and uphold her in their 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 **Orla** with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ.

All: **With the help of God, we will.**

Minister: In baptism Orla begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church and people?

All: **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?

P&G I reject them.

Minister: Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P&G: I renounce them.

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

All: I repent of them.

Minister: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All: I turn to Christ.

Minister: Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: I submit to Christ.

Minister: Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: I come to Christ.

Signing With the Cross

[The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate]

Minister: Orla Evie, 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: Orla Evie, 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: Orla, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

[We return to our seats.]

Prayers

[We pray to God (please be seated)]

The Lord's Prayer

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 Some Cards

Minister: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Orla, 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 (please stand)

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: O Jesus I Have Promised (A&M 235)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control! O speak, and make me listen, thou Guardian of my soul!

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone: O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me my Saviour and my Friend.

[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 for February

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Sunday 15th: 10.30am Joint Parish HC, SMM

Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday - TBC

Sunday 22nd: 8am & 10.30am Holy Communion, AH

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

Calling all knitters!

BabyBasics are in desperate need of knitted baby blankets (& any knitted baby clothes are welcome too). If you would like to help they ask that blankets are tight knit and have no holes for little fingers to get stuck through. Neutral colours are best! Please drop any completed items at the Parish Office.

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