

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Intercessions

Sunday 19 March – Liz Parr

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

In our prayers for the church and the world we thank God for his goodness.

On this day we remember the traditions of our church, when on Mothering Sunday those working away from home were given time off to attend their mother church. We pray that now in the 21st century we can reflect on the special days in our own church calendar. We thank you for the clergy who guide us through challenging time and all those responsible for the care of our places of worship.

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

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and all those whose lives are disrupted by conflict or natural disasters. Give courage to those who feel they have no safe place to be and inspire all who work to provide shelter for displaced people.

We pray for communities whose hardships we can scarcely comprehend, where families struggle to feed and educate their children. We pray the work of charities like Water Aid who continue to improve access to fresh water and amenities we take for granted.

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

Loving God, teach us not to take for granted the bounty of the natural world. Help us all understand how our life-styles impact on the health of the planet and encourage us as individuals to question our use of resources.

Grant us all the wisdom to care for the earth and help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

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

We thank you for our communities, for the friendship of neighbours and all the local groups in our villages which keep people connected. Help us to reach out to others we meet in our daily lives who may also need our love. We thank you for the continued support for St Aidan's food share and we pray for all those who struggle to buy food.

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

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We pray for those for whom life is a struggle, for those in hospital or ill at home, those struggling with despair or depression. We pray for those recently bereaved and those feeling lonely. In a moment of silence we name in our hearts any people we know in special need.

Loving God, we remember with deep gratitude those who are no longer with us who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours.

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

Loving God, we thank you for the modern tradition of giving spring flowers to mark Mothering Sunday as a way of honouring and remembering our mothers.

We pray today for all those who care for children.

Thank you for the joys of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;

Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;

Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home,

We pray that your church has eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

Merciful Father,

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