

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Intercessions

Sunday 31 July 2022 – Angela Hannafin

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. Strengthen Nick and Arun our Bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ.

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

Lord, you have asked us to be rich towards you, rather than storing up wealth. Help us learn excel in the gift of giving, and to use all the wealth you have given us to bless others. As Andi Hofbauer visited us this week, we pray for the work of St Aidan's, that you will supply all their needs, and bless them as they bless others.

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

Whilst Ukraine is not making news headlines, the war is still waging. We pray for all those affected, for hope and protection. We pray for those trying to negotiate a way forward, and for peacemakers and peacebuilders. We pray for all those who are victims of war or conflict, particularly for those forgotten countries in our world.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen, 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.**

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

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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.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves 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, those struggling with despair or depression, those waiting for a job, or important news, or a friend to call. 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.

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.

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.**