

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Intercessions

Sunday 20 November 2022 – Terry Wheeler

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for all 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 the places where the Church is ignored or forgotten and where people are persecuted for speaking your name.

We pray for those who carry major responsibilities as Bishops and church leaders. Give them compassion, wisdom and the mind of Christ. Strengthen our Bishops Nick and Arun, our vicar Angela and all your church in the service of Christ.

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

We pray that with the conclusion of COP27 responsible action may follow words. As we seek to be better stewards of your creation and on this universal Children's Day, we ask that you will wrap all the world's children in your arms of love and protection.

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

We pray for all those in Ukraine, for hope and protection; we pray for peacemakers and peace builders but especially to you Christ the King, Prince of Peace, for your promised gift of true and everlasting peace. We pray for all who are victims of war, conflict or hatred, particularly for those forgotten countries in our world.

Bless and guide Charles our King, give wisdom, compassion and integrity to world leaders all in authority. 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 who we love, the special people that 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.

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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 who are ill; those struggling with despair or depression; those waiting for a job or important news, or friend to call. We pray particularly for those for whom this day will be their last.

Comforts 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.

We hold up to you all those named on our prayer trees and any we know in special need. And today we pray for the family and friends of John Francis Hills, whose funeral is tomorrow.

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.**

Heavenly Father as we enter this new week together, we ask that you will walk beside each one of us and fill us with the joy of your presence. And with the dawn of Advent before us we pray that you will guide us on the path that leads from a stable to a glimpse of eternity

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.**