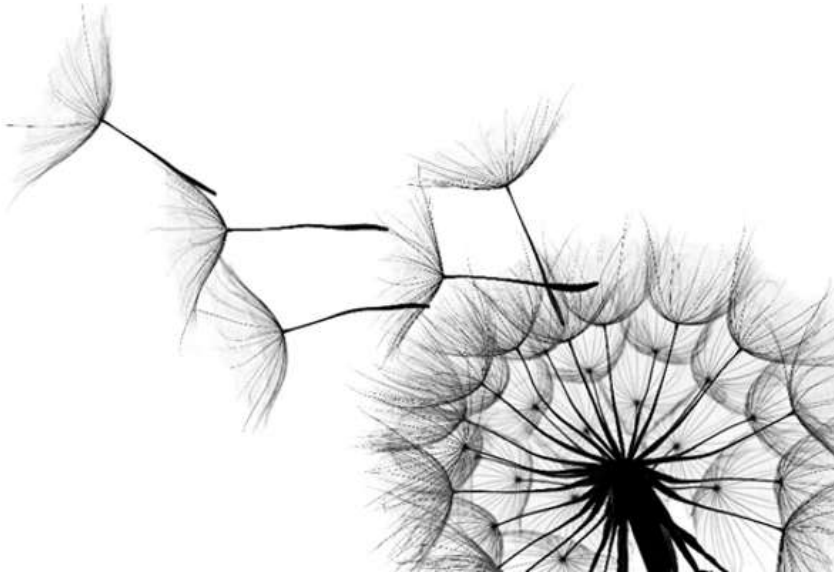


MEMORIAL SERVICE

PARISH OF BARDSEY WITH EAST KESWICK
SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026



WE SING: LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord
of all joy whose trust, ever
child-like, 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 kindliness, 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.

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[We sit for the welcome and introduction]

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. We meet to
remember those who we love but see no longer, to
renew our trust in Christ, and to pray together that
we may be one in him. We light this candle, a
symbol of God's love, light and warmth.

**All: The light of Christ shines to lighten our
darkness**

Leader: Thank you for coming to share in our Memorial
Service. We hope that the opportunity to

remember, pray and light a candle will be helpful to you.

Leader: We know we don't have all the answers here, but we pray that our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ will bring hope and comfort in the midst of sadness.

May God be with you today to comfort and strengthen you as we remember together.

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed, and omission, and confess them before our loving God. You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

THE COLLECT

Leader: Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church. God of all love and compassion as you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death, remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you, where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and for ever.

All: Amen.

READINGS

[We sit for a reading from the New Testament]

WE SING: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (PSALM 23)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishéd in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Francis Rous 1579-1659 revised Scottish Psalter, 1650. CCLI 714723/1307134

[We sit for a reading from a Gospel]

SERMON



[Prayers of Intercession concluding with The Lord's Prayer]

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMEMORATION

Leader: Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in
love those whom we have placed into your hands.

*[Please take a card, write on it the name/s of your loved ones.
Place the card into the basket and then light a candle/s.]*

WE SING: ABIDE WITH ME.

Abide with me: fast falls the
eventide; the darkness
deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and
comforts flee, help of the
helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's
little day; earth's joys grow
dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all
around I see. O thou who
changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every
passing hour. What but thy
grace can foil the tempter's
power? Who like thyself my
guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand
to bless, ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide
with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my
closing eyes. Shine through
the gloom and point me to the
skies. Heaven's morning
breaks and earth's vain
shadows flee; in life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
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[The basket of cards is placed on the altar]

Leader: Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, children of your own
redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the
glorious company of the saints in light.

All: Amen.

Leader: This is the will of him that sent me, that I should
lose nothing of all that he has given me,

All: and I will raise them up at the last day.

THE BLESSING

Leader: May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit be with you and those you love now and
in eternity. **Amen**

WE SING: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your
peace. Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love. Where
there is injury, your pardon,
Lord and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may
never seek, so much to be
consoled as to console.
To be understood as to
understand, to be loved, as to
love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your
peace. Where there's despair
in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only
light and where there's
sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may
never seek, so much to be
consoled as to console, to be
understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all
my soul.*

Make me a channel of your
peace. It is in pardoning that
we are pardoned, In giving of
our all that we receive, and in
dying that we're born to
eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)