

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**

Order of Service for Holy Communion on the Second Sunday of
Christmas, 4 January 2026, 10.30am St Mary Magdalene.

We welcome the Ven. Paddy Benson today

We sing: Sans Day Carol (on screen)

Now the holly bears a berry as
white as the milk, and Mary bore
Jesus, who was wrapped up in
silk:

*And Mary bore Jesus our
Saviour for to be, and the first
tree in the greenwood, it was the
holly. Holly! Holly! And the first
tree in the greenwood, it was the
holly!*

Now the holly bears a berry as
green as the grass, and Mary
bore Jesus, who died on the
cross:

And Mary bore Jesus...

Now the holly bears a berry as
black as the coal, and Mary bore
Jesus, who died for us all:

And Mary bore Jesus...

Now the holly bears a berry, as
blood is it red, then trust we our
Saviour, who rose from the dead:

*And Mary bore Jesus our
Saviour for to be, and the first
tree in the greenwood, it was the
holly. Holly! Holly! And the first
tree in the greenwood, it was the
holly!*

The Greeting (please remain standing)

Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Prayer of Preparation

All: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Minister: May almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Prayer for Today

Minister: God our Father, in love you sent you Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Jeremiah (31:7-14)

⁷ This is what the Lord says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’” ⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labour; a great throng will return. ⁹ They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son. ¹⁰ “Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’” ¹¹ For the Lord will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. ¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. ¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. ¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (1:3-14)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen· having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

We sing: To God Be the Glory (MP 248)

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave His Son; Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, that opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice! O come
to the Father, through Jesus the
Son: And give him the glory!
Great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord...

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
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Son: And give him the glory!
Great Things He hath done!*

The Gospel reading for today *(please remain standing)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)

All: Glory to you O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address *(please be seated)*

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us sit or kneel to pray to the Father.

After: Lord, in your mercy, *please respond:* **Hear our prayer.**

After: Merciful Father, *please respond:* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *(please stand)*

Minister: We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We sing: Of Our Father's Love Begotten (A&M 325 omit verses 2, 6 & 7)

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the
source, the ending he, of the
things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore, and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race,
And the Babe, the world's
Redeemer, first revealed his
sacred face, evermore and
evermore

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
Angel-hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before
him, and extol our God and King:
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers and sages
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the writings of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long expected:
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the
Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to
thee, hymn and chant and high
thanksgiving and unwearied
praises be, honour, glory and
dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

The Eucharistic Prayer (*please sit or kneel*)

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Minister: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen

Minister: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Minister: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread. Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Minister: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All: **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean; our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

You are most welcome to come to the altar rail to take communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, carry this service sheet with you.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Minister: All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into world, to take our nature upon him. and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven now and forever. **Amen**

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We sing: Joy to the World (on screen)

Joy to the world; the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King; Let
every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and
nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Saviour
reigns; Let men their songs
employ; While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows
grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
flow.

Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and
grace, and makes the nations
prove, the glories of His
righteousness.

And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His
love

Minister: Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Services in January

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Wed Jan 7 th	11am Holy Communion, SMM
Sun Jan 11 th	8am Holy Communion, AH 10.30am Joint Holy Communion, AH
Sun Jan 18 th	10.30am East Keswick Methodist Covenant Service
Sun Jan 25 th	10.30am Joint Holy Communion, SMM

Over the winter months, as we do not have a vicar in residence, there may be a need to cancel services on a Sunday at short notice due to bad weather and the vicar not being able to reach the parish. If you wish to be notified of any service cancellations, could you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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

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