

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 Sunday before Advent – Christ
the King, 23rd November 2025, 8am All Hallows.

We welcome Revd. David Robinson.

The Greeting *(please remain standing)*

Priest: 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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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

Priest: God the Father, help us hear the call of Christ the King
And to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end
For he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one
glory. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Jeremiah (23:1-6)

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the Lord. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

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

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:11-20)

We also pray that ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

The Gospel Reading for Today

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23:33-43)

All: Glory to you O Lord

³³ When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

³⁵ The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. ³⁷ They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?" ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

Priest: 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*)

Priest: To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Eucharistic Prayer (*please sit or kneel*)

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and

archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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

Priest: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; That they, plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works, may you be plenteously rewarded; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Priest: Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, 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 this service.

Upcoming Services

(all services could be subject to change check website)

Sun Nov 30 th	10am Joint HC, SMM
Wed Dec 3 rd	11am HC, SMM
Sun Dec 7 th	10am Joint HC, AH
Sun Dec 14 th	8am HC, AH; 4pm Carols by Candlelight, SMM
Sun Dec 21 st	8am & 10.45 HC, AH; 9.15am HC, SMM
Wed Dec 24 th	3pm Crib Services, AH & SMM; 11pm Midnight Mass, AH
Thu Dec 25 th	10.30am Family Worship, AH (TBC)
Sun Dec 28 th	No Services

With Christmas approaching, any donations for the St Aidan's FoodShare would be gratefully received at the collection points at the Callister Hall in Bardsey or 21 The Paddock, East Keswick or at the back of SMM.

Also keep knitting for BabyBasics to give someone a Christmas gift made with love. Thank you!

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