

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
First Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2025,
10.00am St Mary Magdalene.
We welcome Ven. Paddy Benson

We sing: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (A&M 26)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people
save, and give them victory o'er
the grave:

Rejoice! Rejoice...

O come, thou Dayspring, come
and cheer, our spirits by thine
advent here; Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night and
death's dark shadows put to
flight;

Rejoice! Rejoice...

O come, thou Key of David,
come, and open wide our
heavenly home; Make safe the
way that leads on high and close
the path to misery:

Rejoice! Rejoice...

O come, O come, thou Lord of
Might, who to thy tribes, on
Sinai's height, in ancient times
didst give the law, in cloud and
majesty and awe:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Latin Advent Antiphons, tr J.M Neale (1818-
66) CCLI:1307134/714723

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.

[The first Advent candle is lit]

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts this Christmas, be king of our lives today

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: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the lightness of holiness that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Isaiah (2:1-5)

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (13:11-14)

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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

We Sing: Christ be our light (on screen)

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness. Longing for truth, we
turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the
world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the
darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered
today.*

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled. Longing for hope,
many despair. Your word alone
has power to save us. Make us
your living voice.

Christ be our light!...

Longing for food, many are
hungry. Longing for water, many
still thirst. Make us your bread,
broken for others, shared until all
are fed.

Christ be our light!...

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light!

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44)

All: Glory to you O Lord

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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: May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (A&M 262)

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the
sceptre, his the throne. Alleluia!
his the triumph, his the victory
alone. Hark the songs of
peaceful Sion thunder like a
mighty flood; Jesus out of every
nation hath redeemed us by his
blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we
left in sorrow now; Alleluia, he is
near us, faith believes, nor
questions how; Though the
cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget his
promise, 'I am with you
evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of angels, thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest; thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98) CCLI:
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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: It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saying:

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: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait for the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise 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.

We sing: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (A&M 28)

Lo, he comes with clouds
descending, once for favoured
sinners slain; Thousand
thousand saints attending, swell
the triumph of his train: Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and
sold him, pierced and nailed him
to the Tree. Deeply wailing.
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears.
Cause of endless exultation to
his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture.
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and
glory, claim the kingdom for
Thine own: Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-88) & John Cennick (1718-55) CCLI: 714723/1307134

Minister: May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **Amen.**

Minister: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

As we await our coming Saviour, 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 December

(all services could be subject to change check website)

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

The Churches Together Christmas Event is '**A Christmas to Believe In**' on Monday 22 December at **7.00pm** in East Keswick Village Hall, with **Village Voices** singing from **6.45pm**. There will be carol singing and refreshments. Free entry.

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.