

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Intercessions

Sunday 22 January 2023 – Terry Wheeler

Let us come before God with thankfulness for his goodness. Holding up our prayers to him for the Church and for the World.

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.

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

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

Lord in all the pain of the world we pray that your hand will guide us to peace and unity. In our own communities we are thankful that we could share with our Methodist friends in the Covenant service last Sunday, that our relationship with St Aidan's continues to flourish and that our Winter Warmers grow in numbers. We pray for opportunities to work together for the good of all, so that our unity may be a witness in a fractured world.

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

We pray for all in Ukraine, for hope and protection; we pray for those trying to negotiate a way forward and for peacemakers and peace builders. We pray for all who are victims of war or conflict, particularly for those forgotten countries in our world.

Bless and guide Charles our King, give wisdom to all in authority and direct this and every nation in the ways of Justice, peace and compassion, 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 children, 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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Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us the wisdom to care for the Earth. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on a covenant of your love.

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 or in pain; those struggling with despair or depression; those waiting for a job or important news, a friend to call or just to receive a smile. 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 let us think in our hearts of any people we know in special need.

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.

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

In our Gospel reading we heard that the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah were fulfilled. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Lord help us to heed your word, to hear your voice and to walk in your light, this day and forever

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.**