

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 Parish Joint Holy Communion

Candlemas, 2nd February 2025

10am St Mary Magdalene, East Keswick

We welcome Ven Paddy Benson who is taking our service today.

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!...

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: Lord Jesus Christ,
Light of the nations and glory of Israel
Make your home among us,
And present us pure and holy
To your heavenly Father
Your God and our God. **Amen.**

The Bible Readings for Today

A reading from the book of Malachi (3:1-5)

“Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

²“But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. ³He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord. ⁴Then once more the Lord will accept the offerings brought to him by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as he did in the past. ⁵“At that time I will put you on trial. I am eager to witness against all sorcerers and adulterers and liars. I will speak against those who cheat employees of their wages, who oppress widows and orphans, or who deprive the foreigners living among you of justice, for these people do not fear me,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

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

A reading from the book of Hebrews (2:14-end)

¹⁴Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who

had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

¹⁶ We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

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

We sing: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (A&M 142 omitting verses 2 & 4)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed;
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, is the time appointed
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

Kings shall fall down before Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth:
Love, joy, and hope like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him on the mountains,
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
From age and age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever
His changeless name of love.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:22-40)

All: Glory to you O Lord

²² Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.” ²⁴ So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—“either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,
as you have promised.

³⁰ I have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared for all people.

³² He is a light to reveal God to the nations,
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

³³ Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. ³⁵ As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

³⁶ Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. ³⁷ Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. ³⁸ She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began

praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was on him.

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

Address (*please sit*)

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

All: Merciful Father, 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: Purify My Heart *(on screen)*

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious
silver.

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep
within.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will

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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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the
nations, while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your
redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced
his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with
you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in 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.**

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: God of Glory,
 you nourish us with your Word
 who is the bread of life:
 fill us with your Holy Spirit
 that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of 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: In Christ Alone (on screen)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my
song. This cornerstone, this solid
ground, firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths
of peace. When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in
the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to
save. Till on that cross as Jesus
died the wrath of God was
satisfied. For every sin on Him
was laid, here in the death of
Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness
slain. Then bursting forth in
glorious day, up from the grave He
rose again. And as He stands in
victory, sin's curse has lost its grip
on me. For I am His and He is
mine, bought with the precious
blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of
man, can ever pluck me from His
hand. Till He returns or calls me
home, here in the power of Christ
I'll stand.

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Minister: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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 this service.

Please note from January till March we are temporarily changing our service pattern, to be more 'eco' and only heat one building during the cold months. Please see website / Village News for more information.

Services for February 2025

Wednesday 5th: 11am Holy Communion, SMM

Sunday 9th: 8am Holy Communion, SMM
10am Family Service, SMM

Sunday 16th: 8am Holy Communion, AH
10am Holy Communion, AH

Sunday 23rd: 8am, Holy Communion, AH
10am Morning Worship, AH

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE PARISH - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

Food Bank Collection Point – is now at the Callister Hall Monday to Friday. Please do not leave any donations at the vicarage as it is now rented.

Callister Café will be on Tuesday 11th February at 12.45pm in the Callister Hall. No charge, but all proceeds to St Aidan's Foodshare.

Forms for the Parish Giving Scheme are available in the Parish Office and both churches if you prefer that to online application.

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