

The Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick

Village News



APR – MAY 2021

Spring - a
celebration
of new life...

A round up of
church news and
activities from the
villages of Bardsey,
East Keswick and
the surrounding
area

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New life emerges

The days are longer the weather warmer and as spring begins we welcome the birth of new life.

Nature reminds us of our worlds ability to recover from the harshest of circumstances and with the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine we can look forward to our own physical and mental recovery.

As we leave the reflections of Lent we greet the Easter celebrations full of expectations for a return to a more fulfilling year ahead, without the restrictions of coronavirus.

Perhaps not quite back to normal but to a world where we recognise the importance of nature and the way we treat it.

I know it's Easter time again, I feel it in the air.
The breath of spring with woody tang,
And new life everywhere.
And spring glides on with magic touch,
O'er mountain side and glen;
And wakens all the sleeping plants,
For Easter time again.

Edna Reed

From the Vicarage



Angela Hannafin

The Village News is unfortunately still only available online, as we remain in a national lockdown. Therefore, we are not able to provide a printed version of the magazine, to most people, at this time, although we hope that we will be able to as soon as lockdown measures ease.

We realise that fewer people may be seeing this magazine whilst it is in an online format only, so, if you'd like to forward a copy by email to other people who might appreciate it, please do! It's only by spreading the news of our magazine that we can increase circulation.

Despite current restrictions, we can still celebrate this wonderful time of year. Spring is always very beautiful in our villages, and the wonder of nature has boosted all our spirits. There is much to look at, and be encouraged by, from the longer days, to the colourful flowers and buds springing up everywhere.

Easter is always a time of great joy, too. We remember that Jesus Christ rose from the dead to save us, defying the expectations of his closest friends and family. What looked like a desperate scene, when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, turned into the most spectacular miracle. The stone which held the tomb sealed was rolled away on the third day. Now the things which can hold us prisoner can be released. Anxiety, fear, desperation - all of these things which we have struggled with in lockdown, become things which God can breathe his Spirit into. Instead of feeling alone, we can know that God is with us and will help us through these difficult times.

Easter has never felt more significant.

May you be filled with Easter hope and joy, even in these difficult times.

Every blessing.

Angela

Easter in the Parish

Unfortunately at the time of printing our churches are still closed for regular Sunday services, due to the national lockdown. However, during Holy Week we will have a programme of online reflections based on our Lent series 'God's story - Our Story', and on Maundy Thursday we will join with the Parish of St Aidan's, Harehills, for an online Eucharistic service, followed by an optional time of silence and prayer.

The week will culminate with three services **at our churches** on Easter Sunday, which will follow the same structure as our previous 'Covid' services, with strict rules maintained, as before.

All online Zoom links are available from the **Parish Office** and full details of our Easter services can be found on our website.

www.bardseyekparish.com/easter2021

If you would like to attend a service on Easter Sunday, please contact either Churchwarden (**Jacque Earnshaw** or **Fiona Siekierkowski**) to reserve a space.

Diary dates

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

1 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

2 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

4 April

EARTH DAY

22 APRIL

ST GEORGE'S DAY

23 APRIL

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

4 MAY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10 - 16 MAY

ASCENSION DAY

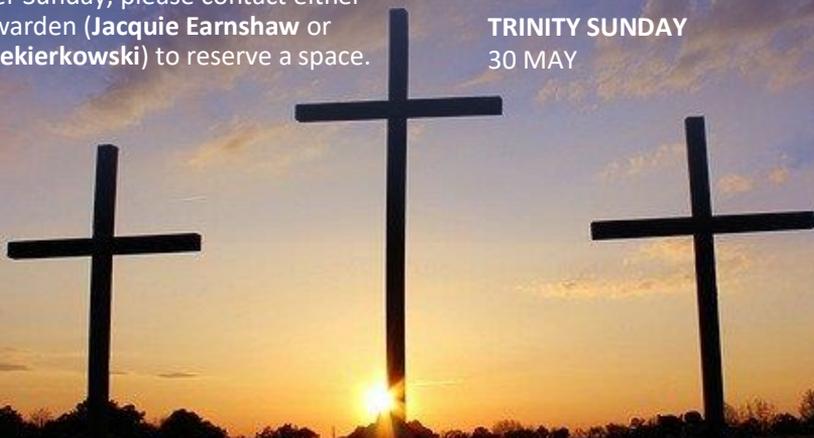
13 MAY

PENTECOST

23 MAY

TRINITY SUNDAY

30 MAY



From the Register

We remember those whose funerals have taken place

ARNOUL BURNS

Monday 1 February, All Hallows

REGINALD BRIGHT

Thursday 11 February, Stonefall

DORIS HORNSBY

Tuesday 16 February, All Hallows

LYNDA STYRING-CROSS

Thursday 11 March, All Hallows



Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure;
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure...

William Wordsworth

East Keswick Village Hall

Current lockdown restrictions will be in place until 11 April, which means the hall will remain closed to group activities and pre-booked events until then.

We will re-open in a cautious and gradual manner, being as flexible as possible in support of those who had previously booked their event with us. We will be giving priority to honour the bookings we already have. As the opportunity to hold these events is restricted some may take place mid-week as well as at weekends.

All local village clubs and new interested parties will be invited to return or join us from the beginning of September without restrictions.

Prize Draw

Due to the coronavirus restrictions we were unable to hold the draw in 2020 but we very much hope that this year's event will take place as usual in November. Meanwhile, we are keen to draw the 2020 winners and have decided our best option is a Zoom meeting at **6pm on 12 April**.

For details of this Zoom sessions and to read the full Covid-19 march bulletin please visit our website.

www.eastkeswickvillagehall.org

Bardsey Bowling Club



We open in April.

Come and join us!

We are a friendly club looking to encourage more people to try bowls. We are offering two months membership, the loan of all equipment and coaching and tuition, for just £30.

The green is located off Woodacre Crescent, behind Bardsey village hall

Contact Andy on **01937 572098** or check out our website for further information.

www.bardseybowlingclub.com

In November we celebrated the 80th anniversary of the formation of the East Keswick branch of the Women's Institute. Sadly the pandemic prevented us from meeting but we plan to mark the event very soon, when we can all meet up together again.

We are still alive though and keeping in touch by any method possible and as a special treat at Christmas every member was given a packet of homemade Ginger Fairing biscuits. If you would like to try them here is the tried and tested WI recipe!

We have also been looking after the East Keswick telephone box library which is being well used during the lockdown and we are delighted to be able to enjoy the daffodils now flowering opposite Brooklands that were planted in memory of Joan Clarke.

Hopefully we will be able to have normal meetings before too long when we will look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new members.

Ginger Fairing Biscuits

Ingredients

- 360gm self-raising flour
- 180gm sugar
- 180gm margarine
- 2 tablespoons syrup
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- a pinch of salt and half a teaspoon bi-carbonate of soda.

Method

- Melt margarine and syrup in pan
- Add dry ingredients and mix well
- Roll into small balls
- Place well apart on a baking tray
- Cook for 15 mins at 170°C / gas mark 3

Leave to cool then enjoy with a cup of tea.



Christian Aid Week

10 - 16 May, 2021

How Christian Aid works:

- By seeking to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world.
- By standing with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world – both in times of crisis and for the longer term. They give people survival essentials when they are without shelter or refuge, and help them find the strength and resources they need to flourish and protect themselves from shocks and disasters.
- By supporting people to stand up for their rights and to build stable, secure lives they can enjoy living.

And they are part of a global movement for change:

- They work to educate and mobilise people from all kinds of backgrounds to build a movement that can change the course of history and bring social justice to all.
- They campaign to ensure a more equal division of power in the world, promoting the rights and voices of women and girls – and anyone discriminated against because of who they are.

- They push our political leaders to tackle climate change and tax dodging – which hit the poorest the hardest – and for our society to welcome those who have been forced to flee their homes overseas.

Christian Aid would like you to pray for them, work with them and if possible give a donation to them. Many of you know that during this week in previous years we have had an envelope collection in the parish which sadly will not be possible this year. However, it's important the vital work of Christian Aid still receives income so we would encourage you to go to their website and donate online.

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week



Climate chaos is one of the greatest injustices we face. Together we can STOP this climate crisis.

Meet the Neighbours

Angela Hannafin talks to Robert Siekierkowski, a member of St Mary Magdalene church's congregation.



How long have you been in East Keswick, Robert?

We arrived here in 1990, so perhaps we're no longer considering a newbie! We lived in Harewood before and had our eldest son there. By the time it came to our second child, we needed a larger place to live, so we moved to East Keswick.

Did you grow up around here?

No, I grew up in Oldham. Both my parents are Polish, and they came over as refugees during the war. My father was from the West side of Poland and my mother from the East side, and they met in Manchester.

What about your working life?

I studied for a Maths degree, and eventually went into teaching maths and computing, leading me to a role as Head of ICT for Notre Dame 6th Form College. I enjoyed the creativity of teaching and meeting new challenges from new sets of students coming in every year. I hate having to repeat and do the same thing over and over again... education is very different!

Have you enjoyed being retired?

It's good to take life at a much easier pace and I can enjoy what I wanted to do.

I now look forward to our weekly Zoom Art Club. I've appreciated the discussions and now I'm thinking I need to look at paintings in galleries in a different way.

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How does your faith impact your life?

I grew up as a Roman Catholic, and this had a big influence on my life. As a young child, I went to mass every Sunday, although sometimes the services seemed to go on forever!

When I got married and lived in Harewood, we started going to the chapel in Harewood, and began worshipping with a small number of people. Now I'm a member of St Mary Magdalene, in East Keswick, which has a similar feel.

Recently, we went through an enquirer's course, (The Start Course), and there was one question which struck me, "Is your life better with God or without?" I'd not questioned it before, but that question focused me into realising that my life is better.

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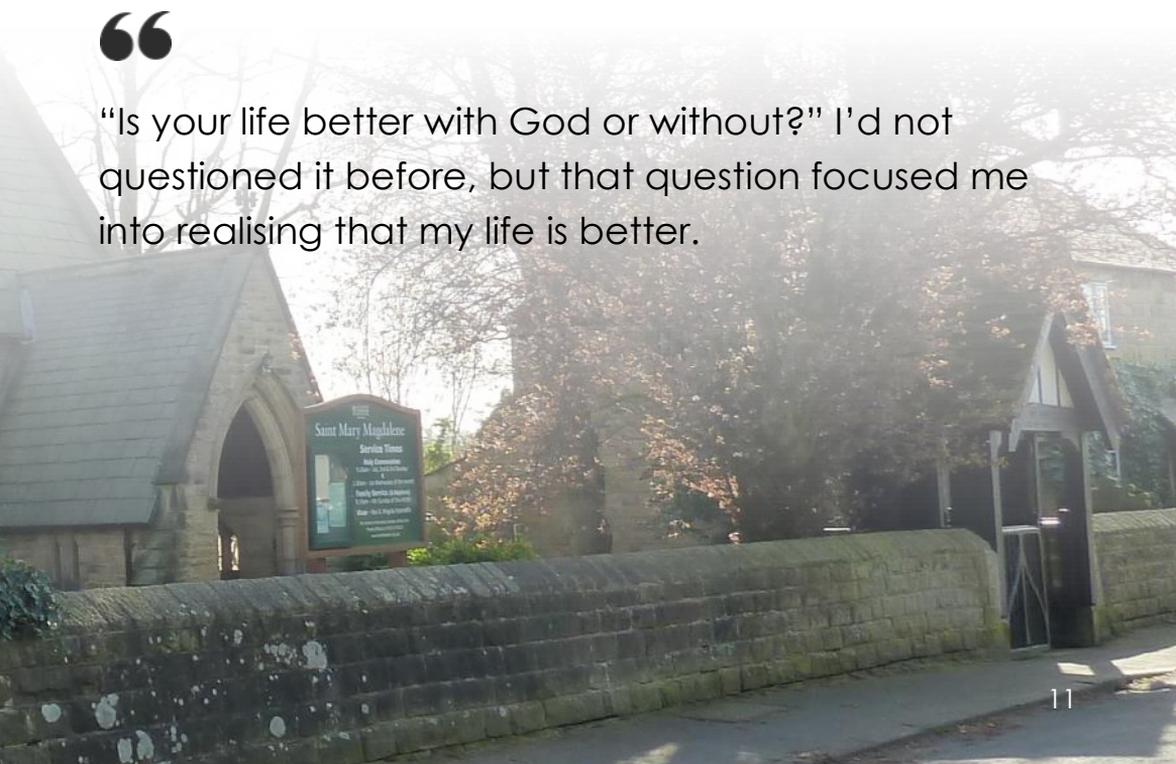
What does it mean to be part of a church community?

I've always enjoyed the relationships I've formed with people at church. It was great getting to know people at Harewood. St Mary Magdalene is another close-knit community. Some of the people there are my closest friends.

How have you coped through Covid?

We missed things, but there have been new opportunities. I would never have helped build an outside nativity set for Christmas otherwise! I also started to do some wood-working and have got through some very complicated jigsaws. The monthly Parish Quiz has also been good fun.

Thanks Robert, it's been great to hear your story.



The Institute has continued to keep in touch with members by phone and monthly Zoom meetings. A newsletter was also produced in February, with articles, stories, tips and photos, which was distributed by email and hard copies to members not on the internet.

In January, 21 members were wished compliments of the season by the President, Hazel Smith and the following resolution options for the National AGM in June were chosen; A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer / Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease / Racism and discrimination / Protect your nature space to create wild-friendly communities / Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change.

Twelve members showed articles, with some age, telling the story behind them and Gill Swaby Ward told of her experience on the Antiques Roadshow.

February arrived and 25 members listened intently to Meryl White telling of Grandma Abson's Traditional Recipes, which was well received - only to be improved by the availability of tasty samples.

The West Yorkshire Federation are organising a quilt and require a square 8" x 8", which depicts our lives throughout the coronavirus pandemic. The crafters of the Institute were asked to get involved.

March, saw 25 members check into Zoom and Brenda Sanderson gave a talk entitled 'Memories of a Fancy' and explained how her husband's hobby of breeding exhibition budgerigars had affected her life - evoking questions and chat.

The resolution 'A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer', was selected to go forward to the National AGM, receiving 30,240 votes (nearly 50%) from across the country.

The subscription of £44 for the year fell due but it had been decided that this would be partly subsidised by the Institute out of funds and members would only pay £30 for the coming year.

The next meeting is on 14 April at 7pm, by Zoom when Martin and Jill Fish will talk about gardening and horticulture. Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting evening.

It is an excellent time for new members to join the WI, especially with the reduced subscription, with not only Bardsey WI, but Scarcroft, Roundhay and Scholes Institutes also inviting members to their meetings. We are hoping that we can perhaps get back into the Village Hall for June/July, probably with doors and windows open and masks but back where we belong.

Brenda

Church Electoral Roll Revision

2 - 16 April, 2021

Notice is hereby given that a revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place between the above dates.

The Electoral Roll is not the same as the governments Electoral Register but rather a list of those qualified to vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, stand for election to the Parochial Church Council and nominate others for office in the Church in this parish.

Membership of the roll is open to all who are over sixteen years of age, have been baptised and have completed an application form in which they declare themselves to be a member of the Church of England or a church in communion with the Church of England. They must also be resident within the parish or a worshipper in a church within the parish.

Any eligible person wishing to join the Church Electoral Roll must complete an Application Form, copies of which can be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Parish Office.

New names cannot be added to the Roll between 16 April and the end of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Annual Church Meetings

Tuesday 4 May, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on the above date by Zoom starting at **7.30pm**.

All residents of the parish are entitled to attend the APM, to stand for office, to nominate others for office and to vote.

The APCM will follow the APM and anyone wishing to formally take part will need to be enrolled on the Church Electoral Roll.

Three people will be elected onto the Parochial Church Council (PCC) during the APCM.

If you would like to attend these meetings please let the **Parish Office** know and a Zoom link will be provided.



A big thank you from The Children's Society

From Helen in Bardsey

I was not expecting a great deal this January as I began to open and count the money from some of the box holders in the village, as I was aware that people have not had the opportunity to spend as much cash in the current climate and so spare change will have been scarce. In addition, I was unable to collect many of the boxes, as I was advised not to do doorstep collections.

However, I was pleasantly surprised by the number of box holders who did indeed manage to get boxes to me, through other (safe) means, and some kindly gave me a donation which meant that I was able to send over £830 to the Society. This, amazingly, is an increase on last year's donations which shows how much everyone wants to help this worthwhile charity, particularly at this time.

Thanks to such contributions, The Children Society were able to be there to support over 11,000 young people who felt scared and alone over the last year.

Please do not worry if you were unable to get your box counted this year – keep popping your change in it and I will look forward to collecting your boxes next January. By working together, we can give children in this country the bright future that they deserve.

If anyone else would like to take a collection box, we would be happy to provide you with one. Ring Helen Render on 01937 572742 or Carol Peace on 01937 573061.



From Carol in East Keswick (pictured)

Thank you very much for your donation to the Children's Society. Many box holders commented on how little loose change they had handled this last year and how few coins they had in their boxes! As a result, some people have chosen to send cheques or cash donations instead of returning their boxes this year.

A special thank you to Susan Priestley for raising £100 by selling her homemade marmalade! That helped to bring our grand total to a wonderful £583.64

The valuable work of The Children's Society is helping to overturn the damaging decline in children's well-being due to the coronavirus pandemic

Rest assured your money is going to a very worthwhile cause.



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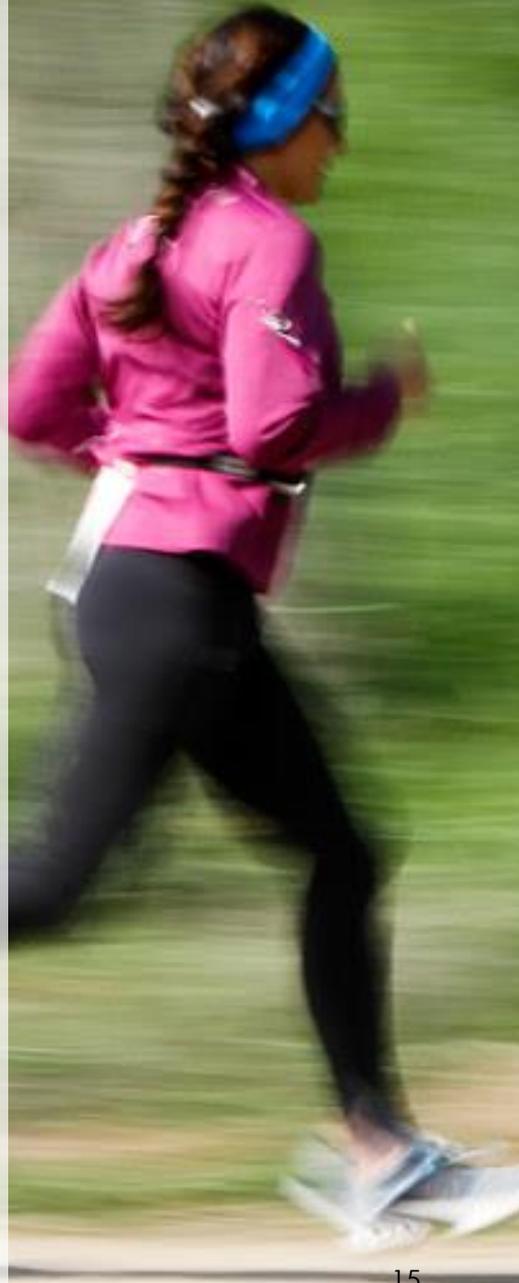
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Funding for our Churches

Elizabeth Otty

Have you ever wondered how our village churches are funded?

The answer to the question is probably no for most people, because those who are not regular church goers often assume that churches are funded centrally by government but this is not so.

Our churches of All Hallows in Bardsey and Saint Mary Magdalene in East Keswick are entirely funded by

donations from the people who use them, those who go to services, attend weddings and funerals, those who use our church hall, and also those who may never come through our doors but value the presence of a beautiful building and large well-maintained churchyard within their village.

Our churches are very expensive places to run so we need regular financial support throughout the year to cover everyday running costs and also for those special projects, like repairing our roofs. We also need to pay what is called the 'Parish Share' to the Diocese of Leeds and in return they pay the salary of our Vicar and give us lots of support in other ways, for example with training.

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Of course the funds we need don't just go to caring for our buildings and our people - our parish is committed to communicating the love of God by serving our community locally and more widely, by caring for those in need, those who grieve, and those who seek comfort and hope in the challenging times we live in. Over the past year we have been showing this in many ways, including our support for those less fortunate than ourselves in Harehills through their FoodShare programme.

We are also very conscious that the world we live in is being destroyed by the climate crisis so as churches we are doing all we can to help reduce global warming and in doing so provide a

better future for our children.

So we are very grateful to all who help us to carry on this work. If you would like to help do let us know.

If you would like to support us financially it's easy to do. For a single donation go to our website and click on the 'Donate Now' button, or if you feel you could give on a regular basis contact Elizabeth in the Parish Office for a standing order form.

Take a look at the 'Ways to Give' section on our website for full details.

Taking care of the fabric at All Hallows





Earth Day

Thursday, 22 April 2021

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement was signed by more than 120 countries, heralding the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty, adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

This year the theme is *Restore the Earth* and will be marked by a range of

actions around the world including a global climate summit in the USA. You too can take action locally to help address climate change. The newly launched **Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission** can help you find out more about what's going on in our region.

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It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth.

David Attenborough



Eco Church Award

Liz Parr

We are pleased to announce that St Mary Magdalene has now joined All Hallows, in achieving a Bronze Eco Church award.

The award scheme is organised by the Christian conservation charity **A Rocha**.

To qualify we had to satisfy a number of criteria in several different categories of church life; at first sight a daunting prospect while our church buildings were closed. However, church life has continued, albeit differently, and we have had a chance to consider our response to the damage done to God's creation.

As well as an assessment of our current practices the scheme encourages us to increase our environmental awareness and continue to work to repair the damage to our planet.



A Rocha UK's award scheme is for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth.



Holiday Eco Highlights

Elizabeth Otty

Tips for being 'green' this summer...

Take your holidays locally or if you really have to travel abroad go by land. A return flight to Greece emits one tonne CO₂e – your whole 2021 reduction target!

Think twice before you book a cruise: the environmental impact is greater than a flight with CO₂e emissions of 640g per person per mile.

If you are staying away choose your hotel carefully. Depending on the level of luxury, meat served, food wasted, energy wasted with excess heating etc. your stay away could cost you 3 - 60kg CO₂e per person per night.

Going for a day out to the beach? Take a bag in your pocket and pick up any litter you see.

Slow down on your car journeys: Drive at 60mph on the motorway and 50mph on main roads and save 10% on fuel and CO₂e emissions.

And have a happy and eco holiday!

Both All Hallows and Saint Mary Magdalene are continuing on their eco journey.

Please join us by checking out our environment page on our web site and make a personal commitment by taking the Eco Pledge challenge.

For more information contact Elizabeth in the **Parish Office**

CO₂e is a unit of measure for the combined greenhouse gas emissions that are responsible for our climate heating up - of which carbon dioxide is the biggest contributor.

The Village News

The Village News magazine is published bimonthly by the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bardsey with East Keswick and distributed free of charge to all households in the Parish (Covid-19 permitting).

A digital copy of the magazine can be viewed or downloaded from the parish and other village websites and is also available by email on request.

A very small number of printed copies are made available during the Covid-19 lockdown periods for those without internet access.

We welcome contributions from our village communities, relating to news, events and topics of interest, for possible inclusion in the magazine, without charge, which would be published at the discretion of the editorial team.

Please send entries for inclusion to:
bardseyparishchur@btinternet.com

Copy deadline for the June - July 2021 edition is Friday, 14 May 2021

If you missed previous editions you can still find them on the parish website.

www.bardseyekparish.com

Happy Easter



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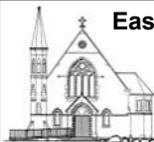
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