

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF



ANTHONY FREDERICK  
RICHARDSON

8th April 1947 – 13th March 2024

Friday 12th April 2024 at 12.00 noon  
St Mary and All Saints, Willoughby on the Wolds



I'm There Inside Your Heart

Right now I'm in a different place  
And though we seem apart,  
I'm closer than I ever was,  
I'm there inside your heart.

I'm with you when you greet each day  
And while the sun shines bright,  
I'm there to share the sunsets, too,  
I'm with you every night.

I'm with you when the times are good  
To share a laugh or two,  
And if a tear should start to fall  
I'll still be there for you.

And when that day arrives  
That we no longer are apart,  
I'll smile and hold you close to me,  
Forever in my heart.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SENTENCES

*Please sit*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

COLLECT OF HOPE

*Please stand*

## HYMN

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird,  
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning,  
Born of the One Light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day.

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*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

*Please sit*



TRIBUTE

read by Ross McDonald, Tony's son-in-law

PRAYERS FOR FORGIVENESS FOR OUR PAST FAILURES

READING

Psalm 23

read by Canon Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Tony's parish priest

*Please stand*

## HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

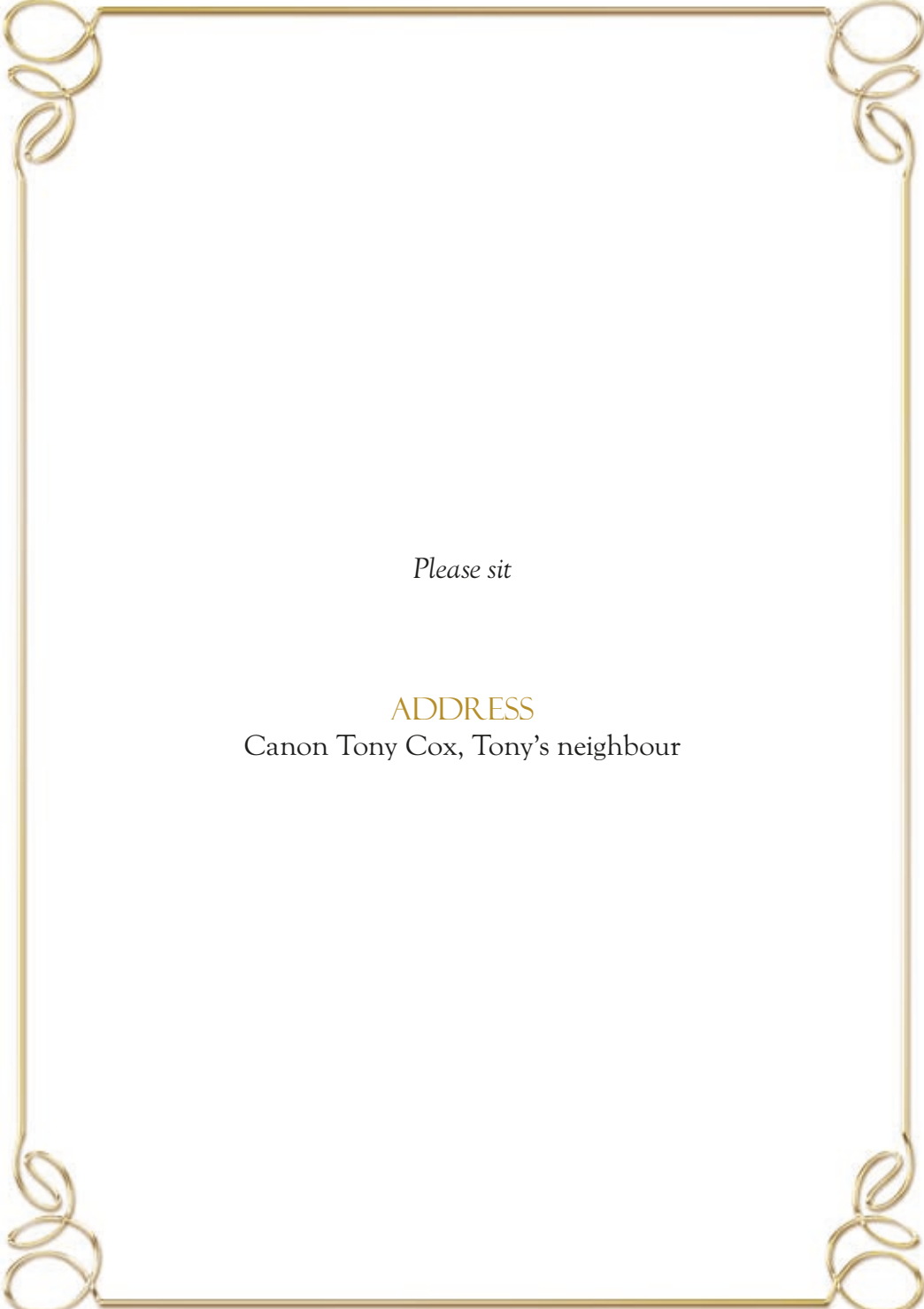
Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The purple headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

*Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895)*



*Please sit*

ADDRESS

Canon Tony Cox, Tony's neighbour

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED  
AND FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Minister: Most merciful Father, who in your loving kindness gave us so much joy through your servant Tony Richardson, we thank you for him and for our memories of him.

We bless you that for him the troubles of this world are over, and death is past; and we pray that you will bring us with him to the joy of your perfect kingdom. **Amen.**

Loving Heavenly Father, we commend to your tender care and compassion those whose loss is greatest at this time, because their lives were closest and their love was strongest. In the midst of their deep sorrow, give them the comfort of your presence, and the courage and faith they need to face life again in the days to come.

And may your peace be with them, O Lord, both now and always. **Amen.**





THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Please stand*



PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

BLESSING

*The congregation are asked to remain in church  
until the burial service in the churchyard is complete.*





Tess, Paul, Jane and Georgie would like to thank:  
Martin Powell for playing the organ in the service  
George Dawson and the bell ringers for their contribution  
Members of the church for their preparations and flowers.

You are warmly invited to join the family, after the service,  
for refreshments at the Market Tavern, Cattle Market,  
Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 1JY.

Donations in memory of Anthony will be divided between  
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**Nottingham City Hospital Critical Care Unit**  
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