



The committal service at Bramcote Crematorium will follow immediately after the service here in church and all are welcome to join us there.

John's family thank everyone for your love and support of a most wonderful man.

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments at our new parish hall next to this church.

Your donations will go to
Parkinson's UK
and
Epilepsy Action.

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Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of



JOHN GOODLIFFE

23rd January 1930 - 24th April 2019

Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 9.30 am
St Thomas More's Church, Wollaton, Nottingham
Service taken by Father Richard Hardstaff
and Deacon Anthony Cordes

ORDER OF SERVICE

TRIBUTE TO GROMP

by Jane and Louise

John, our Grandpa, whom we fondly knew as Gromp, has been a huge inspiration to us and, we know, to many other friends and family members. Gromp had many, many great qualities but three things in particular perfectly sum up our Gromp, that we will remember him by:

1. His great sense of humour

Gromp always made us laugh. Sometimes so much that Louise would turn purple from laughing so much! He loved to send his funny emails to his friends. He sent these to us too, however inappropriate! He made us laugh daily with his love of food! Dinner times were always entertaining!

2. His perseverance and strength

Gromp was a proud man and had a can-do attitude to everything. Although his physical limitations frustrated him, he kept going and pushed himself to his limits. We admire his strength and resilience.

3. His everlasting love for Nanny

It has been a privilege to grow up watching a relationship built deeply on love, respect and dedication. Nanny and Gromp's relationship has shown us what true love really is. Nanny and Gromp were best of friends throughout their married life. We know their relationship has been a great inspiration to many of their friends and other family members as well.

We will miss Gromp terribly but remember these character traits with great fondness and we will strive to replicate them in our own lives. Thank you, Gromp, for being the best role model.

THE NIGHT THE ANGEL CAME

The days go by, the world moves on.
I know you're here, you'll never be gone.
When the angel came that night to take your hand,
We cried as you went to an unknown land.
But heaven rejoiced as you came into sight,
For your soul was a diamond, shining so bright.

by Harriot Grinnell-Moore

OPENING HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

by Father Richard

FIRST READING

from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 25: verses 6-9

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

read by Jane and Louise

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek, he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said. See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation, the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

This is the word of the Lord.

DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL

Death is nothing at all.

It does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.

I am I, and you are you,

and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was.

There is absolute and unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval,

somewhere very near,

just round the corner.

All is well.

Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before.

How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Canon Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

COMMITTAL SERVICE AT
BRAMCOTE CREMATORIUM

MUSIC ON ENTERING THE CHAPEL

Pachelbel's Canon in D
performed by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields

POEM

Footprints
read by Jane and Louise

MUSIC

What A Wonderful World
Susan Boyle

COMMITTAL

MUSIC ON LEAVING THE CHAPEL

When I Fall In Love
Susan Boyle and Nat King Cole

PSALM 22
The Lord Is My Shepherd

Response:
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where He gives me repose.
Near restful waters He leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Response.

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to His name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil will I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Response.

SECOND READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Romans, Chapter 14: verses 7-12

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. This is also why you should never pass judgement on a brother or treat him with contempt, as some of you have done. We shall all have to stand before the judgement seat of God; as scripture says: By my life - it is the Lord who speaks - every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall praise God. It is to God, therefore, that each of us must give an account of himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Walk with me, O my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, O Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.*

Sometimes the road seems long,
My energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
And I am given strength.

Stones often bar my path
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there
To help me when I call.

Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord,
The storms that threaten me.

Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain-side.

As once you helped the lame
And gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head up high.

Estelle White

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COMMUNION

Be Still, My Soul
Katherine Jenkins

EULOGY

a summary of John's life and pleasures



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew, Chapter 25: verse 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed,
says the Lord;
take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you
since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

from the holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5: verses 1-12

Repent and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

given by Anthony

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

HYMN

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!