

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

If you would like to make a donation in John's memory,
the family have chosen three charities to support.

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Nottingham Street Pastors

A project set up by the Malt Cross Trust

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

FOR THE LIFE OF



Reverend Canon
John William Bentham

17th December 1958 - 6th August 2019

Wednesday 4th September 2019

at 2.00 pm

St Mary's Church, Nottingham

Order of Service

Service conducted by Reverend Adrian Stone

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Reverend Tom Gillum

Blessing
Reverend Tom Gillum

Music
Bass Trap by U2

Hymn
In Christ Alone

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.

Stuart Townsend

Hymn
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness!...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness!...

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

John's Story
Reverend Adrian Stone

Family Tribute
Alice Maxim (née Bentham)

University Tribute
Sarah Sharples (Pro Vice-Chancellor at University of Nottingham)
including a contribution from Andrew Cole

Diocesan Tribute
Right Reverend Tony Porter (Bishop of Sherwood)

Prayers

Jon Walker, Alan Spicer and Reverend Dr Megan Smith

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Commendation
Reverend Adrian Stone

Bible Readings
Psalm 91 - Reverend Colin Corke
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 - Rosie Bentham

Address
Reverend Canon Steve Silvester

Song of Reflection
40 by U2

I waited patiently for the Lord.
He inclined and heard my cry.
He brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long, how long, how long
How long to sing this song?
You set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm.
Many will see, many will see and hear.

I will sing, sing a new song.
How long to sing this song?

Sung Worship
10,000 Reasons
Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind,
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore,
forevermore.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

O Praise The Name

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me,
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet,
My Saviour on that cursed tree.
His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

*O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forever more.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.*

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.
O praise the name of the Lord our God...

O praise the name of the Lord our God,
O praise His name forever more.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Sovereign Over Us

Aaron Keyes, Bryan Brown, Jack Mooring

There is strength within the sorrow,
There is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting,
You're sanctifying us,
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust.

*Your plans are still to prosper,
You have not forgotten us,
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
You're faithful forever,
Perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined,
Who could understand Your ways?
Reigning high above the Heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace.
You're the lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight.
Your plans are still to prosper...

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good.
You turn it for our good and for Your glory,
Even in the valley, You are faithful.
You're working for our good,
You're working for our good and for Your glory.
Your plans are still to prosper...

You're faithful forever,
Perfect in love,
You are sovereign over us.
