



TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
WILLIAM HOWCROFT  
'BILL'

29th May 1932 - 16th June 2017



Markeaton Crematorium, Main Chapel  
Thursday 6th July 2017 at 11.20 am



ORDER OF SERVICE





OPENING MUSIC  
'Bill' (From Show Boat) - Ava Gardner

SCRIPTURES OF HOPE

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

TIS ONLY WE WHO GRIEVE  
*read by grandson, Damon*

## HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the Holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

*William Blake (1757-1827)*



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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.

## A REFLECTION OF BILL'S LIFE

### FAMILY TRIBUTE

*by son-in-law, Julian*

## 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)*





BIBLE READING AND HOMILY

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

COMMENDATION

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

'Albatross' - Fleetwood Mac



The family are grateful for your kindness,  
words of support and for your presence today.

You are warmly invited to join them for light  
refreshments, after the service, at the  
Mundy Arms, Ashbourne Road, Derby DE22 4LZ.

Donations made in loving memory of Bill will support  
**Parkinson's UK.**

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God,  
trust also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions...  
I am going there to prepare a place for you."

*John, Chapter 14*

*Service conducted by Reverend James Lindsay*

**A.W. LYMN**

*The Family Funeral Service*

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