

The Parish Church of  
St Mary the Virgin, Bunny



*The Funeral of*  
**Michael Nevil Worth**  
*13<sup>th</sup> January 1943 - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
3.00 p.m.



## Note on Attending Funerals During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Everyone will be aware that it is essential to be extra careful during the current pandemic. The following advice, and legal information, will help with this.

- On entering the church, hand sanitiser is available. Please use it.
- Everyone is required by law to wear a face covering, except when leading part of the service. (Extra precautions have been taken to ensure that this can be done safely.)
- Social mixing is not permitted. Take your place immediately and stay at your place throughout the service. Please avoid mixing after the service.
- It is not possible to sing: please don't be tempted to join in with the hymns. However, do join in with the psalm and other parts which are spoken together.
- When leaving the building, please keep a distance of more than 2m (6 ft) from other people. Wait in your place until you can achieve this conveniently. This works best if those closest to the doors leave first. It is advisable to keep face masks on until you leave the churchyard.

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*The minister says*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you.

*All*      **And also with you.**

*The service is introduced by the Rector, Fr Tom Meyrick.*

## HYMN

*The congregation are reminded that we can only listen to the hymns.  
It is not safe for congregations to sing under current circumstances.*

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men refused, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King:  
then, 'Crucify!' is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman, tune John Ireland*

## TRIBUTES

*Memories of Michael shared by Mrs Diana Jones*

*Verses from The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe read by Mrs Celia Brace*

*Mendelssohn Organ Sonata No. 1 in F minor, 2nd movement*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*In these prayers, please join in the responses in bold.*

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our path:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the good shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## READINGS AND SERMON

### *Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*John 14.1-6 read by Mrs Helen Gordon*

*Address given by Fr Tom Meyrick*

*Chopin Polonaise in A major, Op. 40, No. 1 (Military)*

## THE PRAYERS

*At the end of the prayers, we all join in with 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.**

## HYMN

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended:  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton*

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*Please stand.*

*After the commendation we make our way to Wilford Hill Crematorium, for the Committal.*

*At the Crematorium:*

*Chopin Nocturne in E Flat Major (Op. 9 No.2)*

WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

WORDS OF COMMITTAL

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

BLESSING

*Beethoven Piano Sonata No 8 'Pathétique', Second movement: Adagio Cantabile.*

*Rector: The Rev'd Dr Tom Meyrick*

The family would like to thank everyone  
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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