

Service conducted by Father Michael Williams

**Opening Hymn**

*Abide with me*

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, oh, 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

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine. O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou 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  
Abide with me, abide with me!

## Opening Prayers

### First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

*The Lord will destroy Death forever*

Simon Gauntley

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 for ever. 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

### Responsorial Psalm

Rachel Pigott

The Lord is my light and my help. Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long  
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
It is your face, O Lord that I seek;  
hide not your face.

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

### **Gospel**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

### **Homily**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Christopher Brears and Sophie Crabtree

#### **Priest**

God, the Almighty Father, raised Jesus Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

**CB:** for Eleanor who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life that she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**SC:** for Eleanor who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life, that she may be raised up on the last day.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**CB:** for our deceased relatives and friends, in particular John Gauntley and his daughter Jessica.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**SC:** all the staff at Belvoir Vale Care Home who have cared for Eleanor, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**CB:** For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**SC:** For the family and friends of Eleanor that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**CB:** for all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Response: Hear our prayer**

**Priest**

O God, hear our prayers on behalf of your servant Eleanor, whom you have called out of this world; and because she put her hope and trust in you, command that she be carried safely home to heaven and come to enjoy your eternal reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn**

*I watch the sunrise*

I watch the sunrise  
Lighting the sky  
Casting its shadows near  
And on this morning  
Bright though it be  
I feel those shadows near me

But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord

I watch the sunlight  
Shine through the clouds  
Warming the earth below  
And at the mid-day  
Life seems to say  
I feel your brightness  
Near me

For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord

I watch the sunset fading away  
Lighting the clouds with sleep  
And as the evening closes its eyes  
I feel your brightness near me

For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord

I watch the moonlight  
Guarding the night  
Waiting 'til morning comes  
The air is silent  
Earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me

Yes, you are always close to me  
Following all my ways  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Communion**

## Hymn

### *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
In reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on Holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with Holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

## **Reading**

*by Emma Gauntley*

### **Her Cornish Eye**

She watched  
A Cornish chough  
Flying so Cornish high  
In a Cornish sky  
All Cornish observations  
Made by her Cornish eye.

She watched  
The Cornish sun,  
Masked by a Cornish cloud,  
She thought her Cornish thoughts,  
Her Cornish thoughts were loud,  
She viewed the Cornish landscape,  
And she felt so Cornish proud.

She watched  
The Cornish waves,  
Roll into the Cornish bay,  
She saw the Cornish sunset,  
At the end of another Cornish day,  
For she was ever Cornish,  
And forever Cornish she will stay ...



## **Reading**

*by Elizabeth Brears*

### **God's Garden**

God looked around His garden  
And He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this Earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you and  
Lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So, He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

## **Final Commendation – Eulogy**

Peter Gauntley will speak in remembrance of his mother

### **Invitation to Prayer and Prayer of Commendation**

#### **Recessional Hymn**

*Lord of all hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
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.

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**After the service the immediate family will accompany Eleanor to the  
Keyworth Burial Ground to pay their last respects in private.**

**We thank you for being here today and would like to invite you to join us  
at Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club after the service for refreshments from  
3pm onwards and to share memories of Eleanor.**

**Our chosen charity for any donations in memory of Eleanor is the  
Alzheimer's Society. These may be sent to A.W. Lymn, The Family Funeral  
Service, Rutland House, 128, Melton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham  
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