

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration

for the life of

Philip John Bennett



29th August 1921 – 25th December 2017

Thursday 11th January 2018

2.15 pm

Nimrod by Elgar

Peer Gynt Suite by Edvard Grieg

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by the Reverend Kenneth Lynch

WELCOME AND READING

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8

To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under the sun.
A time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal ...
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance ...
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to lose and a time to seek;
a time to rend and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

by FS Pierpoint.

Music by John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of ear and eye
For the heart and brain's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight.

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
Pleasures pure and undefiled.

EULOGY BY THE MINISTER Kenneth Lynch

READING

Death is nothing at all
by Henry Scott Holland.
Read by Robert Clinton

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to 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 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 effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
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 around the corner.

All is well.

FAMILY MEMORIES

Philip's daughters, Annita and Christina;
Philip's grandchildren, Alexander, Joanna, Victoria, Tom and
Christopher;
Philip and Alikí's niece, Katerina Ragkousi

HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful
by Cecil F. Alexander

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,

How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

COMMITTAL AND BLESSING

Reverend Kenneth Lynch

Music: Faure's Requiem

PRAYER

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Traditional Greek Bouzouki and Syrtaki Music

The family would like to thank you all for coming today
and warmly invite you to join them at
The Grumpy Mole, Brockham Green, Surrey, RH3 7JS.
Parking is readily available.

Donations are invited at the end of the service for
Age UK whose support and advice have been invaluable during
the lives of both Philip and Alik.

You may prefer to contact:

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Celebrating the completion of repairs to the weathervane of St Paul's Church in 1999.