

Order of Service



Baby Benjamin Riches

18th November 2024

St Martin's Church, Nacton
Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 11.00 am

*Officiating Minister: Reverend Nicholas Williams
assisted by Reverend Paul Dempster*

Entrance Music

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse

Opening Prayers

Placing a Candle

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 love of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry 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 pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r 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.

Reading

Matthew 18: 1 - 5
read by Uncle John Parkin

Poem

Oh Precious Little One
read by Teresa Riches

Prayers of Thanksgiving

for the family and for those who mourn

Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

Reading

Little Snowdrop

read by Sarah Mansi

Hymn

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Returning the Candle

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.**

Commendation and Farewell

Recessional Music

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse

At the Crematorium for family only

Entrance Music

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse

The Committal

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends for the cards of condolence, words of comfort, kind support and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad time.

Donations in memory of Benjamin
may be made to the Ipswich Hospital Baby Bereavement Group,
via the 'Gift Aid' page at www.southgateandroberts.com
and clicking on the obituary tab for Benjamin.

Thank you.



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