

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIVES OF



JOHN AND KATHARINE  
STEPHENSON

Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 2.15 pm  
St. Leonard's Church, Wollaton





# ORDER OF SERVICE

Conducted by Reverend Trevor Hatton

## ENTRANCE MUSIC

Nimrod  
Edward Elgar

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS

## HYMN

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (circa. 1350-1399)*



EULOGY

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



## HYMN

In heavenly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
For nothing changes here:  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back;  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack:  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim,  
He knows the way He taketh,  
And I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where darkest clouds have been;  
My hope I cannot measure,  
My path to life is free;  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And He will walk with me.

*Anna Laetitia Waring (1823-1910)*



READING

Psalm 23

ADDRESS

POEM

They Are Not Here

PRAYERS



## HYMN

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when men disown and doubt you,  
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)*



BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

Tuba Tune  
Craig Sellar Lang



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

Everyone is welcome to remain in the Church  
following the service where refreshments will be served.

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