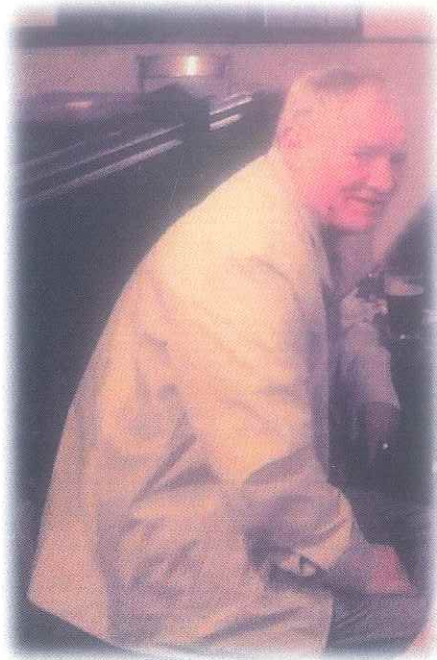


IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY SHEILS
'TONY'

18th August 1944 ~ 22nd November 2018



Church of The Holy Spirit, West Bridgford
Saturday 8th December 2018 at 12.30 pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

Tony enters the church

MUSIC ON ENTRY
You Raise Me Up - Westlife

WELCOME
by Priest

FIRST HYMN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

from the letter of St Paul to the Romans,
Chapter 8: verses 31-35 and 37-39
read by Alana, Tony's sister

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Alana, Tony's sister

**Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

Response.

I trusted, even when I said;
'I am sorely afflicted',
and when I said in my alarm;
'No man can be trusted'

Response.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I,
you have loosened my bonds.

Response.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation which we say together:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**It is my Father's will, says the Lord,
that whoever believes in the Son
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
Chapter 25: verses 31- 46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

EULOGY

by Father John McCay

PERIOD OF SILENCE

for people to sit with their own thoughts and prayers

BIDDING PRAYERS

introduction by Priest

Reader: That Carmel, family and friends of Tony be consoled in their grief by the Lord who himself wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.
Lord, hear us.

Reader: That the memories of Tony help Carmel, family and friends to overcome their grief with gratitude for the gift he has been to them.
Lord, hear us.

Reader: That Carmel, family and friends of Tony find rest from their sorrow through their faith in Jesus who conquered death for all of us.
Lord, hear us.

Reader: That Carmel, family and friends may feel the healing power of Christ in the midst of their pain and grief.
Lord hear us.

Reader: That Carmel, family and friends of Tony are consoled and encouraged during this time of grief by their faith in God's love and mercy.
Lord hear us.

For a few moments let us pray in our own way for Tony

(Pause)

Let us ask Our Lady to pray for us... Hail Mary.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Gifts are brought to the altar by two of Tony's friends

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

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, O 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!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

FINAL PRAYERS

FINAL HYMN

Lay your hands gently upon us,
Let their touch render your peace,
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing.
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

You were sent to free the broken-hearted,
You were sent to give sight to the blind,
You desire to heal all our illness.
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

Lord, we come to you through one another.
Lord, we come to you in our need.
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

MUSIC ON EXIT

Danny Boy ~ Daniel O'Donnell





Following the service, interment will take place at
Wilford Hill Cemetery, Loughborough Road,
West Bridgford NG2 7FE.

Carmel and Tony's family would like to thank everyone
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

Donations in Tony's memory for the
British Heart Foundation
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