



A Celebration of the Life of  
**Frank Crispin  
Stapley**

5th August 1928 ~ 1st March 2020

Funeral Service  
Monday 16th March 2020  
St Luke's Parish Church  
Countess Wear  
12.30pm

Service conducted by Reverend Louise Grace

Organist Robert Tipper



## Entrance Music

Swing low, sweet chariot - Bryn Terfel

## Welcome and Prayer

### Hymn

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

*We have an anchor.....*

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
while your anchor holds within the veil.

*We have an anchor.....*

Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
when life's storms are past for evermore?

*We have an anchor.....*

## **Address**

Reverend Louise Grace

## **Tribute**

David Austin

## **Prayer**

### **St John's Gospel**

Chapter 14. verses 1-6

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you  
that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come back again and take you to myself,  
So that where I am you also maybe.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;  
how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
no one come to the father except through me.”

### **Prayers ending:**

God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made  
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,  
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## 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.

## Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

# **Commendation**

## **Prayer**

### **Sung sitting**

God be in my head,  
and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes,  
and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth,  
and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart,  
and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end,  
and at my departing.

## **Blessing**

### **Recessional Music**

Sailor - Petula Clark





*Frank's family wish to thank you for attending  
the service today, for your prayers,  
messages of sympathy and kind donations.*

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*You are welcome to join the family after  
the service for light refreshments at*  
*The Tally Ho Inn.*