



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

All are welcome for light refreshment at  
The Royal British Legion,  
16 Hall Croft, Beeston NG9 1EL.

Donations in memory of Christopher for  
**Macmillan Cancer Support**  
may be sealed in the donation envelope  
and placed in the box on leaving the service.

Donations can also be online at  
<https://gofund.me/74364672>  
for a trust fund for Onora and Nuala, his baby girls.

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In Loving Memory of

# Christopher Thomas McGinnis

16th July 1987 - 10th May 2023

Bramcote Crematorium  
Monday 5th June 2023 at 11.00 am  
Service led by Keith Brown



## **ENTRANCE MUSIC**

Bring Him Home  
Alfie Boe

## **CHRISTOPHER'S BEARERS**

David  
Max  
Lee  
Kenny  
Alex  
Sam

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Celebrant, Keith Brown



I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way  
There's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true.  
Though there were times  
You did some things  
You knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven  
And now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand  
And share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.

## **MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

### **COMMITTAL**

### **EXIT MUSIC**

Wherever You Will Go  
The Calling

I had so much to live for,  
So much left yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible,  
That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays  
The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
and all the fun we had.

If I could re-live yesterday  
Just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gates,  
I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me,  
From His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity,  
And all I've promised you."  
Today your life on earth is past,  
But here life starts anew.

## POEM

A Fearless Heart  
read by Celebrant, Keith Brown

When there's no one else, look inside  
yourself and then and hear the inner voice.  
You have no other choice so depend on him  
and know your inner self,  
give love if you have nothing else to give,  
always be strong and be brave.  
Enter each day as if it is your last...  
and if you want to climb a mountain that seems too high,  
or the ocean deep that seems like an endless abyss  
have the guts to have a go, even though you may die.  
It takes a fearless heart to live like that,  
I know it well, I did just that.  
No thanks I need... only this? Your promise!!  
That from now a victorious life you'll live,  
by refusing to just exist.  
For that you need a fearless heart...  
so please take a piece of mine,  
I had so much more to give but simply not the time.  
For having lived and battled much I can truly tell you  
this that living with a fearless and loving heart  
is the only way to LIVE.



### **FAMILY VISUAL TRIBUTE**

*accompanied by audio voiceover from Chris' Dad*

### **WORDS OF LOVE**

Christopher's sister, Sara  
Christopher's great friend, Lee

A message from Mel to Chris  
read by Celebrant, Keith Brown



### **POEM**

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me  
by David Romero  
read by Celebrant, Keith Brown

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
and said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.