

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of

*Stephen John Tower*

27th August 1945 – 2nd May 2023



Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 2.30 pm  
St. John The Baptist Church, Halling  
followed by a Private Family Committal  
at Medway Crematorium, Chatham

Service conducted by Reverend Roger Knight



**ORGAN MUSIC**  
By Dorothy Smitherman

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

**HYMN**  
'Fight the Good Fight'

Fight the good fight with all thy might;  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;  
Life with its way before us lies—  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: His arms are near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee

## **EULOGY**

By John Walker

## **READING**

John 14 vv 1-6

Read by Rosemarie Barnes

## **ADDRESS**

## PRAYERS

*Minister.* Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen

## HYMN

'Through the Night Of Doubt and Sorrow'

Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
brother clasps the hand of brother,  
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence  
o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
brightening all the path we tread:

One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires:

One the strain that lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun:

One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love for evermore.

Onward, therefore, Christian brothers,  
onward with the cross our aid;  
bear its shame, and fight its battle,  
till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awaking,  
soon the rending of the tomb;  
then the scattering of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.

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Jacqueline, Michael, John and family would like to thank you for attending the service today to remember Stephen, and to pay your respects. You kindness, love and support is appreciated at this difficult time.

You are warmly invited to join them after the service, for light refreshments at  
**River Valley Golf Club,**  
99 Oak Lane, Upchurch, Sittingbourne ME9 7AY

The family will join you after the committal service.

If desired, donations in Stephen's memory for  
**'MND' Motor Neurone Disease Association**  
would be gratefully received and can be made  
by visting [www.justgiving.com/mndassoc](http://www.justgiving.com/mndassoc)  
or via a donation box available at the close of the service.

*Thank you*