


In Loving Memory  
of  
**Michael John Ellis**

16th July 1943 - 12th March 2024



Thursday 11th April 2024 at 11.00 am  
St Andrew's Church, Prestwold



An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood, showing several houses with red brick walls and grey roofs, surrounded by lush green trees and lawns. The image is slightly faded and serves as a background for the text.

# Order of Service

## **PROCESSIONAL MUSIC**

Nimrod  
by Elgar

## **WELCOME AND SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**



## 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)*

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**MICHAEL'S EARLY LIFE  
AND MEMORIES FROM NORMA**

read by Richard, Michael's son-in-law

**POEM**

My Grandad

read by Joshua, Michael's grandson

You've always had a special place  
Deep within my heart.

Forever there it will remain,  
Whether we are near or far apart.

You've always been a favourite

To everyone you knew,  
You've always made me happy  
When I was feeling blue.

The kind advice you gave me,  
You will never be replaced,

Nothing else will compare  
To the smile on your face.

I want you to know I love you  
And you mean the world to me.

You're the star I'll always wish upon,  
The shining light I see.

**GRANDAD'S WORKING LIFE  
AND SPECIAL MEMORIES**

read by George, Michael's grandson

**MEMORIES OF FOREST**

read by Esther, Michael's daughter







## HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The purple headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one:  
*All things bright and beautiful...*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well:

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895)*



## **MEMORIES OF GRANDAD**

read by Anna, Michael's granddaughter

## **MICHAEL'S LIFE AND MEMORIES**

from by his daughters, Vicki, Joanne and Esther  
read by Nick, Michael's son-in-law

## **TIME OF REFLECTION**

Music: In My Life  
by The Beatles



## **PRAYER AND COMMENDATION**

### **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.

### **BLESSING**

### **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

Green Green Grass  
by George Ezra

*The service in church will be followed by a committal service  
at Wilford Hill Crematorium for the immediate family only.*







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

You are welcome to join the family for light refreshments at the  
White Lion, 23 Main Street, Rempstone LE12 6RH.

Donations in memory of Michael for  
**Parkinson's UK**  
may be sealed in the donation envelope  
and placed in the box on leaving the service,  
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