

*A Service of Celebration
for the life of*



John Edward Armstrong

*Wessex Vale Crematorium
Friday 20th October 2017*

Opening Music "Bridge over troubled Water"
by Simon and Garfunkel

Welcome and Opening Prayer
by Reverend Richard Diamond

Hymn: Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Tribute to John

Hymn: Abide with Me

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, oh, 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 pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, 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;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Time for reflection while we listen to
“The Power of Love”
by Jennifer Rush

Final Prayer and Committal
Including “The Last Post”.

Closing Music “You'll Never Walk Alone”
by Gerry and the Pacemakers

The family invite you to join them after the service at
The White Swan, Mansbridge Road, West End, Southampton SO18 3HW



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where you can add your photographs, thoughts and
memories of John and also make a donation
to his chosen charity
"Cancer Research UK"



All donations are gratefully received.

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