



A Celebration of the Life of  
**Stafford John  
Rowland**

Aged 100 years

16th February 1919 ~ 5th April 2019

Funeral Service  
Thursday 18th April 2019  
Exeter & Devon Crematorium  
3.30pm  
St Peter's Chapel

Officiating Minister  
The Reverend Prebendary Norman Wallwork



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Entrance Music**

*'Unforgettable'* by Nat King Cole

## **Welcome and Bidding Prayer**

## Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

**Bible Readings and Appreciation of Stafford**

# Prayers of Thanksgiving and for those Bereaved

## 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 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 . . .*

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 -1895)*

# **Commendation and The Last Post**

**Committal**

**Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Music**

*'We'll meet again'* by Vera Lynn

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

*You are welcome to join the family after  
the service for light refreshments at  
Exeter Golf & Country Club.  
Topsham Road, Exeter. EX2 7AE*



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