

*A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Life of*



Michael Elliott Arnison

22nd February 1934 to 26th January 2017

St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton

Tuesday 14th February 2017
2.00 pm

Music
Organ Music

Sentences from Scripture
Words of hope in the face of death

Introduction
The Rev'd. Neil Bullen

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Angel Voices Ever Singing

Angel voices, ever singing
Round Thy throne of light,
Angel harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless Thee,
And confess Thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that Thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us,
And wilt hear us? Yes, we can.

Yes, we know Thy love rejoices
O'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For Thy praise combine;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For Thy pleasure
Didst design.

Here, great God, to-day we offer
Of Thine own to Thee;
And for Thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices,
In our choicest
Melody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit,
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity:
Of the best that Thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Collect

We keep silence and a prayer is said

Poem

'Death Is Nothing At All'
Read by Flick Titley

Tribute

Bible Reading

John 14. 1-6
Read by Lorna Pollard

Address

The Revd. Neil Bullen

Hymn

All My Hope on God Is Founded

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone,
Calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil He buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore,
From His store,
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver,
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand,
At His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising,
For the gift of Christ His Son.
Christ doth call,
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Prayers

We give thanks for Michael's life, pray for those who grieve for him and finally we pray for ourselves as we face the future

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.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain:

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die-I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away our sin;

Refrain:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: My God, how great Thou art!

Refrain:

The Commendation and Farewell

We commend Michael into God's loving care and say Goodbye

Prayer of Commendation

The Blessing

Music

'I'll Be Around'

by Michael E. Arnison

Committal at South Leicestershire Memorial Park and Crematorium



The family thank you for your presence here today and for the cards and messages of sympathy and support which they have received and drawn so much comfort from.

You are warmly invited to join them for refreshments and to share further memories of Michael at Knighton Victoria Bowls Club, Church Lane, Knighton.

If you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Michael, please make payable to Leicester Hospitals Charity and either place in the donation box provided or send via the Funeral Directors until 14th March 2017

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