

A Celebration



Godfrey Townsend

27th June 1931 – 25th September 2021

Welcome and Opening Prayer
The Reverend David Barton

Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Bible Reading

Revelation Chapter 21 Verses 1-7

Tributes

Godfrey's grandchildren

“Happiness” by Raymond Carver

Memories of a dear husband, father, grandfather and friend

Hymn: The King of Love my Shepherd is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Address

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A Moment for Reflection

David Patrick and Janet Low

The Prayers

The Reverend Dr Graham Low

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: Now Thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Blessing

The Reverend David Barton

“Nun danket alle Gott”

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Janet Low

After the service, Joan and the family hope that you will join them at the Prince of Wales in Iffley for refreshments.

If you would like to make a donation in Godfrey's memory this will go to the Friends of St Mary's to support the upkeep of this wonderful church. You can do this through Godfrey's donations page on Tonks Brothers Funeral Directors website or here in the church today.



Joan and the family would like to thank David Barton, Andrew McKearney, Graham & Janet Low, David Patrick and Vivian Robertson for their help and generosity in preparing this Service; and also family and friends for all your kind words and support over recent days.

