Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Anita Evans

20th August 1944 - 22nd September 2026

Order of Service

Thursday 29th October 2026, 12:00pm

St Andrew's & St Cuthman's Church, Steyning

Service conducted by the Revd Mark Heather

OPENING MUSIC
Benedictus XII (Number 12)
(From The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace)
Sir Karl Jenkins (born 1944)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

John Newton (1725–1807) and editors

EULOGY

read by Richard & Tanya

POEM
'Remember Me' by Anthony Dowson
read by Mina

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made;
Do not let them wither or fade.

I will be with you in the summer sun
And when the winter's chill has come;

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze;
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep;
But memories we've shared are yours to keep;

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you will become.

POEM

'Legacy of Love' by Anon

read by Chloe

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you

You taught us love and how to fight
You gave us strength; you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.

You fought for us all in one way or another
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.

For all of us you gave your best
And now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

COLLECT

CHOIR

Psalm 23 - setting by Howard Goodall (born 1968)

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-7, 12-13

read by Kate & Richard

ADDRESS

Revd Mark Heather

HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like,
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 kindliness, 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.

Joyce Anstruther ('Jan Struther') 1901-1953

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & HOPE
followed by

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION
Pie Jesu from Requiem
Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber (born 1948)

HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

POEM

'Your Spirit' by Tram-Tiara Von Reichenbach
read by Sandra-Anne Evans

We know that no matter what, you will be always with us.

When life separates us, we'll know it is only your soul saying goodbye to your body, but your spirit will be with us always.

When we see a bird chirping on a nearby branch, we know it is you singing to us.

When a butterfly brushes gently by us so carefreely, we will know it is you assuring us you are free from pain now.

When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches our attention, we will know it is you reminding us to appreciate the simple things in life.

When the sun shines through a window and awakens us, we will feel the warmth of your love.

When we hear the rain pitter patter against the windowsill, we will hear your words of wisdom and will remember what you taught us so well, that without rain trees cannot grow, without rain flowers cannot bloom, without life's challenges we cannot grow strong.

When we look out to the sea, we will think of your endless love for us, your family

No matter where we are, your spirit will be beside us, for we know that no matter what, you will always be with us.
Amen

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

CHOIR
God be in my head
Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

CLOSING MUSIC
Toccata and Fugue
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



Thank you for joining us today to remember Anita and celebrate her life. You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments after the service at:

The Steyning Centre
Fletchers Croft, Steyning, BN44 3XZ

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the chosen charity is:

St Barnabas House

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