

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



BRIAN SIMPKIN

16 SEPTEMBER 1939 - 27 FEBRUARY 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday 27th March 2026, 1:00pm

Ashington Parish Church

Service conducted by Rev James di Castiglione

Rector, Parish of Chanctonbury

Organist Keith Smithers



MUSIC ON ENTRY

'We Plough The Fields And Scatter'
Organ Recital

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYERS

HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
to His people in distress.

Praise Him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hand He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him;
you behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

MEMORIES OF BRIAN

David Simpkin

A TRIBUTE

Ian Simpkin

POEM

'Love Came First'

by Donna Ashworth

You don't move on after loss, but you must move with. You must shake hands with grief, welcome her in, for she lives with you now. Pull her a chair at the table and offer her comfort. She is not the monster you first thought her to be. She is love. And she will walk with you now, stay with you now, peacefully. If you let her. And on the days when your anger is high, remember why she came, remember who she represents. Remember. Grief came to you, my friend, because love came first. Love came first.



A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

'The King Of Love'

Organ Recital



SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4 v 8 -9

David Simpkin

ADDRESS

Rev James di Castiglione

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

THE RECESSIONAL

'Coronation Scot' - Vivian Ellis