

*A Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the life of*



Charles Arthur Hunt

27th December 1951 - 24th September 2026

**St. James' Church
Birdham**

Friday 23rd October 2026
at 1.00pm

Service conducted by The Reverend Anthony Goddard



Entrance Music
'Nimrod' - Edward Elgar

Welcome, Introductory Prayer and Collect

Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Reading

'Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night' - Dylan Thomas

read by James O'Rourke

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Psalm 23

read by Michael Clowes

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
 in purer lives thy service find,
 in deeper reverence, praise,
 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,
 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,
 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,
 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,
 O still, small voice of calm.

Eulogy

read by Anna Tyler and Katie Wilson

Music for Reflection and Visual Tribute

'Everywhere' - Fleetwood Mac

Address

by Reverend Anthony Goddard

Prayers including 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

Commendation and Blessing

Exit Music

'Soul Limbo' - Booker T. & the M.G.'s

*Charles' family wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone here today,
for all the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and messages
of condolence received at this very sad time.*

*They warmly invite you to join them for refreshments at
Birdham Cricket Club, Church Lane, Birdham, Chichester PO20 7AP
following the service.*

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