

*A Service of Celebration  
for the Life of*



*David James Parker*

*7<sup>th</sup> January 1962 – 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

St John The Baptist  
Kirdford

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
at 1.30pm



# *Order of Service*

*Service led by Licensed Lay Minister Janice Taylor*

*Organist  
Brian Knowles*



## Entry Music

*'Arrival'*

*Abba*

## Welcome and Opening Prayer



## Hymn

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
He made them every one.

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

## Tributes

*Reverend Michael Jackson and Lt Daisy-May Moore*



## **The Cadet Prayer**

*C/Sgt Sara Warren*

O God our Father,  
who has brought us together as  
members of the Army Cadet Force;  
help us to do our duty at all times  
and to be loyal to each other.  
May all that is good and true prosper among us;  
strengthen us to defend the right;  
and bless our work that it may be  
acceptable to you  
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen

## Hymm

God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,  
within God's holy city;  
God is in the midst of her —  
she shall not be moved!  
God's help is swiftly given,  
thrones vanish at his presence —  
God the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,  
learn of his deeds all-powerful:  
wars will cease across the world  
when he shatters the spear!  
Be still and know your creator,  
uplift him in the nations —  
God the Lord of hosts  
is with us evermore!



## **Bible Readings**

*Lisa Sanderson*

*Matthew 11: 28-30*

*I Corinthians 15: 51-57*

## **Address**

**The Prayers** *concluding with* **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.**

## **Standards**

*The Last Post*

*Silence*

*Reveille*

## Sussex by the Sea

Now is the time for marching, now let your hearts be gay  
Hark to the merry bugles sounding along our way.  
So let your voices ring my boys, and take the time from me  
And I'll sing you a song as we march along  
Of Sussex by the sea

### *Chorus*

*For we're the men from Sussex, Sussex by the sea  
We plough and sow and reap and mow  
And useful men are we  
So when you go to Sussex, whoever you may be,  
You can tell them all that we stand or fall  
For Sussex by the sea*

### *Refrain*

*Sussex, Sussex by the sea  
Good old Sussex by the sea!  
You may tell them all we stand or fall  
For Sussex by the sea..*

Sometimes your feet are weary, sometimes the way is long,  
Sometimes the day is dreary, sometimes the world goes wrong.  
But if you let your voices ring, your cares will fly away,  
So we'll sing you a song as we march along  
Of Sussex by the sea

*Chorus...Refrain*

## **Commendation**

## **Blessing**

## **Exit Music**

*Radetzky March*

*The family will move to the Churchyard for a  
private Committal and Burial*



Thank you all for being here today to honour David.  
Your presence, love, and support mean so much to  
his family and to all who loved him.



You are warmly invited to join David's family at  
Kirdford Village Hall, RH13 0LY

Donations in memory of David can be made to Royal Air Forces  
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