

# Fern McCullagh

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”*

*John 14:27*

St. Mary’s Church, Easebourne

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

11.30am

**Priest**

Revd Canon Derek Welsman

*A warm welcome to you. Please stand as the Priest greets us  
and we sing:*

**Opening Hymn: "Love divine"**  
*C Wesley*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

### **Opening prayer – Priest**

#### **Confession**

Priest:

As children of a loving heavenly Father, let us ask his forgiveness, for he is gentle and full of compassion.

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest says the absolution.

*Please sit for the Old Testament and New Testament readings.*

## Old Testament reading – Psalm 139

*Read by Simon Upfill-Brown*

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,”
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup> O that you would kill the wicked, O God,  
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

<sup>20</sup> those who speak of you maliciously  
and lift themselves up against you for evil!

<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

<sup>22</sup> I hate them with perfect hatred;  
I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

## New Testament reading – 1 Corinthians 13

*Read by Tessa Hinton*

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge

and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

<sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant<sup>5</sup> or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;

<sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

<sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end;

as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

<sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part,

<sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"**

*F H Lyte, J Goss*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, 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;  
ye 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.**

*Please remain standing for the Gospel.*

### **Gospel reading – John 14: 25-27**

*Read by the Priest*

“ <sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

<sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ”

*Please sit.*

## **Eulogy**

*Justin Alford delivers words of tribute from Julia Alford.*

## **Prayers**

*Led by the Priest.*

## **Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All offer one another the customary sign of peace as an expression of peace, communion and charity.*

## **Holy Communion – From the church service book**

## Recessional Hymn: "Thine be the glory"

*G F Handel, E L Budry*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless  
love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

**Blessing - Priest**

Many thanks to all those assisting with memorial service today and to you for your attendance, your prayers and your support.

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The Spread Eagle Hotel & Spa, South Street, Midhurst,  
GU29 9NH.

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The Grange Community & Leisure Centre, Bepton Road,  
Midhurst, GU29 9HD  
or at the  
Post Office, Bepton Road, Midhurst, GU29 9NB.

*“Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.”*

*Luke 24:50-51*