### A Celebration for the Life of

## Gillian Kropf 'Gill'

16th April 1942 - 15th May 2025



Saturday 31st May 2025 at 1.00 p.m. The Gordon Chapel Service led by Rev. Sam Buck

#### **Entrance Music**

Amazing Grace

#### Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Sam Buck

#### Hymn

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

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings:

All things bright...

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

All things bright...

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

All things bright...

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

All things bright...

#### Psalm 23

Rev. Sam Buck

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

John 14 V:1-4

Rev. Sam Buck

**Short Talk** 

Rev. Sam Buck

**Memories Of Gill** 

Hymn Of Heaven ~ Phil Wickham

#### Poem

A Legacy Of Love
Adapted and read by Sue

A wife, a mother, a nan 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,
Now the time has come for you to rest.

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, So, He put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me".

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.

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

#### Poem

*My Nanny's Garden*By Carrie read by Sue

In my nanny's garden, memories bloom,
With whispers of laughter, dispelling the gloom.
Petals of stories, soft and bright,
Each fragrant moment, a guiding light.

I will tend to her roses, the weeds I will clear, Nurturing love that still lingers near. In this sacred space, where her spirit flies, I will care for her garden, as time softly sighs.



#### 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 power?
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: Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## **Prayers** including **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,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

#### Commendation

Committal

Blessing

#### **Exit Music**

The White Rose of Athens ~ Nana Mouskouri

# Please join the family for refreshments after the service at 39, Loxwood Avenue Worthing West Sussex BN14 7RF



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