

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of
Reverend Graham Dadd

24th September 1953 - 26th March 2026



Friday 1st May 2026

Burial at South Downs Natural Burial Site at 12.00 pm

Led by Reverend Mary Thomas

followed by South Hayling United Reformed Church at 2.00 pm



Led by Reverend Peter Kimberley

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE MUSIC

It Is Well With My Soul
by Audrey Assad

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

OPENING PRAYERS

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.

HYMN
Abide With Me

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, oh, 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.

REFLECTION MUSIC

You Raise Me Up

by Secret Garden with Brian Kennedy

When I am down, and oh, my soul so weary,
When troubles come, and my heart burdened be.
Then I am still and wait here in the silence,
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains,
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders,
You raise me up, to more than I can be.

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There is no life, no life without its hunger,
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come, and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

A few words from Graham

BIBLE READING

Psalm 23

read by Lara

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long





HYMN
Lord, For The Years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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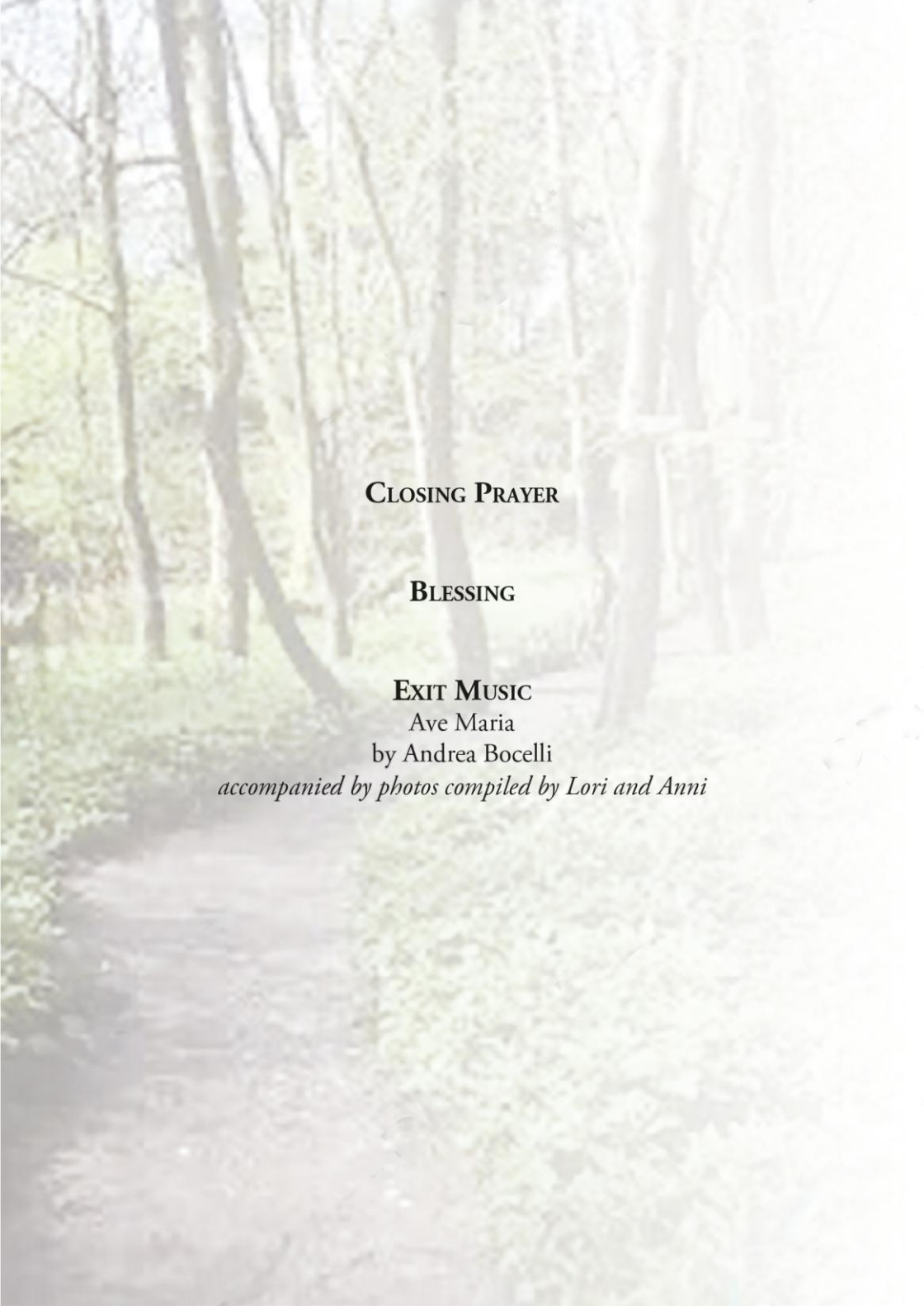
HYMN
In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC

Ave Maria

by Andrea Bocelli

accompanied by photos compiled by Lori and Anni

POEM

For Those Laid To Rest Here
read by Janice Cubis at the interment

Under a soft blanket of fallen leaves,
Safe in the hush of the whispering trees
I have come home.

My time here on earth is now done,
All the noise and the clamour, the joy and the pain,
The powerful life force that drove me onwards
Has slipped away into the quiet of eternity,
And I am at peace.

From now on, I will dance through your memories
Threading thoughts of love through your heart.
The pain of loss will gradually ease, and the sadness will lift.
The days will be lighter, and the nights not so long,
For I am still here.

When you walk through this place, you will feel me
In the gentle touch of the breeze on your face,
In the sunlight dappling the forest floor,
In the murmur of the branches high above you,
I am all around.

I have returned to the place from whence I came,
To the elements that created me.
Mother earth that gave me the life I so loved
Has now welcomed me back to her arms
To be at one with all her beauty.

Here, under my blanket of fallen leaves
I have found my resting place.
I have come home.

Fran Hall



The family would like to thank everyone for the love,
support and kind words at this sad time.

Donations in memory of Graham will benefit

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<https://grahamdadd.muchloved.com>



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