

In Celebration of the Life of

Mary Bond

12th September 1938– 11th September 2026



St Catherine's Church Littlehampton

Thursday 15th October 2026
at 11.30 am

Service led by Fr. Boniface

Order of Service

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art
(568 Hymn Book)

Opening Prayer

First Reading

from the Book of Job

Job said,

'Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

Psalm 25

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. R

Relieve the anguish of my heart,
and set me free from my distress.
See my lowliness and suffering,
and take away all my sins. R

Preserve my life and rescue me.
Let me not be put to shame,
for in you I take refuge.
May integrity and virtue protect me,
for I have hoped in you, O LORD. R

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:
Our citizenship is in heaven
and from it we await a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body
to be like his glorious body,
by the power that enables him
even to subject all things to himself.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus declared,
'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
that you have hidden these things
from the wise and understanding
and revealed them to little children;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Bidding Prayer

Eucharistic Rite

Communion Hymn

Spirit of Love
(Nigel Corby 1984)

Spirit of Love, guide us and lead us on the road of our lives,
Spirit of Truth, help us and heal us, if we fall by the way,
Giver of Faith, enter our hearts and drive
all doubts from our minds.
And on our journey constantly hold us true,
And as our love grows, we'll come to Him.
Our hearts enrapture, our beginnings capture;
In this way we shall be free in His truth,
Always with thee.

Spirit of Love, guide us and lead us on the road of our lives,
Spirit of Truth, help us and heal us, if we fall by the way,
Giver of Faith, enter our hearts and drive
all doubts from our minds.
And when we do, give us humility,
And help us to search for our Saviour.
Our hearts not hardened, to seek His pardon;
In this way forgiveness came in His rising,
We rise again.

Spirit of Love, guide us and lead us on the road of our lives,
Spirit of Truth, help us and heal us, if we fall by the way,
Giver of Faith, let our example help bring the world to thee;
To bear witness to thy Trinity.
Guide us and lead us, help us and heal us;
Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Joy,
Spirit of Peace.



The family would like to thank you all for attending this service today and for your kindness and support and would like to invite you for light refreshments in the Church Hall, after the service

Donations in memory of Mary may be made to
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