

*A Celebration for
the life of*
Matt Thompson
“Wolfie”

29th August 1982 - 25th January 2026



St Margaret's Church, Angmering

Tuesday, 24th February 2026
at 1.30 pm

Service led by Rev'd Ben Martin

Order of Service

Opening Music

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

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 pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, 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;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Tributes

Time Given, Love Infinite – Dawn

Poem

The Quiet of Your Love

Corey & Sienna

In the hush between the morning light,
I feel your warmth, though your out of sight.

Your laughter lingers in the air,
A gentle echo - always there.

Though time with you was far too brief,
Too quickly taken, wrapped in grief,
The years we had were filled with love -
A precious gift from up above.

You taught me strength without a shout,
To face the storms, to cast out doubt.
Your hands built more than wood or stone,
They built a place I've always known.

When I think of you, I'll choose to smile,
And hold your memory all the while.
Your love still guides me every day,
A steady light along the way.

And when my heart feels torn in two,
I'll walk this path remembering you.
So rest now, Dad, your work is done,
Your race is run, your crown is won.

In every dawn, in stars above,
I'll find you still – in the quiet of your love.

Remembrance

Ollie

Memories

Brett

Visual Tribute to Music

A Thousand Years

Christina Perri

Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will 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 your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

Address

Hymn

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The world shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun refuse to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we first begun.

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.

Hymn

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Commendation and Committal

Final Prayer and Blessing

Exit Music

Everglow
by Coldplay



The family thank you for attending today and warmly invite you to join them after the service for refreshments at
Ham Manor Golf Club
West Drive, Angmering BN16 4JE

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