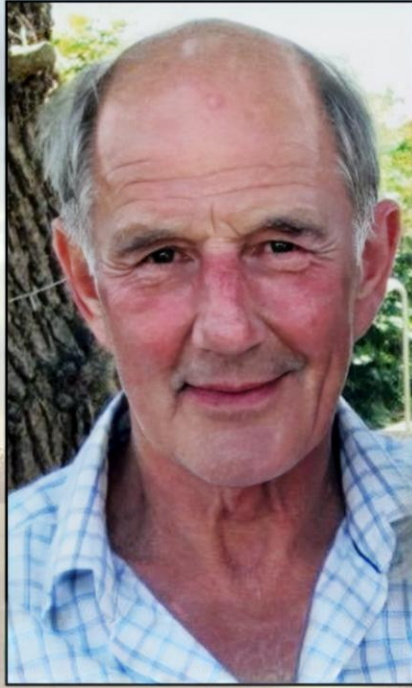


*A Celebration and Thanksgiving  
for the life of*



**Richard Howard Strange**

Born: 12<sup>th</sup> December 1948

Best Before: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Holy Trinity Church  
Bosham**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
at 2.00pm

*Service conducted by The Reverend Canon Martin Lane*



## **Opening Music**

*'He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother' - The Hollies*

## **The Sentences**

### **The Opening Prayer**

#### **Hymn**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

#### **The Eulogy**

#### **Reflection Music**

*'Fields of Gold' - Sting*

### **Personal Reflections and Poem**

## Scripture Reading

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1-7, 11*

## Homily

## Hymn

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

### *Refrain:*

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

### *Refrain*

We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
Accept the gifts we offer,  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

### *Refrain*

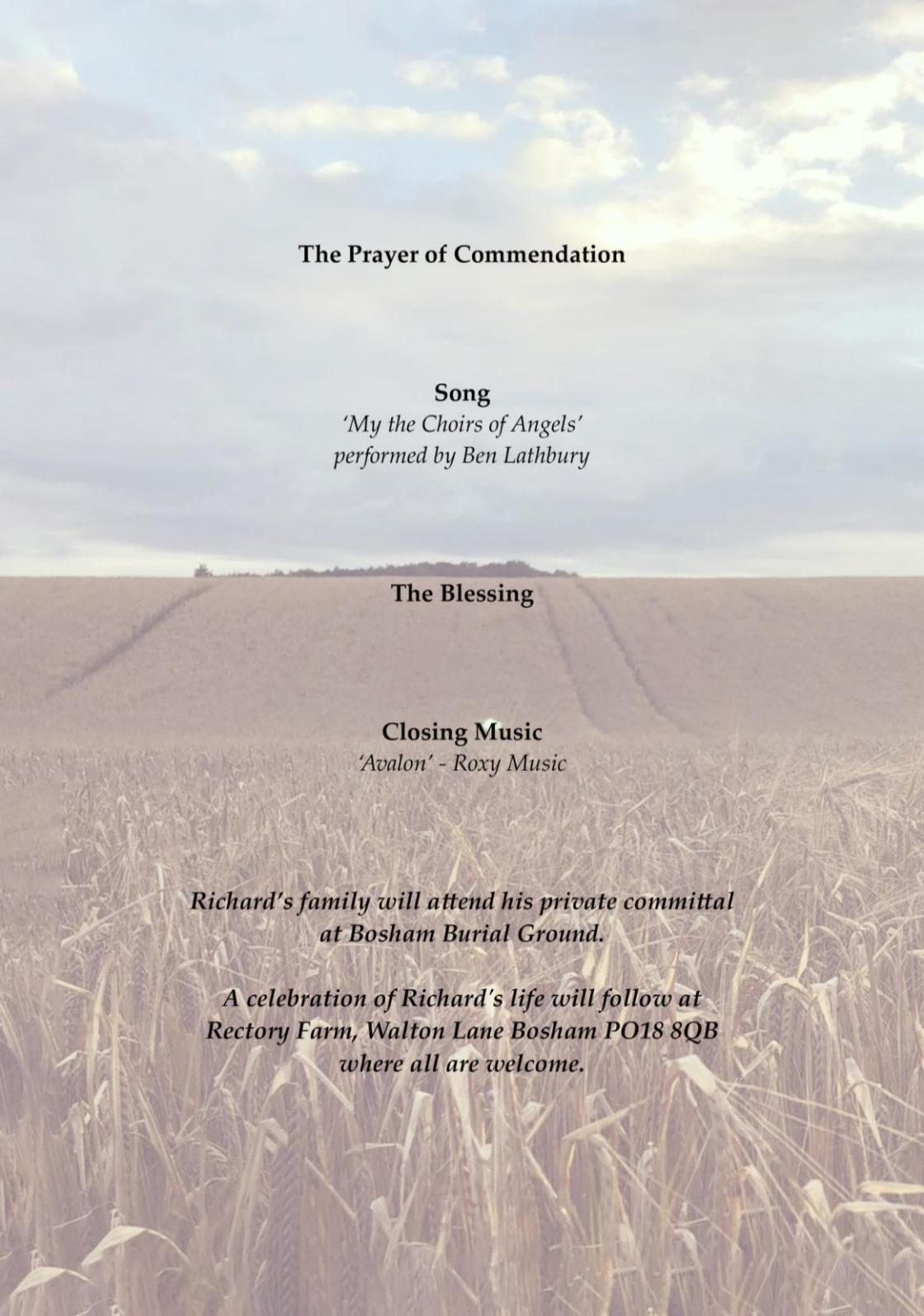
## **The Prayers *and* The Lord's Prayer**

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**

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 those 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!



**The Prayer of Commendation**

**Song**

*'My the Choirs of Angels'*  
*performed by Ben Lathbury*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Music**

*'Avalon' - Roxy Music*

***Richard's family will attend his private committal  
at Bosham Burial Ground.***

***A celebration of Richard's life will follow at  
Rectory Farm, Walton Lane Bosham PO18 8QB  
where all are welcome.***



*Richard's family wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone here today,  
for all the kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and messages  
of condolence received at this very sad time.*



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