

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

Richard White

3rd March 1958 - 6th June 2025



St Mary the Virgin, East Preston with Kingston
Tuesday 1st July 2025
2:30pm

Service conducted by Father Andrew Perry



Order of Service

Gathering Music - Albatross (Fleetwood Mac)

Introduction and Opening Prayer

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W Chalmers Smith 1824-1908

The Tributes

from Richard's Sisters
from Work Colleagues

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea though I walk in death's dark vale
yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnishèd
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

The Tributes

from the Family
from Guy Fletcher & Mark Knopfler

Reflection Music - Walk of Life (Dire Straits)

The Collect

Poem - Footprints
read by Lorraine James

Bible Reading
Romans 8,31 - end

Homily

Prayers
including 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: 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, 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;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

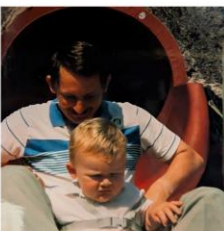
Final Prayers & Blessing

Recessional Music - Going Home (Mark Knopfler)

We follow Richard's coffin out of church to the lychgate for the final part of the service.

Commendation and Farewell

Committal and Final Blessing





The family would like to express their thanks to everyone for attending and for their support. You are warmly invited to gather after the service for refreshments in the Spire Room.

Donations in memory of Richard may be made to St Barnabas Hospice

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