

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

# Rosemary Netherton

4th January 1935 – 10th August 2025



St Giles' Church Ashtead  
Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
12 noon

# Order of Service

*Led by Mrs Jane Hiley LLM Parish of Ashtead*



## Music on Entrance

New World Symphony: Largo

*Antonín Dvořák*

Welcome and Opening Prayers

## Hymn

### Lord Of All Hopefulness

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.

*Jan Struther (1901-1953)*

## Eulogy

*written by Rosemary herself and read by Derek*

### Poem for Rosemary's 90th

*read by grandchildren James and Lucy*

## Hymn

### The Day Thou Gavest

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended,  
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

## Memories

*read by Paul and Sarah*

## Reading

*by grandson, Max*

## Prayers of Intercession

*including The Lord's Prayer*

*Trish Brown*

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.

## Bible Reading

John 14: 1-6, 27

### Address

*Jane Hiley*

### Hymn

**O Lord My God When I In Awesome Wonder**

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee . . .*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee . . .*

*Russian hymn Tr. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)*

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## Commendation and Farewell

### Music

God Be In My Head

*sung by choir*

### Committal and Blessing

*(Everyone is asked to leave the church quickly following the family as the ceremony concludes outside the Lychgate as we wave farewell to Rosemary.)  
Refreshments will follow in the Dell Centre.*

### Closing Music

Pastoral Symphony: Shepherd's Song of Praise

*Ludwig Van Beethoven*





The family would like to thank you for attending today  
and for all the thoughtful condolences received during this difficult time.



You are warmly invited for refreshments  
in the adjacent Dell Centre after the service.

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of Rosemary, please donate to either  
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