

A Service to Celebrate the Life of



Tobias Jack Hammond  
'Toby'

29<sup>th</sup> November 2001 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

St Laurence Church, Lurgashall

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

## WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend Michael Jackson

### 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 kindness, 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.

POEM

**'When I must leave you'**

Read by Kate Hammond

EULOGY

Mark Hammond

PSALM 23

Sung by the Choir

POEM

Read by George Hammond

**That I might say farewell**

If death would grant me one more of your hours  
That I might say farewell – if nothing more,  
We'd sit upon a hillside, moulded by old skies,  
And let the aged crash of distant tides  
Spin a silence of our hearts.

And love would be the wordless clime in which we wore  
Time's patient yarn, to mend our tired souls,  
Stitched at the seams and patched at fraying holes.  
Bound tight together one last time  
In hope that need for parting might be held at bay;  
That never would we turn at close of day,  
From one another,  
And say farewell – if nothing more.

Let me feel in this, our thimble of eternity,  
Only you – your elbow at my side,  
To know that where your eyes looked, so did mine –  
And that such love as traces vanished spheres  
And goes where mortal bodies cannot tread,  
Was here.

Your soul with wings be clad  
That it might go in peace and fly,  
And mine with seeds of endless love be sewn,  
That it might flower where you lie.

*Freya Morris 2025*

REFLECTION

Eddie Hammond

READING

**Revelation 21: 1-4**

Dr Dimitrios Paschos

ADDRESS

The Reverend Michael Jackson

MUSIC

The choir will sing

‘In Paridisum’ by Maurice Duruflé

## PRAYERS

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which 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 that 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

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    forgive our foolish ways.  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
    in purer lives thy service find,  
    in deeper reverence, praise,  
    in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    beside the Syrian sea,  
    the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
    rise up and follow thee,  
    rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
    O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
    the silence of eternity,  
    interpreted by love,  
    interpreted by love.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
    till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
    and let our ordered lives confess  
    the beauty of thy peace,  
    the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    thy coolness and thy balm;  
    let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
    O still, small voice of calm,  
    O still, small voice of calm.

## COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

### MUSIC

'Tennessee' by Hans Zimmer

*Toby's favourite music*

The congregation are invited to remain seated in church whilst the family go into the churchyard for the interment.

You will be invited to leave when this has taken place.

Kate and Mark would like to set up a trust in Toby's name for neurological health research.

This is yet to be established and they will be in contact regarding this.

If you would like to make an immediate donation in Toby's memory, there will be a retiring collection for



or alternatively donations can be made

c/o W. Bryder & Sons, The Gables, Tillington, Petworth GU28 9AB.



Everyone is invited to join the family after the service for refreshments at Gentils House, Lickfold GU28 9EY.







## WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

When I must leave you  
for a little while,  
Please do not grieve  
and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow  
to you through the years,  
But start out bravely  
with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
and in my name  
Live on and do  
all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
and hold you near;  
And never, never  
be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting  
for you in the sky!



Kate B.  
May '83