



A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for
the Life of

Joyce Vivienne Parsons

8th May 1926 - 5th December 2019

The Church of St. Martin's on the Walls,
Wareham

Friday 24th June 2022
2pm

The Church Altar Rail



This magnificent Church is reputed to have been founded by St. Aldhelm in the 7th Century. It is thought that this earlier building was destroyed by King Cnut in 1015. The present building dates from about 1030. By 1736 this Church was only used for the blessing of women after childbirth, baptisms and marriages until 1936 when it was repaired and rededicated. In the 1990's further extensive repair and refurnishing work was carried out.

The Altar Rails were commissioned on 7th May 2000 by Ian Parsons, Vivienne's husband who was Warden of this Church.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Music - Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) by E. Elgar

Welcome & Introduction

Reverend Helen Williams

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,
ev'n 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 hast furnished
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.

Eulogy

Remembrance

By David Harkins. Read at the funeral of the Queen Mother

Read by Paul Ellis

You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see she has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what she'd want, smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

The Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3 v.1-8

Read by Marie Ellis

The Address

Prayers

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

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, 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.

Commendation

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Organ Music - In Paradisum (from The Requiem)



Please take your time to enjoy this Church and the beautiful surroundings.



*Vivienne and Ian on their wedding day
6th August, 1949*

Vivienne's family wish to thank you all for attending this service today and invite you to join them afterwards at The Bear, 14 South Street, Wareham for refreshment.

There will be a retiring collection in memory of Vivienne for the Church of St Martin on the Walls Fabric Fund or donations may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or made online at:

www.funeraldirector.co.uk/vivienne-parsons



Vivienne on her 90th birthday

