



A Service of Celebration for the life of

Gilbert Norton Griffin

25th June 1929 - 2nd January 2021

The Church of St John the Baptist
Bere Regis

Wednesday 13th January
2:30pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entry Music

Nimrod, Elgar

Played on the piano by Paul Martin

Welcome and Introduction

Reverend Sandra Williams

Hymn

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till thee become the place
where-in the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Bible Readings

Read by Elder Ivan Stevens

The Gospel of St John Chapter 14, verses 1-4 & 6

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.

²In my Father's house are many rooms: if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place I'm going,

⁶Jesus says "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one goes to the Father except through me".

Romans Chapter 8, verses 35 & 37-39

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Richard and Fiona

Reflection Music

Orinoco Flow, *Enya*

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.

Commendation

Go forth upon your journey from this world, O Christian soul; in the name of God the Father Almighty who created you; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who strengthens you; in communion with the blessed saints, aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host. May you dwell this day in peace. **Amen.**

Exit Music

Nessun Dorma, Andrea Bocelli

The family and congregation will leave the Church and congregate outside the Church Door, the bearer party will then bear the coffin from the Church to the porch for the final Prayers.

Committal

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; Be of good courage; Hold fast to that which is good; Render to no-one evil for evil; Strengthen the faint-hearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted: Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



This service will be followed by a private cremation

Donations in memory of Gilbert for Myra's Wells may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU.

Or online at www.funeraldirector.co.uk/gilbert-griffin



Gilbert & Barbara
'Not divided'