

**Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of**



*Dorothy Joan Mason*

8th January 1921 ~ 21st January 2021

The Chapel  
Poole Crematorium

Friday 12th February 2021  
3 pm

*Independent Celebrant ~ Rob Hazell*

## **Opening Music**

*'I Vow To Thee My Country' ~ Libera*

## **Welcome**

*Rob Hazell ~ Independent Celebrant*

## **A look back at some of Joan's hundred years**

### **A photo album of happy times**

*with 'Letting Go' ~ Robbins Island Music*

## **Memories of Mum... Gran... Auntie Joan...**

### **'Death Is Nothing At All'**

*Canon Henry Scott Holland*

Death is nothing at all;  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you;  
And the old life that we lived so fondly together  
is untouched, unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name,  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always did,  
Put no difference into your tone,  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes  
that we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be the household word that it always was,  
Let it be spoken without effect,  
without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was;  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
Somewhere very near,  
Just around the corner.

All is well.  
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting  
when we meet again.

## **Closing Words**

**Our thanks and farewell to Joan**

## **Closing Music**

*'Time To Say Goodbye'*  
*Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli*

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