

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF LADY ST MARY  
WAREHAM



‘Pat’

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of

**Patricia Simmons**

20<sup>th</sup> April 1928 ~ 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
11:00am

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Entrance Music**

Con Te Partirò ~ *Andrea Bocelli*

## **Welcome & Opening Prayers**

Reverend Helen Williams

## **Hymn**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing, fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day.

## **Family Tribute**

Read by Reverend Helen Williams

## **Memories of Nanny**

Read by Jemma

### **Bible Reading**

Ecclesiastes 3, Verses 1 – 13

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden  
God has laid on the human race. He has made everything  
beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart;  
yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.  
I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy  
and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and  
drink and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

## **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**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings:

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well:

**Commendation**

**Blessing**

**Exit Music**

*Smile ~ Nat King Cole*



*This service will be followed by interment at Hill View Cemetery  
with Pat's beloved late husband Arthur to which you are all welcome.*



Donations in memory of Pat for Marie Curie may be sent to  
Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham,  
Dorset, BH20 4QU, or made online at:  
[www.funeraldirector.co.uk/patricia-simmons](http://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/patricia-simmons)

Pat's family wish to thank you for all your support, kind  
messages of sympathy and for attending this Service of  
Celebration.

You are warmly invited for refreshments at Wareham Golf  
Club following this service.





*Arthur & Pat together again*

## Pat Simmons

### The woman who...

- Was born on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1928 to Maud and Jim Docherty having an older brother Jim and sister Ivy. Sadly Pat's father died in the year of her birth. Eventually Maud remarried Fred Benjafield, they had a daughter Iris, who sadly died this year and was greatly missed by Pat.
- Was a Girl Guide and recently the Wareham girl guides celebrated 80 years of guiding in Wareham and Pat was featured as having four generations of guides in her family with daughter Sandra, granddaughter Anna and great granddaughter Evie.
- Met her husband Arthur at Wool Fair, he was a evacuee from London and they were married in 1945
- Had three children, eldest son Lynn followed by Jimmy and Sandra.
- Had six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren with another due in December and two great great grandchildren. She enjoyed every moment with them all.
- Loved to relay stories of the war years in Wareham volunteering for Report and Control duty at the old Westport House. Apparently there was a gun locked in a box on the wall and they were given strict instructions to ring Major Swan if needed.
- Loved her garden and kept Jacob's sheep in the field attached to their garden, also where the family's children made memories.
- Who persuaded Arthur to make her a spinning wheel to spin her wool.
- With her husband Arthur enjoyed 63 years of happy marriage and especially enjoyed holidaying in their small caravan with members of their family.
- Worked as a Nursing Auxiliary for nearly 40 years, first at Christmas Close and then Wareham Hospital, work which she was dedicated to until her retirement.