

The Priory Church of Lady St Mary
Wareham



A Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration for the life of

John Burgess

25th July 1938 – 17th April 2023

Friday 28th April
3.00pm

Order of Service

Entry Music

We'll Meet Again, *Dame Vera Lynn*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Reverend Michael Young

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:

Poem

Life is a game of Rugby

Written by Samantha Wallace

Read by Michael Snowden

The Eulogy

Read by Tony Higgins on behalf of the family

Reflection Music & Slideshow

La Vie en rose, Édith Piaf

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Reverend Michael Young

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

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

Blessing

Exit Music

Theme from 'The Archers'
Stranger On The Shore, *Acker Bilk*
Theme from 'Allo Allo'
A Different Corner, *George Michael*

*This service will be followed by a private interment
with his beloved wife Lyn*

Nicky, David and their families wish to express their appreciation for your presence here today and for the kind messages of sympathy received.

You are all warmly invited for refreshment at Swanage & Wareham Rugby Club, Bestwall Road, Wareham following this Thanksgiving Service.

There will be a Retiring Collection in memory of John for Swanage & Wareham Rugby Football Club. Donations may be sent care of Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, BH20 4QU

or made online at www.funeraldirector.co.uk/john-burgess

The family would like you to record your attendance here today by completing the attendance cards that you will find in the pews or alongside the donation box.







*John & Lyn
'Together Again'*