

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# RICHARD JAMES WATKINS



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THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER  
ST MARY'S CHURCH – MORDEN  
2PM

# Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Reverend Jane Williams

## Hymn

### The Lord's My Shepherd

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 sould he doth restore again;  
And make me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none 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 forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be



# **Bible Reading**

Matthew 6 verses 25-34

## **Poem**

### **Feel No Guilt in Laughter**

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you  
care.

Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.  
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.  
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always  
do.

So, talk about the good times and the way you showed  
you cared,

The days you spent together, all the happiness you  
shared.

Let memories surround you, a word someone may say  
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,  
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still  
here,

And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.

For if you keep those moments, you will never be  
apart

And he will live forever locked safely within your  
heart.

## **Tribute**

## Poem for Dad

We heard your voice in the wind today  
and we turned to see your face.  
The warmth of the wind caressed us  
as we stood silently in place.

We felt your touch in the sun today  
as its warmth filled the sky  
We closed our eyes for your embrace  
and our spirits soared high.

We saw your eyes in the window pane  
as we watched the falling rain.  
It seemed as each raindrop fell  
it quietly said your name.

We held you close in our hearts today  
it made us feel complete.  
You may have died ...but you are not  
gone  
you'll always be a part of us.

As long as the sun shines...  
the wind blows...  
the rain falls...  
you will live on, inside of us, forever  
and that's all our heart knows.

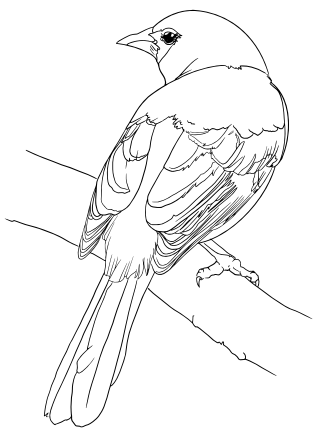
Your children  
Sue and Clive



## Prayers

### Including 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

Refrain:

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

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings, He  
made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the  
sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

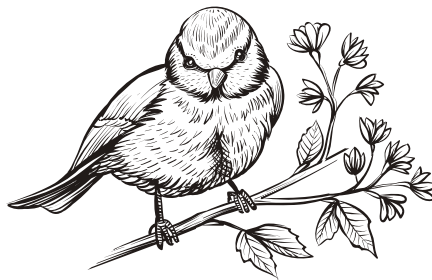
Refrain

# **Prayer of Commendation**

## **Blessing**

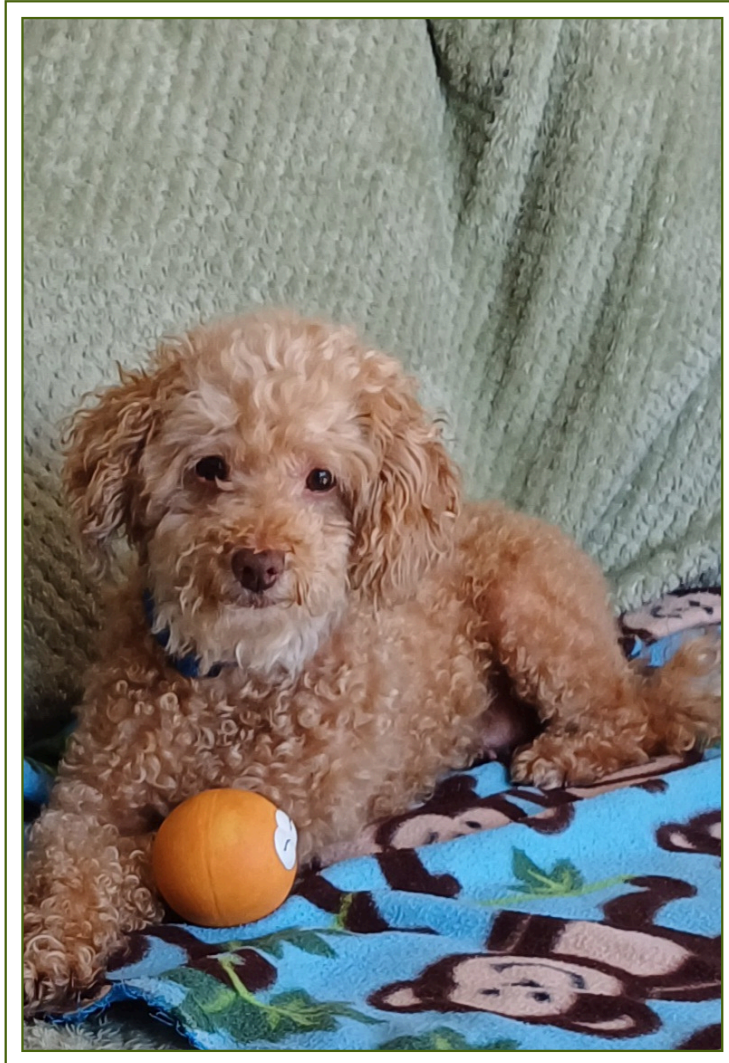
## **Exit Music**

Flying without Wings  
by Westlife



## **Committal at the Graveside**





Following the service you are all warmly invited to join the  
family for refreshments at

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