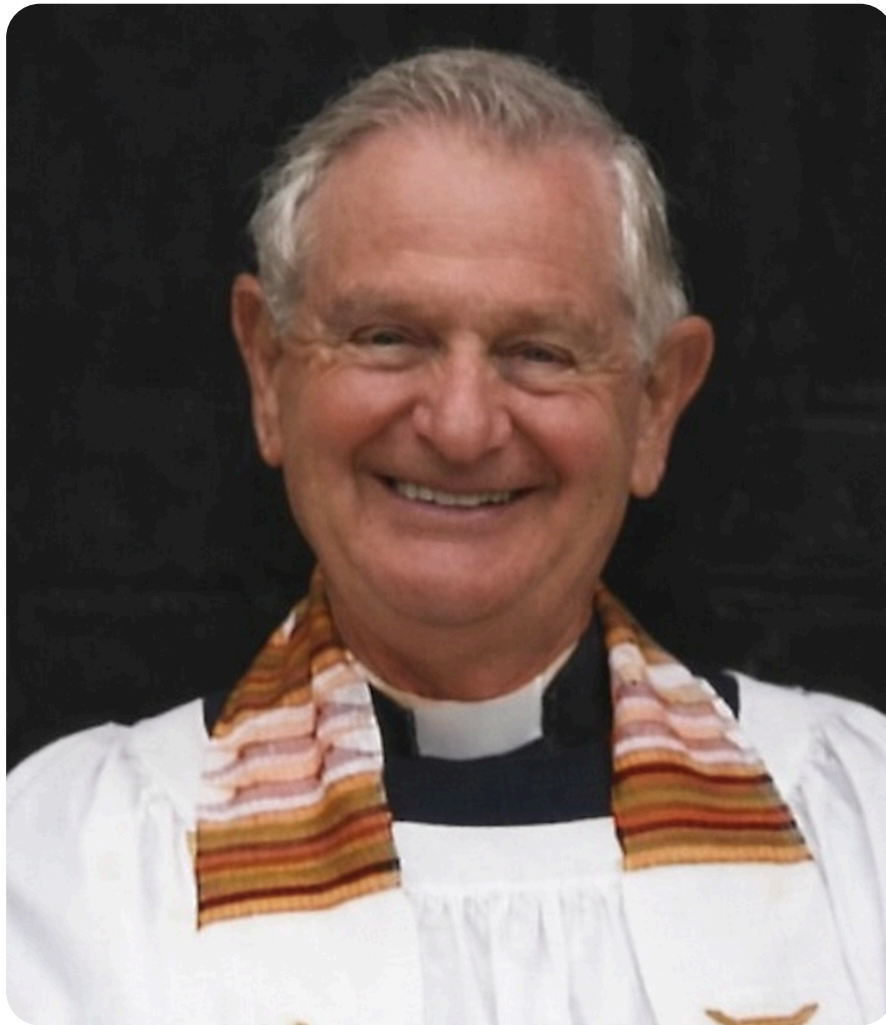


A Thanksgiving Service for the life of  
**The Reverend Canon  
Peter George Hardman**

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1935 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025



The Priory Church of Lady St Mary,  
Wareham

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026

11:00am



# Welcome and Introduction

## Opening Prayer

### Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **Readings**

Remember by Christina Rossetti

Read by Peter's Granddaughter, Zoe Hardman

1 Corinthians 13, Verses 4 - 7 and 12 - end

Read by Peter's Granddaughter, Alice Hardman

1 John 4, Verses 7 to 12

Read by Peter's Grandson, Jasper Morrison

## **Choir Anthem**

“God be in my Head” sung to a setting  
by Henry Walford Davies

## **Tributes**

Trevor Jones

Francis Maples

The Reverend Canon Richard Bartlett

## Hymn

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,  
dost dwell with those of humble mind;  
such ever bring thee where they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.

Great Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving Name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care;  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

## Tributes

The Reverend Canon Joanna Abecassis

Gavin Hardman

Max Morrison

## Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love:  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, And Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## 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

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without Thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above:

## The Commendation and The Blessing

### Choir Anthem

“The Gaelic Blessing” sung to a setting  
by John Rutter

### Organ Music

Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel



*This service will be followed by a private burial in the  
Churchyard.*



Gavin, Debbie, Jack and their families thank you all for your support,  
kind messages and for being with us today.

You are warmly invited to the Parish Hall on the Quay for  
refreshments following this service.

There will be a retiring collection in memory of Peter for the  
Alzheimers Society. Donations may be sent to Albert Marsh Funeral  
Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4QU  
or made online at:

[www.funeraldirector.co.uk/peter-hardman](http://www.funeraldirector.co.uk/peter-hardman)