

A Celebration of Life

Gillian Barr (Jill)

27th March 1937 - 24th January 2026



St Mary's Church Blandford St Mary

Monday 23rd February 2026 2:00pm

Service Led By Reverend David John

Entrance Music

Tears In Heaven - Eric Clapton

The Welcome

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

And also with you:

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
Today we come together
to remember before God our dear sister Jill
to give thanks for her life
To commend her to God,
and to comfort one another in our grief in the hope that is ours
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven,
we thank you because you made us in your own image
and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.
We thank you now for Jill
and what a she meant to each of us.
As we honour her memory,
make us more aware that you are the one
from whom comes every perfect gift,
including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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 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]

Reading

Read by Nicola and Daniel

Memories Are Shared

By Kevin

Prayer Of Thanks

Father in heaven,
we give you thanks for your servant Jill
We praise you as we recollect her life and cherish
her memory.
We bless you that in bearing your image
she has brought light to our lives;
for we have seen in her friendship reflections of your compassion,
in her integrity demonstrations of your goodness, in her
faithfulness glimpses of your eternal love. Grant to each of us,
beloved and bereft,
the grace to follow her good example
so that we with her may come to your everlasting kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who died and rose again and opened the gate of glory,
to whom be praise for all eternity.

Affirmation Of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen**

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 soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n 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 furnishèd
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 forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Bible Reading

Romans Chapter 8 vs 28 - end

Prayers Of Hope

We give you thanks and praise, almighty Father,
that you sent your Son to die, and raised him from the dead. We
praise you in the confidence that you save all your people, living
and dead.

Lord, hear us:

Lord Graciously hear us:

We thank you for Jill
who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life
and is now admitted to the company of the saints.

Lord, hear us:

Lord Graciously hear us:

We pray that the family and friends of our sister Jill may be
consoled in their grief by the Lord,
who wept at the death of Lazarus his friend.

Lord, hear us:

Lord Graciously hear us:

**Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.**

**According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
share with your saints in the joy of heaven,
where there is neither sorrow nor pain
but life everlasting. Amen.**

The Commendation

Almighty God,
in your great love
you crafted us by your hand
and breathed life into us by your Spirit.
Although we became a rebellious people,
you did not abandon us to our sin.
In your tender mercy
you sent your Son
to restore in us your image.
In obedience to your will
he gave up his life for us,
bearing in his body our sins on the cross.
By your mighty power
you raised him from the grave
and exalted him to the throne of glory.
Rejoicing in his victory
and trusting in your promise
to make alive all who turn to Christ,
we commend Jill to your mercy
and we join with all your faithful people
and the whole company of heaven
in the one unending song of praise:
glory and wisdom and honour
be to our God for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but also for those whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all
who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Exit Music

When The Saints Go Marching In - Louis Armstrong

At The Graveside

The Nunc Dimitis

Now Lord let your servant depart in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,
We entrust Jill to your merciful keeping.
in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died
and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Go forth from this world
in the love of God the Father
who created you,
in the mercy of Jesus Christ
who redeemed you,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
who strengthens you.
May the heavenly host sustain you,
and the company of heaven enfold you.
In the communion of the faithful
may you dwell this day in peace. **Amen.**

The Committal

Man born of woman has but a short time to live. Like a flower we blossom and then wither, like a shadow we flee and never stay. In the midst of life we are in death; to whom can we turn for help, but to you Lord, who are justly angered by our sins.

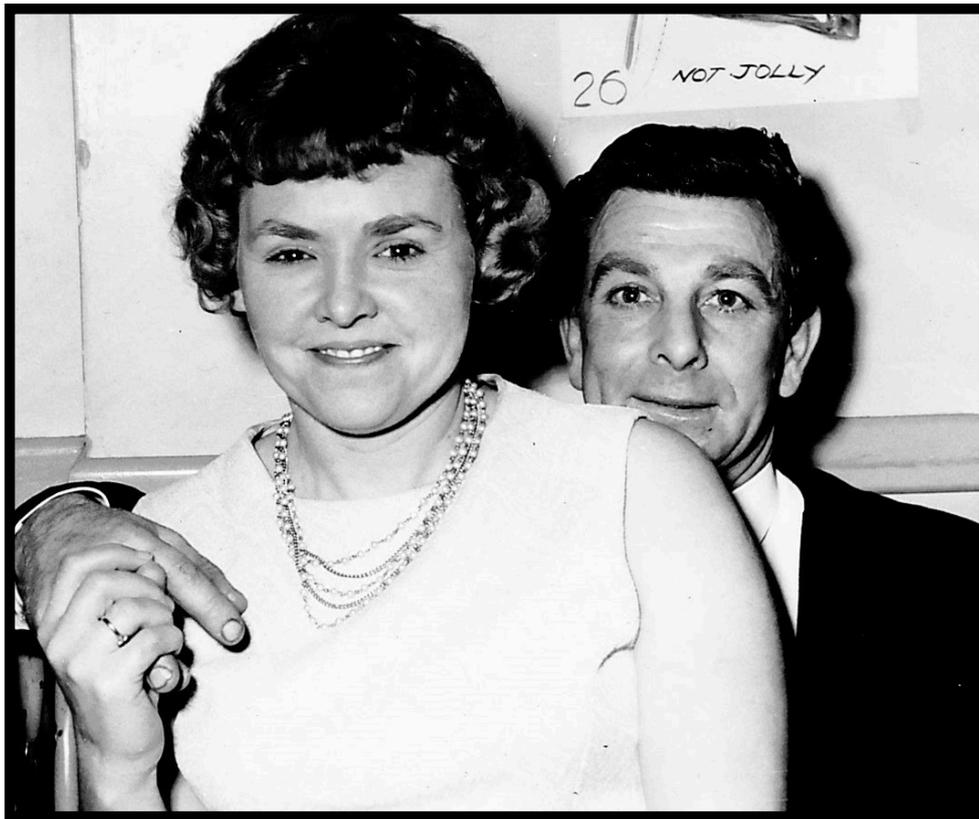
Lord God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
holy and most merciful Saviour,
deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death. You know the secrets of our hearts; in your mercy hear our prayer, forgive us our sins, and at our last hour let us not fall away from you.

We have committed our sister Jill to God's merciful keeping, and we now give her into his hands looking for the fullness of the resurrection when Christ shall gather all his saints to reign with him in glory for ever. **Amen.**

“I am the resurrection and the life” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die”

The Dismissal

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Thank you for attending Jill's Service.

You are warmly invited to join the family for refreshments at The Brewery Tap, Bournemouth Road, Blandford St Mary, DT11 9LW

Donations are invited in Jill's memory for Diabetes UK can be made online at www.funeraldirector.co.uk/funeral/jill-barr or sent care of Lesley Shand Funeral Service, 28 East Street, Blandford Forum, DT11 7DR

