

A Service of Celebration for the life of
Mary Elizabeth Bingham

13th April 1942 ~ 22nd February 2026



'Betty'

The Priory Church of Lady St Mary,
Wareham

Monday 16th March 2026

11:00am



Entry Music

Always and Forever, *Heatwave*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Reverend Deborah Swann & Reverend Neil Kelly

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Readings

Psalm 23

Read by Lesley Barnes

John 14. 1-6, 27

Read by Sue Phillips, niece and goddaughter

Poem

She is Gone

Read by Lara Bingham, granddaughter

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Images of Betty's Life
Slideshow with music,
compiled by Graham Bingham, Betty's Brother

Eulogy
Read by Arabella Bingham

Music for Reflection
The Lord Bless You and Keep You, *The Cambridge Singers*

Prayers of Thanks

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The Lords 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

Recessional Music

Time To Say Goodbye, *Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli*
What The World Needs Now, *Jackie DeShannon*

This service will be followed by a private burial at Hill View Cemetery



Betty's family wish to thank you for being here today and for the kind messages of sympathy received.

Following the service, you are warmly invited to Kingston Country Courtyard, West Street, Corfe Castle BH20 5LR for refreshments.

There will be a retiring collection in memory of Betty for the British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer's Research UK.

Donations may be sent to
Albert Marsh Funeral Directors, St Michaels Road, Wareham,
Dorset, BH20 4QU
or made online:

www.funeraldirector.co.uk/betty-bingham

