

St. Michael and All Angels, Dinder

1st May 2021 at 2.30pm



Funeral Service for

Joan Chambers

17th August 1923 – 7th April 2021

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

A selection of Joan's favourite voluntaries

Organist: Jonathan Chambers

RECEPTION OF THE COFFIN

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

GF Handel (1685-1759)

Piano duet

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Chris Butler

READINGS

Debbie and John Jackson

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

If I Should Go

Joyce Grenfell

If I should go before the rest of you
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice
But be the usual selves that I have known
Weep if you must
Parting is Hell
But life goes on
So sing as well.

HYMN

O Thou who camest from above,
The pure, celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for Thy glory burn,
With inextinguishable blaze;
And, trembling, to its source return
In humble love and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for Thee
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up Thy gift in me.

Ready for all Thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death Thine endless mercies seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Hereford (SS Wesley 1810-1876)

READING

Caroline Nolder

Remember

Christina Rossetti

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.

Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

JOAN IN HER OWN WORDS

Michael Clark

HYMN

Glory to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light:
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: Tallis's Canon (Thomas Tallis c1505-85)

REMEMBERING JOAN

Mike Chambers and Miggs Clark
Judith Mann, Fr. Bernd Höckelsberger

ADDRESS

Rev. Chris Butler

NUNC DIMMITIS

Geoffrey Burgon (1941-2010)

Soprano: Simone Chambers

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; World without end. Amen.

PRAYERS

Jonathan Clark

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.

MUSIC

The Lark Ascending *R Vaughan-Williams (1872-1958)*

Violin: Matthew Chambers

COMMENDATION

MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

Cambridge Singers

John Rutter (b1945)

Words: FS Pierpoint (1835-1917)

THE SERVICE CONTINUES AT THE GRAVESIDE

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COMMITTAL AND BURIAL

SENTENCE

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 38-39

HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: St Anne (William Croft 1678-1727)

PRAYER

Eternal God, we give thanks for Joan who enriched our communities and brought blessings to our daily lives through friendship, helpful conversations, laughter and concern for each person as an individual.

We remember the gift of hospitality we have received from her and her enthusiastic support of so many aspects of village life. May that legacy inspire us to give ourselves in love to one another and to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING



“On we go!”



After the service you are invited to collect a picnic bag from Dinder Village Hall. All are welcome to use the lawn behind the Hall (the front lawn of Sharcombe Farm). Hall facilities will be available throughout the afternoon.

There will be an opportunity to make a retiring donation to Dinder Church after the service.

Donations to Dinder Church ('PCC of Dinder') and British Red Cross may also be sent to: W.J. Trotman Funeral Directors, Ashdene, Cranmore, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4QQ.