

*A Service of Celebration
for the Life of*

*Robert John Ellis
'Bob'*

2nd February 1947 - 9th June 2026



Tuesday 18th August 2026

2.00 pm

Order of Service

Intro Organ Music

Margaret Outen

Entrance Music

'Champions Theme'

Carl Davies

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Rev Pam Merriott

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,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through 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 for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.



Eulogy

Nick Brooks-Ward

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Edward Bunn

Music

'The Gypsy Rover'

The Seekers

Bible Reading

John Ch 14 v 1-6

Mr Philip Taylor

Reflection

Rev Pam Merriott

*Hymn**'I Cannot Tell that He Whom Angels Worship'**William Young Fullerton**To the tune of 'Danny Boy'*

I cannot tell how he whom angels worship,
 should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
 or why as shepherd he should seek the wanderer
 with his mysterious promise of new birth.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
 when Beth-elm's manger was his only home,
 and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
 and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently, he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
 or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken hearted,
 and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
 and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
 for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
 how satisfy the needs and aspirations
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
 and some glad day, his sun shall shine in splendour
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
 when at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,
 or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with perfect love is filled.
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
 and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
 and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:
 At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.



Prayers

concluding with 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

'Abide with Me'

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
 The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
 Change and decay in all around I see:
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
 Where is death's sting? where, grave thy victory?
 I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.



Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Commendation

Peace

Blessing

Recessional Music

A Medley of BBC Sporting Theme Tunes



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of sympathy at this sad time

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Any kind donations in memory of Bob
will be split between The Collegiate Church of St. Mary
and the Injured Jockeys Fund.