

In Memory of
Stephen Dobbin
1954-2007
St Mary's Ashwell
16th October 2007

Service conducted by the Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice
who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored,
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Poem

Read by Mark Dobbin

Music for Reflection

When the Saints Go Marching In Arranged and performed by Dr. John

Reading

from More Fruits of Solitude by William Penn chosen by Sybil Dobbin and read by Peta Hawkes

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.

Tribute to Stephen

Given by David George

Reading

Read by Simon South

Address

Given by the Revd. Dr. Simon Chambers

The Prayers

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

Commendation

Gaelic Blessing

given by David Milner

Exit Music

Morgen Op.27, no.4 by Richard Strauss Private committal in Ashwell Cemetery to follow this service.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of both The Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Ashwell Village Museum Please give generously. All are welcome to join the family at Church Room for refreshments after the service .