To Celebrate the Life
of



Sylvia Anne Astbury

5th December 1932 - 12th September 2026

Sherwood Forest Crematorium
Friday 16th October 2026
at 12.00 noon

Order of Service

Entrance Music
Canon in D Major
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
performed by the National Philharmonic Orchestra and Charles Gerhardt

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
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,
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,
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,
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,
O still, small voice of calm.

A Reading from The Bible

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13: verses 1-13
read by Shona

Tribute

read by Jonathan

Poems

Afterglow
read by Laura

A Poem for Grandma

read by Harriet

Prayers

including

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

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen!
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold,
Bring me my arrows of desire.
Bring me my spear, O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land!

Commendation Prayers

The Committal

Blessing

Exit Music

In Paradisum from *Requiem, Op. 48*
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
performed by Harriet



The family would like to thank everyone
for their kind words and support at this sad time.

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