

*To Celebrate the Life
of*



Thelma Bracey

23rd April 1935 - 11th March 2025

Bramcote Crematorium, Reflection Chapel

Monday 7th April 2025 at 11.30 am





Opening Music
La Calinda from Koanga
by Frederick Delius

Welcome and Introduction



Poem

The Little Things

We gather to remember the little things that made
a special place in our heart.

To remember those happy times when we laughed,
and those times when our hearts broke as one.

For who could put a price on memory?

We gather to share the pain,
to share memories and stories; to forgive and not to blame.

To laugh and to cry and not try to hide our tears.

For who can ever take away the pain?

We gather to share the precious gift of grief.

To stand beside you with love and support,
and not be uncomfortable with your tears.

To allow you the gift of mourning our loss and not lose patience.

We gather with gratitude for experiences we have enjoyed.

Grief is God's way of healing a broken heart.

Draw near to Him in faith and receive comfort,
peace and the wonderful hope of eternity in your heart.



Prayers for Comfort

Poem

Death Is Nothing At All

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I and you are you; whatever we were to each other,
That we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name,
Speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference into your tone,
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
At the little jokes we always enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow in it!

Life means all that it ever meant; it is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval,
Somewhere very near, just around the corner.
All is well.

Nothing is past; nothing is lost.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!
(*Henry Scott Holland*)



HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.



Tribute to Thelma



Visual Tribute

and

Music for Reflection

Fantasia On A Theme By Thomas Tallis

by Ralph Vaughan Williams



Gospel Reading

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 and 27

Let not your heart be troubled:
ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions:
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am, there ye may be also.
And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him,
Lord, we know not whither thou goest;
and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



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.



Commendation and Farewell

Prayer and Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and for evermore.
Amen.

Closing Music

Thank You For The Music
by ABBA







Mark, Christine, David and family are very grateful for your kindness, cards, flowers and words of support, which have been a great comfort to them at this sad time.

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, Jesus.
Whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

John, Chapter 3: verse 16

Service conducted by Reverend James Lindsay

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