

In Loving Memory of
Susan Marie Harding

4th April 1947 - 14th May 2026



Wilford Hill Crematorium
Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 12.30 pm
Celebrant: Father Evarist Kaniki



Order of Service



**RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF SUSAN'S BODY
AT THE ENTRANCE DOOR**

Father Evarist

- Priest: Susan, may the God of hope give you the fullness of peace and may the Lord of life be with you always.
- Priest: In the waters of baptism, Susan died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May Susan now rest in peace and rise in eternal glory.

ENTRANCE MUSIC

Canon - Pachelbel



WELCOME

Father Evarist

I warmly welcome you all to this beautiful church of the Holy Spirit. I am Father Evarist, Assistant Priest of the Parish of the Annunciation, Rushcliffe, and we gather this afternoon to give thanks to Almighty God and celebrate the wonderful and amazing life of Susan, a treasured friend to all of us. A life well lived and well loved. A beautiful gift given by God, and now Susan's Mission is complete, we return her dear soul back to God.

The whole Catholic Community in the Parish of the Annunciation, stand united with you, Susan's family, on the great loss of your beloved wife, mother and grandmother; we, your wider family and Susan's friends, want you to know that you are in our love and prayers during this difficult time.

We now have a song by Fisherman's Friends – a favourite of Sue and Keith. Please join in quietly with the choruses when you feel comfortable with the tune.



OPENING MUSIC

Solo: It is time to go now.
Chorus: *Haul away your anchor,
Haul away your anchor,
It's our sailing time.*

Solo: Get some sail upon her.
Chorus: *Haul away your halliards,
Haul away your halliards,
It's our sailing time.*

Solo: Get her on her course now.
Chorus: *Haul away your foresheets,
Haul away your foresheets,
'Tis our sailing time.*

Solo: Feel the seas run under.
Chorus: *Haul away down channel,
Haul away down channel
On the evening tide.*

Solo: Now my days are over.
Chorus: *Haul away for heaven,
Haul away for heaven,
Lord be by my side.*

Solo: It is time to go now.
Chorus: *Haul away your anchor,
Haul away your anchor,
'Tis our sailing time.*



PLACING OF TWO CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS ON SUSAN'S COFFIN

Father Evarist

Book of the Gospels placed on Susan's coffin.

Priest: In life, Susan cherished the Gospel of Christ.
May Christ now greet Susan with these words of eternal life:
Come, you blessed of my Father!

Placing the Cross on Susan's coffin.

Priest: In baptism, Susan received the sign of the cross.
May Susan now share in Christ's victory over sin and death!

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**



PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to prepare ourselves for this celebration let us call to mind our sins.

Priest: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest: You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray. *(Pause)*
Loving Father, we commend to your loving care our sister,
Susan, who believed in you. Welcome Susan to her eternal
reward, as we commend her dear soul to you. So that she may
now live, forever with you in Peace and Rise in Glory, we ask
this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMN

*Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them everyone.

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Refrain



GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6
read by Father Evarist

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,
'Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going.'

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him,

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

Father Evarist

EULOGY

Keith and Jennifer

POEM

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep
read by Helen, Sue's niece

Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

read by Christopher

Priest: Father of hope, we now present to you in trust our prayers of petition.

Reader: For Susan who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that she may now be admitted to the company of saints.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, that they may see God face to face.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: For the family and friends of our sister Susan; that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed sister, Susan.
Cleanse her and all the faithful departed of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**



HYMN

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quite 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 in 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.



Priest: Now let us pray as Christ the Lord taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Priest: Let us Pray.
Listen, O God, to the prayers of your Church on behalf of the faithful departed, and grant to your servant, Susan, whose funeral we have celebrated today, the inheritance promised to all your saints.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT

by Ann North

Sue's close family will go to the crematorium for the cremation while the rest of you will all be welcome at Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club for the wake where a free bar will be available.



VENARATION OF SUSAN'S COFFIN WITH HOLY WATER AND INCENSE

Priest: Let us Pray.
With this water we call to mind Susan's baptism. As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us, so may He bring Susan and all the faithful departed to the fullness of the resurrection of life.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

FINAL COMMENDATION

Priest: Let us pray.
Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Susan and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Susan again and enjoy her friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore, let us console one another in faith of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.



FINAL BLESSING

All: The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In peace let us take our Sister Susan to her Place of Rest

FINAL MUSIC

I Know Now from the musical *Robert And Elizabeth*





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

All are welcome for light refreshment at Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club NG12 5BH.

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