

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF



JOHN FIRTH

16th November 1944 - 22nd February 2026

St Peter's Church, Ravenshead
Monday 23rd March 2026 at 1.00 pm
followed by committal at
Mansfield Crematorium in the Newstead Chapel

ORDER OF SERVICE



ENTRANCE MUSIC
Amazing Grace

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION
AND OPENING PRAYERS

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?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



FAMILY TRIBUTE

by Jill Firth

MUSIC

The Story Of My Life

by Neil Diamond

BIBLE READING

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13: verses 1-7 and 13



ADDRESS

Reverend Richard Kirby

PRAYERS

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; 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!

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THE COMMENDATION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

EXIT MUSIC

I'll Remember You
by Elvis Presley



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

All are welcome for light refreshment at
The Centre at St Peter's,
55 Sheepwalk Lane,
Ravenshead
NG15 9FD.

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