

*In Loving Memory
of*



**Michael John Hitchin
'John'**

3rd April 1938 - 29th January 2025

Gedling Crematorium

Tuesday 4th March 2025
at 1.00 pm



Order of Service

Conducted by Reverend Brian Nicholls

Entrance Music

Serenade In E Minor For Strings, Op. 20: II. Larghetto
by Elgar

Introduction

by Reverend Brian Nicholls



Hymn

For all the love that from our earliest days
has gladdened life and guarded all our ways,
we bring you, Lord, our song of grateful praise,
Alleluia!

For all the truth from wisdom's lighted page,
undimmed and pure, that shines from age to age,
God's holy Word, our priceless heritage,
Alleluia!

For all the joy that childhood's days have brought,
for healthful lives and purity of thought,
for life's deep meaning to our spirits taught,
Alleluia!

For all the hope that sheds its glorious ray
along the dark and unknown future way,
and lights the path to God's eternal day,
Alleluia!

For all the strength that has been gained through prayer,
to face life's tasks, its eager quests to share,
till ampler powers fulfil its promise fair.
Alleluia!

For Christ our Lord, our Saviour and our friend,
upon whose love and truth our souls depend,
our hope, our strength, our joy that knows no end:
Alleluia!

Tune: Sine Nomine



Prayer

Tribute

by Gordon Jeffrey

Reading

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13

read by Ina White



Tribute
by Helen

Reflection
What Christians believe about life and death
by Brian Nicholls

Prayers for Family and Friends
by Brian Nicholls



Hymn

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall hallow now our rest.

We thank you that your church, unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest, is waking
God's children 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away:
but stand, and rule, and grow for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

Tune: St Clement



Committal

Blessing

Reflective Music

Enigma Variations, Op. 36: Var. IX. Adagio, 'Nimrod'
by Elgar

Exit Music

What A Wonderful World
by Louis Armstrong



The family would like to thank you all for being here today.

Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments, after the service, at
Ramsdale Park Golf Course,
Oxton Road,
Calverton,
Nottingham
NG14 6NU.

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