A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of



Alexander Wesley Stewart Mann

10th September 1932 - 25th April 2022

The Friary United Reformed Church

Thursday 26th May 2022 at 1.30 pm





Order of Service

Voluntary

'Largo' by G F Handel

Welcome and Opening Words

Statement of Purpose



Opening Prayer

followed by

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.

H F Lyte (1793-1847)



Readings

Psalm 121
read by Mary Mills
and
John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6 and 27
read by Sylvia / Keith Brookes

Reflections on a Life Well Lived given by Maria Loughran



Hymn

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no 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 doest 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.

William Whittingham (1524 - 79)



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Notices

Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

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

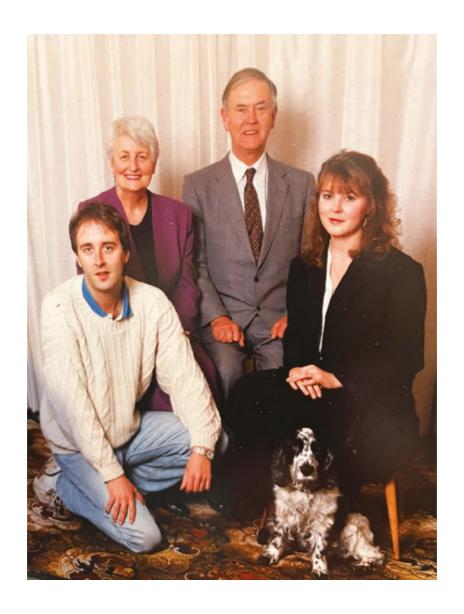
As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking our friends beneath the western sky, and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires pass away; thy kingdom stands and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826 - 93)

Benediction Voluntary $\hbox{`Climb Every Mountain' from \it The Sound of \it Music}$ by Rodgers and Hammerstein





Maria and her family wish to thank you for all your kind expressions of sympathy. Your attendance here today is greatly appreciated and is a source of real comfort.

You are all warmly invited to join the family immediately after this service for refreshments in 'The Long Room' at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground.

On your way out of the Church you will find a box for any donations you might wish to make in memory of Stewart.

All of your donations will be shared between

The Friary and The Salvation Army.



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