

In Loving Memory of



DAVID JOHN AKERS

18th April 1942 - 28th April 2025

Alvaston United Reformed Church,
Baker Street, Alvaston DE24 8SD

Friday 23rd May 2025
at 11.45 am



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Led by Reverend Kevin Jones
Assisted by Reverend Graham Maskery
and Reverend Christine Browne

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC
Jupiter from *The Planets*
by Gustav Holst
played by Kathryn, David's great-niece

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES
by Reverend Kevin Jones

PRAYERS
Emma, David's great-niece





HYMN

based on Psalm 46

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble
And therefore, we will not fear,
Though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
Though swirling floods are raging,
God, the Lord of Hosts
Is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river
Within God's holy city.
God is in the midst of her,
She shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
Thrones vanish at His presence.
God, the Lord of Hosts
Is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our maker,
Learn of His deeds all-powerful.
Wars will cease across the world
When He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
Uplift in the nations.
God, the Lord of Hosts
Is with us evermore!

Tune: 'Dambusters March'

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,
forever and ever.

Amen.

TRIBUTES

Catherine, David's daughter and Collette, David's granddaughter

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose
under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to
plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.*

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-2



*"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not.
Someone else always has to carry on the story."*

Bilbo Baggins, The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien



READING

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6, 18-19 and 27
read by Reverend Christine Browne

HYMN

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

William Blake

ADDRESS

by Reverend Kevin Jones

PRAYERS

Reverend Graham Maskery

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 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!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

Reverend Kevin Jones

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Nimrod from the *Enigma Variations*

by Edward Elgar

played by Grimethorpe Colliery Band



David's family would like to thank you all for your presence here today and for your cards and kind thoughts and sympathy at this sad time.

Anyone wishing to do so may come to
Markeaton Crematorium
immediately after this service. Alternatively, you are all
warmly invited for light refreshments at
Risley Park, Derby Road, Risley DE72 3SS,
where we will join you later.

Donations in David's memory to either
Age UK
or
Dementia UK
may be left after the service or online via David's funeral notice:
www.funeralguide.co.uk/obituaries/133713

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