

# In Loving Memory of

# Ronald Arthur Bond

14th March 1925  $\sim$  28th September 2016

Funeral Service
Monday 24th October 2016
Exeter & Devon Crematorium
11.30am
St Peter's Chapel

Service taken by Reverend Stephen Bessent

#### **Entrance Music**

'Pack up your troubles' by Max Bygraves

# **Sentences of Scripture**

# **Opening Prayer**

#### Hymn

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; he only could unlock the gate of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

#### Psalm 23

The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

#### **Bible Reading**

John 14. 1-9

**Address** 

# **Footprints**

Footprints in the sand One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."

#### **Prayers**

**Commendation and Farewell** 

#### 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 those 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.

#### **Committal**

#### **Final Prayer and Blessing**

# **Recessional Music**

'A bicycle made for two'
(Daisy Daisy)
by CRS Players



Elena, Tony, Pat and Robert wish to thank you for attending the service today, for your prayers, messages of sympathy and kind donations.

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