

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF



JOHN RALPH CHAPMAN  
'RALPH'

6th August 1942 ~ 22nd December 2024

Monday 20th January 2025 at 1.15 pm

Mansfield Crematorium,

Thoresby Chapel



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Led by Reverend Richard Kirby

## MUSIC AS WE ENTER THE CHAPEL

Ave Maria  
Yo-Yo Ma

## SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER

## 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 forever,  
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.



**BIBLE READING**

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 35 and 37-39  
*read by Lindsay Chapman*

**ADDRESS**

*Reverend Richard Kirby*

**PRAYERS**

*Reverend Kate Bryrom*



### 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

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 brethren 'neath 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 forever,  
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.



THE COMMENDATION

THE COMMITTAL

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MUSIC AS WE DEPART  
(They Long To Be) Close To You  
Carpenters



The family warmly invite you to the celebration of Ralph's life at St Peter's Church, Ravenshead, on Thursday 20th February 2025 at 2.00 pm, followed by light refreshments at Farnsfield Cricket Club, Station Lane, Farnsfield, Newark NG22 8LA.

Donations in memory of Ralph for  
**Ward 24 and the Department of Haematology  
at Kings' Mill Hospital**  
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or sent care of

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