

A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of



THOMAS STEPHEN HODGSON

1934 - 2017

Funeral Service at
Vale Royal Crematorium
on Friday 24th November 2017
at 1.00 pm

Service conducted by Philip Goodall

ENTRANCE MUSIC

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

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 for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

TRIBUTE

By Dr. Bob King

BIBLE READING

John 14. vs 1 - 6

ADDRESS

POEM

"I Shall Be With You"

PRAYERS

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 in to 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, Lord, 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!

COMMENDATION

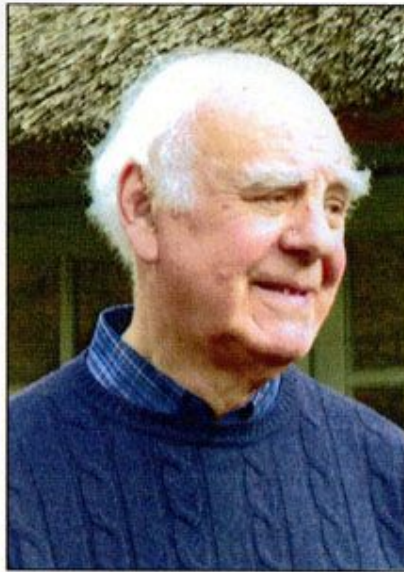
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EXIT MUSIC

Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2



Margaret thanks you all for joining herself and the family at this service of thanksgiving and for the loving support given to them.



Donations, if desired, will be gratefully received for
Chester Heart Support Group

Everyone is warmly invited to join the family
after the service for light refreshments at

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