



**Remembering the Life of Anthony John Craven Gibbons**

**28.8.1944 – 24. 11. 2023**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**St. Mary the Virgin Church, Ninfield**

**Service conducted by Rev. Paul Frostick, Rector of Ninfield and Hooe**

## **Please Stand**

### **Entrance of the coffin – Enigma Variations (Nimrod) by Elgar**

#### **Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

#### **Opening prayers and introduction by Rev Paul Frostick**

#### **Confession**

#### **The Collect**

#### **Poem: Miss Me But Let Me Go By Christina Rossetti**

#### **Read By: Sarah Lees**

When I Come to The End Of The Road  
And The Sun Has Set for Me  
I Want No Rites In A Gloom-Filled Room.  
Why Cry for A Soul Set Free?  
Miss Me A Little–But Not Too Long  
And Not with Your Head Bowed Low.  
Remember The Love That We Once Shared,  
Miss Me–But Let Me Go.

For This Is a Journey That We All Must Take  
And Each Must Go Alone.  
It's All a Part Of The Master's Plan,  
A Step on The Road To Home.

When You Are Lonely And Sick Of Heart  
Go To The Friends We Know  
And Bury Your Sorrows in Doing Good Deeds.  
Miss Me–But Let Me Go!

### **Hymn: Make me a Channel of your Peace**

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
It is in giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

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### **Gospel Reading (John 14: vv. 1-6)**

*Reflections on Anthony's life:* Pippa Wilkinson (Sister), Gemma Simmonds (Sister-in-Law), Tom Gibbons (Son)

Crossing the Bar by Rani Arbo (Choir)

Prayers – Rev. Paul Frostick

**All: 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.**

Nunc Dimittis by Amy Beach (Choir)

### **Commendation**

### **Blessing**

*Exit music* - Under African Skies by Paul Simon

## Burial – Family Only

Please join the family after the service at Powdermills Hotel, Powdermill Lane, Battle TN33 0SP to continue sharing memories and celebrating Anthony's life

Donations made in Anthony's memory are welcome to support the work of Médecins Sans Frontières

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*'If you can't take a joke, don't get involved!'*

Corinne and the family wish to thank the Revd. Paul Frostick, Paul Collins (Organist) and members of the Ashdown Singers for helping us to make this service so very special.