

# Service of Thanksgiving



## Michael Scott Jeffreys

*8<sup>th</sup> May 1944 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022*

**1.30pm, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
at Christ Church Dunstable**

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.” John 17 v 24 (NIV)

## Welcome

## Hymn

**1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,**  
he makes me lie in pastures green,  
he leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

### *Chorus*

*And I will trust in you alone.  
And I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. (*Chorus*)

3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know. (*Chorus*)

## **Prayers, including 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.  
For ever and ever.

Amen

## **Tributes**

### **Family Tributes**

- Thoughts from the grandchildren will be read by Jack, Amy & Reece
- Janet, Michael's Stepdaughter, will speak a few brief words on behalf of her and her brother Ian.
- Tribute by Kathryn read by her sister Anita

### **Church Tribute – Geoff Blake**

## **Hymn**

**1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,**  
that gives me strength for every passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make his will my home.

2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.

3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
when I behold his face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.

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## **Bible Reading**

### **John 17 v 20-26**

#### *Jesus Prays for All Believers*

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

## **Bible Ministry**

### **Hymn**

**1. ‘Great is thy faithfulness’, O God my Father,**  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou for ever wilt be.

*(chorus) ‘Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!’  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
‘Great is thy faithfulness’, Lord, unto me!*

**2.** Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *(chorus)*

**3.** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(chorus)*

*Thomas O Chisholm 1866-1960*

## **Closing Prayer and Blessing**

**Thank you:** Kathryn would like to thank all the family and friends for being here today and for all the love, care and support that has been received especially over the last few months.

The family warmly invite you all to join us for light refreshments after the service.

**Donations:** Any donations are requested to be given in Michael's memory towards 'Alzheimer's Research UK' and 'Carers in Bedfordshire'.

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