The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Deddington



A Service of Thanksgiving to

Celebrate the Life of

Alex Young

19th October, 1929 - 26th March, 2001

Friday, 30th March 2001

INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES AND WELCOME

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above, Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love: The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test, That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies; we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

PRAYER

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

EULOGY AND TRIBUTES

BIBLE READING

ADDRESS

HYMN

He who would valiant be 'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend Us with thy Spirit, We know we at the end Shall life inherit. Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say, I'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim.

AIRBORNE FORCES PRAYER

May the defence of the Most High be above and beneath, around and within us, in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our coming down, through all our days and all our nights until the dawn when the Sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in his wings for the peoples of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

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.

LAST POST and REVEILLE

Members of the congregation are invited to join the family after the service at the Holcombe Hotel, Deddington

Donations in memory of Alex, for the British Heart Foundation and the Army Benevolent Fund, may be placed in the offertory plate at the rear of the church or sent to: J & M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 5DG.