

A Funeral Service
of Thanksgiving
for the life of
Patricia (Tricia) Stella Elmes

10th August, 1941 – 26th November, 2025



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern
Friday 12th December at 3:00 p.m.

Before the service begins, please ensure mobile phones are turned to silent or off.

Officiant and Preacher: The Reverend Dr Gregory Seach, Vicar

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Fr Jeremy Cavanagh, Associate Priest

Organist: John Mallinson

Music before the service begins will include

Largo from Xerxes, Georg Friederich Handel;

Air on the G String from Orchestral Suite No. 3, Johann Sebastian Bach;

'Nimrod' from Variations on an Original Theme, Edward Elgar.

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*The Paschal Candle, the great symbol of Christ's victory over death,
remains alight throughout the service.*

Gathering in God's Name

Please stand as the Vicar enters.

The Vicar greets the congregation:

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please sit.

Words of welcome are offered, including sentences of Scripture.

We then pray together:

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us,
and fill us with compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We then stand to sing:

I. Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing
fresh from the word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness
where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)
Music: 'Bunessan', trad. Gaelic melody
arr. Lawrence Francis Bartlett (1933–2002)

Eulogies

Tributes will be offered by

Bryan, Sophie and Sarah

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50b–57

read by Nicholas Elmes

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed,
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

‘Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing a setting of Psalm 23:

Hymn

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnishèd In
presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Words: Scottish Psalter (1650)

Music: Crimond, Melody by Jessie Irvine (1836–87)

Harmony by T. C. L. Pritchard (1885–1960)

Second Reading

read by Martin Elmes

John 14:1–6

A reading from the gospel according to John:

On the night before he died, Jesus said to his disciples,
'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?'
Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.'

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Vicar offers a homily.

The Prayers

Prayers are offered concluding with:

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

All stand to sing the hymn:

1. Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him;
Praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him,
Praise him, all you stars and light:
Praise the Lord! for he has spoken,
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken,
For their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail:
God has made his saints victorious:
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Praise and glorify his name.

Words: Foundling Hospital Collection (1796)

Music: 'Austria'

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1863)

The Farewell and The Committal

Please remain standing.

A prayer is offered and then:

Let us now entrust our sister Patricia into the loving mercy of God.

Silence is kept, before we all say:

**Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love, you gave us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust Tricia to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

A blessing is pronounced, to which all respond:

Amen.

All remain standing as Nicholas, Martin, Alison, Lauren, Sophie and Sarah escort the coffin as it leaves the Church.

Bryan, Harley and Sienna follow, and lead us all from the Church.

Recessional

‘Jerusalem’

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)



*Bryan and family are most grateful for your presence here today,
and for your support.*

The family warmly invites you to join them for refreshments in the Parish Hall.



