Pamela Ruth Adams
(née Brownlow)

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Service held at St. Dunstan's Anglican Church

Saturday 24th October 2026, 10.30 am

Vicar. Fr. Jobby John

Order of Service

All stand at the sound of the bell

Opening Hymn

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you will better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Opening Remarks and Welcome Fr. Jobby John, *Vicar*

The priest greets the gathering with this introduction

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We have come together to thank God for the life of Pamela Ruth Adams, to mourn and honour her, to lay to rest her mortal body, and to support one another in grief. We face the certainty of our own death and judgement. Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ share eternal life with him. Therefore, in faith and hope we turn to God, who created and sustains us all.

The following scriptures are said by the Priest:

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'
– *John 11: 25-26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness – *Lamentations 3:22*

As we come forth naked from our mother's womb, so shall we go again, naked as we came. We shall take nothing for our toil, which we may carry away. This also is grevious ill: just as we came, so shall we go. – *Ecclesiastes 5:15-16*

Let us pray
The people join with the priest in saying
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

Eulogy

Paul Adams

Ministry of The Word

All are seated for the readings

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-7 – read by Benjamin Adams

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter
under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak.
I know that whatever God does endures forever;
nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it;
God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 – read by Samantha Dillner

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21: 1-7 – read by Nicola Rachele

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

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The Gospel **John 14.1-6** *(all stand)*

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 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 gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily Fr. Jobby John

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Fr. Jobby leads the prayers

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.
We thank you, our Father, that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us. We thank you that you raised him from the dead.
We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of Pam. Bring us, with Pam and all your faithful people, to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you. Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Grant us forgiveness, and assure us of your love. Strengthen us to love and obey you, that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son, and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life. Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who mourn, especially Paul, Kimi, Ben, Nicky and other family members. Be close to them in their loss. Increase their faith in your undying love. Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Show mercy to the dying. Sustain them with hope and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence. Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age. May we with Pam and all who have died in the faith of Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.
Amen

The Greeting of Peace

All stand.

The Greeting of Peace is introduced by the priest

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us.

The priest says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

With all your saints
we give you thanks and praise.

Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints
we give you thanks and praise.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with Pam and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and saying,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation
this bread and wine
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Therefore, with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with Pam and all your faithful people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
we offer our prayer and praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

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 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body.
For we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God
Communion is administered.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of life and death,
we thank you that in your great love
you have givens is this foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all your saints.
Grant that this sacrament of Christ's death
may be to us a comfort in affliction,
a firm assurance of his resurrection,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where death and sorrow are no more,
but all things are made new.
Amen

The Farewell

The priest says the following prayers and blesses Pam with holy water.

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Pamela Ruth Adams by water and the Spirit, grant that her death may recall to us Your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen**

Let us entrust our sister Pam to the mercy of God.
Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus, we entrust Pam 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 in glory for ever. Amen

Rest eternal, grant to her, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

The Committal

Priest says: Almighty God, our heavenly Father; you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In your keeping we here commit the body of our dear sister **Pamela Ruth Adams** to be cremated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing & Dismissal

The priest says

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen**
Go in peace in the name of Christ
All: Amen

Closing Hymn *(As the casket leaves the church)*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou oe'r death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. *[Refrain]*

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Paul, Kimi, Ben and Nicky would like to thank you
for the care, love and support you have shown
over recent weeks and for your presence here today.

You are invited to have refreshments
in the church hall after the service.



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