

St. Edward's Church, Knighton

Requiem Eucharist

In Memory of

Canon Emeritus John Neville Greaves

22nd October 1929 - 21st June 2021





Following a conversion experience whilst in loggerheads TB sanatorium in 1954, John was ordained deacon in 1961 followed by his priesting in Manchester Cathedral 1962

His ministry commenced in Salford 1961 to 1963, Wythenshawe, Manchester 1963 to 1973, Sadberge, County Durham 1973 to 1978, Durham City 1978 to 1994.

On his first retirement in 1994 John moved to Nantwich and then following the death of his first wife Joy, became priest in charge of Salt, Sandon and Burston in Lichfield diocese from 1997 to 2000. The next move was to become pastoral auxiliary of Eccleshall deanery in Staffordshire 2000 to 2001, where he met Iris and following their marriage moved to Bucknell. Here he received permission to officiate in both Hereford diocese in England and Swansea and Brecon diocese in Wales. Covid put a stop to services in church, but John was looking forward to returning to “work” after lockdown.

“you are a priest for ever” Micah

(for further information read his book “Faith and Works - an experience of God in ministry)

Order of Service

The Procession enters - Sentences

President: I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is his faithfulness.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Grace and the peace of the Lord be with you.

We have come here together to thank God for the life of John Neville Greaves, Priest, Pastor, and servant of the people of God; We come to honour him, to mourn for his passing, and to support one another in our grief. We face the certainty of our own death and judgement; yet Christians believe that all who faithfully follow Jesus share eternal life with him. Therefore, in faith and hope we turn to God, who created us in his own image, and is our strength and guide in our life here on earth.

The Lord be with you (All) And also with you.

And so we pray:

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with John and all the

faithful departed, the sure benefits of your son's saving passion and resurrection, that in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Minister: We sing our first hymn: 'Now is Eternal Life...'

Tune: Christchurch 6 6.6 6.8 8.

C. Steggall (1826-1905)



The new life

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Now is eternal life,
 if ris'n with Christ we stand,
 in him to life reborn,
 and holden in his hand;
 no more we fear death's ancient dread,
 in Christ arisen from the dead.

And God, the living God,
 stooped down to man's estate;
 by death destroying death,
 Christ opened wide life's gate.
 He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
 who lives in him shall never die.

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Man long in bondage lay,
 brooding o'er life's brief span;
 was it, O God, for naught,
 for naught, thou madest man?
 Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
 shall hope undying end in death?

Unfathomed love divine,
 reign thou within my heart;
 from thee nor depth nor height,
 nor life nor death can part;
 my life is hid in God with thee,
 now and through all eternity.

G.W. Briggs (1875 - 1959)

PLEASE SIT FOR FIRST LESSON

1st Lesson: A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:
read by Fergal Doran

The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces ... It will be said on that day "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoiced in his salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Book of the Revelation to St. John:
read by Aidan Doran

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away ... and I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming out of heaven from God ... and I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them: he will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for all these things have passed away. See, I am making all things new." Then he said "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega... Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they shall be my children."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Minister: Gradual Hymn: 'O Christ who holds the open gate...'

GONFALON ROYAL (L.M.)

With movement Unison

P.C. Buck, 1871-1947

The image shows a musical score for 'Gonfalon Royal' in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score ends with a double bar line.

The Everlasting Mercy

John Masefield

- 1 O Christ who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,
O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter
Of holy white birds flying after,
- 2 Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
And thou wilt bring the young green corn,
The young green corn divinely springing,
The young green corn for ever singing;
- 3 And when the field is fresh and fair
Thy blessed feet shall glitter there,
And we will walk and weeded field,
And tell the golden harvest's yield,
- 4 The corn that makes the holy bread
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.

No Amen

Hear the words of the Holy Gospel according to St. John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

read by Right Rev. John Davies

Jesus said to the disciples, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me shall never be thirsty... Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that he should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father: that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

PLEASE SIT

Eulogy, Jillian Doran

Sermon

The Very Reverend Geoff Miller, Dean of Newcastle

LET US PRAY

Prayers (sit or kneel)

Minister: God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your own image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for John Neville; for the grace and mercy he received from you; for all that was good in his life; for the memories we treasure today. Especially we thank you in a few moments of silence for our own personal memories ... Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look with mercy on all of us here. Give us patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen us with the knowledge of your love.

Lord in your mercy All: Hear our prayer.

We say together -

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore live in him, and he in us. Amen. (All Stand)

President: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

PLEASE SIT

Anthem, Sancti Venite,
by members of Llanfair Singers

PLEASE STAND

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of our salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly king, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

And now we give your thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away, and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying.

All:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying

Take, eat. This my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Sanctuary Bell, James Bridges

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Sanctuary Bell, James Bridges

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world, rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory we celebrate this memorial of our redemption'

As we offer you this bread and this cup, and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people, and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St. Aidan, St. Ambrose, St. Richard, St. Cuthbert and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. All: AMEM

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many we one body, Because we all share in one bread.

This is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, Blessed are those who are called to his supper. God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your

table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which we gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

(At the distribution, the minister says to each communicant 'The body of Christ; the blood of Christ.' The communicant replies each time **Amen.**)

During the Communion:

Anthem: "Victim Divine" Words by Charles Wesley. Music: John Greaves (Dedicated to Timperley Methodist Church, where his mother was lead soprano for 20 yrs)

Hymn: (Tune: Margaret. T.R. Mathews.) (Quietly)
Members of Llanfair Singers
Soloist, Graham Trew

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me; but in Beth'lem's
home there was found no room for thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should
set thy people free. But with mocking scorn and with
crown of thorn, they bore thee to Calvary.

O come to my heart Lord Jesus;

there is room in my heart for thee.

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
At thy coming in victory, let thy voice call me home,
saying 'yet there is room; there is room at my side for thee.'

O come to my heart Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for thee.

Hymn (Tune Herongate. English Traditional)

It is a thing most wonderful. Almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heaven, and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, and wept and toiled and mourned and died, for love of those who loved him not.

It is most wonderful to know his love for me so free and sure. But 'tis more wonderful to see my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart; and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

After Communion:

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am the life. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Grant us, Father, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, and strengthen us to follow the steps of your Son Jesus Christ in the way that leads to eternal life, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Minister: Let us sing together our final hymn:

'Christ is Risen, Christ the First Born,' Tune Lux Eloi

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will al is full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace;
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)11

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, starting with a dotted quarter note. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system. The lower staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature changes to two sharps (F# and C#).

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody. The lower staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature changes to one sharp (F#).

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John Neville has fallen asleep in the peace of Christ. We commend and entrust him to the love and mercy of our Father, and surround him with our love and prayers.

At the eucharist he was sustained and fed, and God now welcomes him to his table in heaven, to share in eternal life with Aiden, Cuthbert, Ambrose, Richard, Mary and all the saints.

President: God give you his comfort and his peace; his light and his joy: In this world and the next.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and all whom you love, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional March, Alexander Glazunov
(Arranged for organ by John Greaves)

Messages from the family:-

Iris, Jillian, Jonathan and family, would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of sympathy received during this time of shock and sadness. We feel strengthened and supported by your love and care.

John would have been amazed to know how highly respected, loved and appreciated he was by so many, many people. He would have said, with his usual humility - "not to me but to God be the glory." John was a "people person" and it would have been his wish that we should join together as best we are safely able, at his wake. If you would like to remain in your seats at the end of the service, refreshments will be brought to you.

We would also like to thank Reverend Petra Goodband for conducting the service as John would have wished.

The Right Reverend John Davies, the very Reverend Geoffrey Miller.

Reverend Barney Bell and James Bridges for bellringing. Organist Richard Lewis, the Llanfair singers and soloist Graham Trew for their beautiful interpretation of some of John's compositions and arrangements.

Finally the funeral directors A.W Hughes and son and particularly Leigh for his sensitive, thoughtful and caring manner throughout this difficult time.

Donations in memory of John may be left in the church or forwarded to the funeral directors. They will be divided between John's favourite charities: Water Aid, Hope Africa and the Railway Children Charity.



John on Iona



John in his element





John & Iris

“All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see;
We shall see and we shall know;
We shall know an we shall love;
We shall love and we shall praise.
Behold an end which is no end.”

St. Augustine, 354-430 AD



*The new vicar of Bearpark and the Rural Dean of Durham the Rev. John Greaves
get ready to go down Bearpark pit, 1981.*

Funeral arrangements by A.W. Hughes & Son, Gladestry.
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