

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



ELLEN CHARLES

25th January 1932 - 19th December 2021

St Mary's Church, Clifford

Friday 14th January 2022
at 2.30 pm



ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER



HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)



A TRIBUTE TO ELLEN

by Jeremy Helme

POEM

To A Primrose

by John Clare

read by Bridie Whittle

Welcome pale Primrose! starting up between
Dead matted leaves of ash and oak, that strew
The sunny lawn, the wood, and coppice through
‘Mid creeping moss and ivy’s darker green;
How much thy modest, unaffected pride
Glowes on the sunny bank, and wood’s warm side!

And where thy fairy flowers in groups are found,
The schoolboy roams enchantedly along,
Plucking the fairest with a rude delight
While the meek shepherd stops his simple song,
To gaze a moment on the pleasing sight
O’erjoyed to see the flowers that truly bring
The welcome news of sweet returning Spring.



HYMN

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



BIBLE READING

Philippians, Chapter 2: verses 1-11
read by Anthony Williams

REFLECTION

by Reverend Luci Morriss

PRAYERS

and

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.



HYMN

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

BLESSING



The interment of Ellen's ashes will take place in the church yard
following this service.

You are warmly invited to
The Castlefields, Clifford HR2 5HB,
for refreshments following this service.

Donations given in Ellen's memory will be shared between
Cancer Research UK
and
St Mary's Church, Clifford.