

Order of Service

Edward George Wakeling

31st August 1946 - 9th September 2023



St. Mary's Church, Clifford
Monday 16th October 2023 at 1.30pm
Service conducted by Rev. Jane Rogers

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: *Immortal Invisible God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, Pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Reading from Rectory Magazine - Written by Lewis Carroll 1848-1850

Thoughts on Thistles - Read by Ellen Schaefer-Salins

How strange and unexpected are many of the events in life! I who in by gone years pictured to myself many a pleasing dream of future greatness, when I should be admired and sought after by all my countrymen; when monarchs should condescend to employ me, and thousands should lie prostrate at my feet; when I should tread upon flowers and gorgeous satin drapery; when my trappings should be of gold and silver, and my saddle of the richest morocco;

when my food should be the choicest Indian corn, awaiting me in mangers of satin-wood - I who indulged in these delicious speculations in former days, am now browsing upon a thistle! Ah well! The vicissitudes of life are various (as the Great Chinese philosopher, Confucious, was once heard to mutter to himself in an inaudible tone when no one was near), they are very various and there is no calculating upon them! From henceforth therefore I resolved to take events as they occur, to adapt my conduct to circumstances, to endure with fortitude the blows and kicks my employers may think fit to bestow upon me, and only repay them by the most injuring obstinacy!

Eulogy

Read by Lindsay Fulcher Chair of The Lewis Carroll Society

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Read by Rhodri Richards for the family

Hymn: *The King of Love my Shepard*

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

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 forever.

Reading - *Revelation 21:1-7 The New Heaven and the New Earth*

read by Janice Funnell

a good friend of Edward's from Bishop Otter College Chichester

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. 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.

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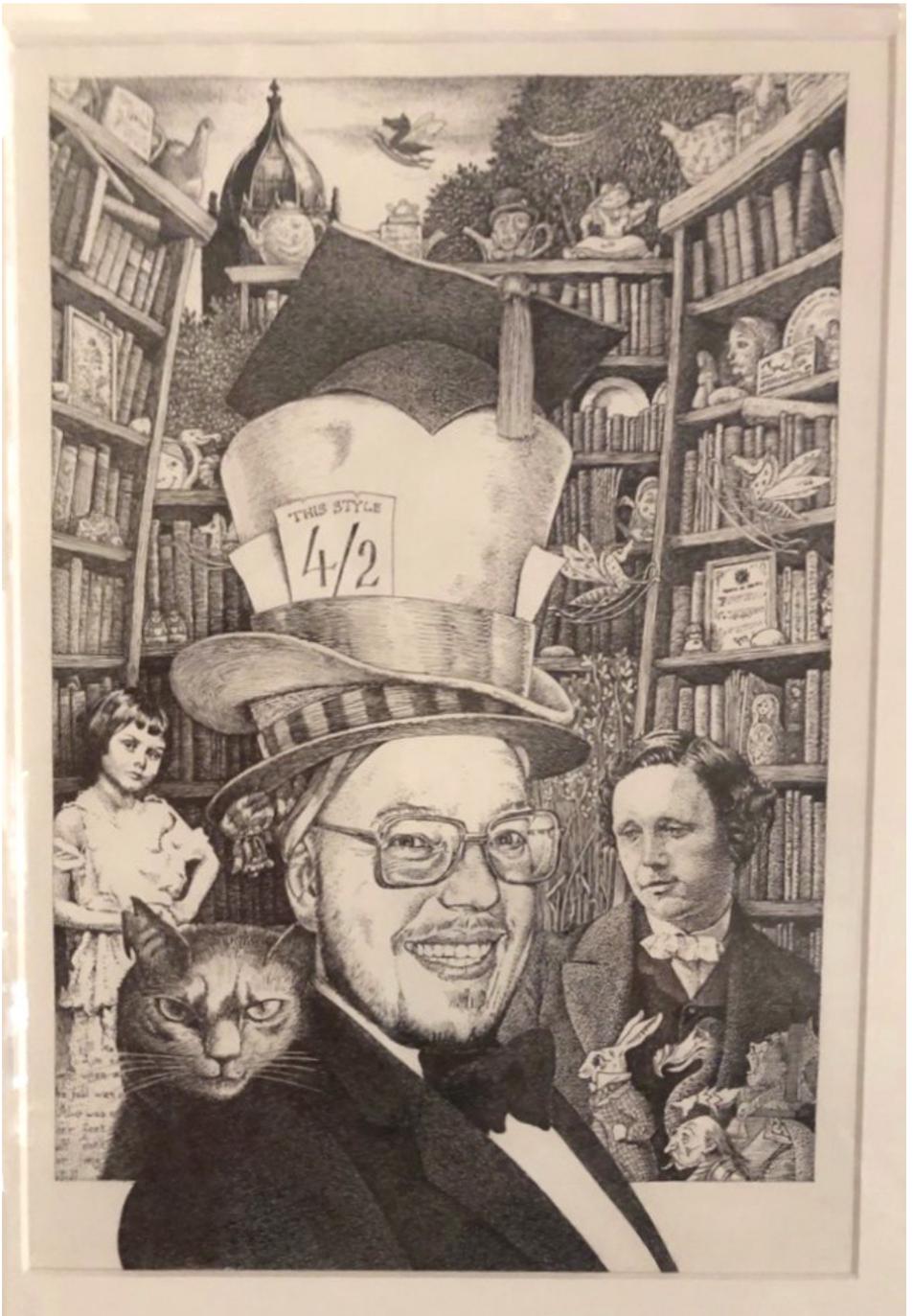
Prayers

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.

The Blessing

The family would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone to join them for refreshments in Cusop Village Hall following the service.



“What’s the use of a book thought Alice, without pictures or conversation.”