

Poems read out during the funeral:

My Funeral – by Wendy Cope

Not How Did He Die, but How Did He Live? – anonymous

Pardon Me for Not Getting Up – by Kelly Roper

Farewell my Friends – by Rabindranath Tagore

Donations in memory of Stuart will be given to
St. Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford.

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You are invited to a gathering after the funeral at
Ye Olde Salutation Inn, Market Pitch, Weobley, Hereford HR4 8SJ

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Thanksgiving Service for the life of



Stuart Elder

10th March 1968 - 13th February 2024

The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Weobley
2pm Tuesday 5th March

Presiding Minister - Reverend Philip Harvey

Opening Music: *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother* (The Hollies)

Welcome

Gathering and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - *Abide With Me*

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, Lord, 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.

Eulogy

Tributes to Stuart

from Sue Elder, Tim Long, Jeff Khan & Peter Hereford

Music for Reflection – *Smile* (Josh Groban)

Prayers of Commendation and Committal

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer*

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
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.

Dismissal & Blessing

Closing Music: *Soul Limbo – BBC TV/Test Match Special*
Swing Low Sweet Chariot