

Everyone is invited to join Clive and family
after the burial at Chartham Cemetery,
for refreshments at

The Artichoke Inn
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Chartham
Canterbury, CT4 7JQ

All very welcome



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A Funeral Service of Celebration and
Thanksgiving for the life of

Shirley Jill Johnson

1st June 1936 - 7th September 2024



12.00 noon Wednesday 16th October 2024
St Mary's Church, Chartham
Followed by Interment at Chartham Cemetery

Commendation

You shared your life with us,
God give eternal life to you!

You gave your love to us,
God give his deep, deep love to you!

You gave your time to us,
God give eternity to you!

You gave your light to us,
God give his glorious light to you!

go upon your way, our dear beautiful Shirley
Enter God's life, his love, his light;
There dwell for evermore.

Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it is in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

Closing Music - Candle In The Wind 1977 by Elton John

Entry Music

Played by the Organist

Welcome and Opening Prayer

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.*

Tribute: Remembering Shirley by Clive Johnson

Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*

*We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.*

*As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our friends beneath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.*

*So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

Hymn: Silent Night Holy Night

*Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born*

*3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

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
Forever and ever.

Amen

Reading: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd,
therefore, there is nothing I can lack.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A Moment of Reflection

Poem: 'Look For Me In Rainbows'

By Conn Bernard read by Mary Bubb

Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Poem: 'The Broken Chain'

By Ron Tranmer read by Ruth Plummer

Bible Reading: John 14: 1-6

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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