

A Celebration of the life of  
**Clarissa**

Theresa Philomena Aileen Mary Josephine

Agnes Elsie Trilby Louise Esmerelda

**Dickson Wright**

24<sup>th</sup> June 1947    15<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church  
Fleet Street  
London EC4

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*Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce*

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*Robert Jones*

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## **Introit**

*We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord* McKie

## **Bidding Prayer**

The Rector

## **Hymn**

*He Who Would Valiant Be*

He who would valiant be  
‘Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There’s no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round  
With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound -  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight:  
He will make good his right  
To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I’ll fear not what men say,  
I’ll labour night and day  
To be a pilgrim.

## **First Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Read by Peter Gott

## **Choir**

*Upon A Bank – Mealor*

(Paul Mealor is Chair in Composition of Aberdeen University  
where Clarissa was Rector 1998 – 2004)

## **First Address**

Edward Armitage

## **Choir**

*Rasputin – Farian arr Morley*

(Clarissa's Desert Island Discs choice)

## **Second Reading**

Extract from *Tobermory* by Saki

Read by Sara Dudley

(The complete works of Saki was Clarissa's book on Desert Island Discs)

## **Third Reading**

Extract from the *Big Book* –

*The Basic Text for Alcoholics Anonymous*

Read by Dr Robert Lefever

## **Hymn**

*Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

### **Fourth Reading**

Introduction from *History of English Food*  
by Clarissa Dickson Wright  
Read by Henrietta Green

### **Second Address**

Jan McCourt

### **Choir**

*Steal Away* – trad arr Tippett

### **Prayers**

Led by The Rector

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.

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change  
The courage to change the things I can  
And the wisdom to know the difference

## **Hymn** *Jerusalem*

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

## **Blessing** The Rector

**Choir**  
*Libiamo* – Verdi  
(Clarissa's Desert Island Discs choice)

**Organ Voluntary**  
*Final Movement, Symphony No.1* – Vierne

*There will be a retiring collection to be shared between St Bride's Church  
and RAPt – The Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust*

*You are warmly invited to a reception afterwards at The City of London Distillery,  
22 Bride Lane, London EC4Y 8DT, and lunch from 2pm to 5pm, hosted by  
Patricia Llewellyn, at St John Restaurant, 26 St John Street, EC1M 4AY*



*“I’d like to be remembered for humour and for believing what I say. I’d like to be considered a person of integrity; in the sense that I’ve always stood up for my beliefs however unpopular that might have been at the time. That I said what I thought, whether people agreed with it or not, also that I was quite happy to allow them the right to say what they thought whether I agreed with it or not. I’d like to be considered as someone who enjoyed good food, good laughter, the company of my friends and just generally as a good old fat cook.”*



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