

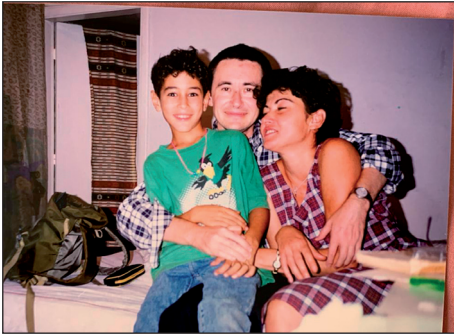
A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Life of
Gareth Smyth

19th October 1958 – 15th January 2023



Thursday 14th March 2024
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4



Music before the Service

Prelude no. 1 in C major (BWV 846) – Johann Sebastian Bach

Choir

Ave verum corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

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Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

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so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

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It is pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Read by Timothy O'Malley

Choir

Carrickfergus – Traditional Irish

First Address

Michael Karam

Choir

Warm love – Van Morrison arr. Robert Jones

Second Address

Zeinab Charafeddine

Solo

Ag Críost an Síol – Seán Ó Riada

Sung by Maria Hoban

Second Reading

Storm on the Island – Seamus Heaney

Read by Janet Pope

Choir

Flow, my tears – Music: John Dowland; Words: Peter Oswald

Third Address

John Jackson, David Donaldson & Janet Pope

Choir

Only love can break your heart – Neil Young arr. Matthew Morley

Prayers

The Rector

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,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
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 and praises
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing
The Rector

Organ Voluntary
Always look on the bright side of life – Eric Idle

*The retiring collection will be divided between
St Bride's Church & Médecins Sans Frontières*

*There will be a reception following the Service at the
Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage, London EC4Y 8EJ*



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