

Funeral Service for **Geoffrey Burgess**

22nd April 1939 – 9th January 2025



Thursday 20th February 2025
at 11.00am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4

*Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He who can call today his own;
He who, secure within, can say,
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.
Be fair or foul or rain or shine
The joys I have possessed, in spite of fate, are mine.
Not Heaven itself upon the past has power,
But what has been, has been, and I have had my hour.*

John Dryden, translating Horace: Odes III, xxix

Choir

Lux aeterna – Edward Elgar

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, 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.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Read by Nick Stimpson

Choir

In paradisum from *Requiem* – Gabriel Fauré

First Tribute

Memories of Geoffrey
Read by Christopher McKane

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.

Second Reading

God's Garden – Dorothy Frances Gurney
Read by Valerie Hill-Archer

Choir

English Country Garden – William Kimber arr. Robert Jones

Second Tribute

More memories of Geoffrey, by David Lowish & Jonathan McEvoy
Read by Clive Hill-Archer

Choir

And the Glory of the Lord – George Frideric Handel

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.

Commendation

The Rector

Hymn

Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us; scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

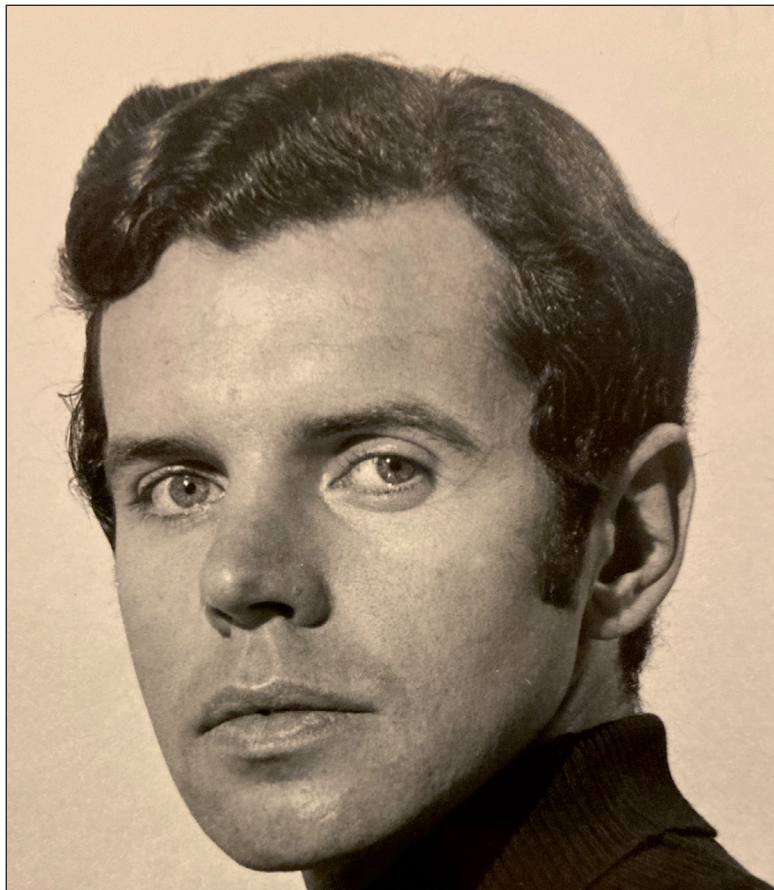
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Blessing

The Rector

Choir

I was glad – Hubert Parry



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St Bride's Church & The Charleston Trust, Lewes*

*Please join us for light refreshments at the back of church
following the service, courtesy of the Guild of St Bride*

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