

Eleanor Dixon

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



16th August 1932 – 13th August 2025

Service held at Taunton Unitarian Chapel
Mary Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3PE

10th September 2025 at 11.00am

OPENING MUSIC

Arioso – J.S.Bach

CHALICE LIGHTING AND WORDS

WELCOME AND OPENING WORDS

Rev. John Harley

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, O 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.

Come then in light 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 in me!

ELEANOR'S BIOGRAPHY AND A FEW UNITARIAN REMINISCES

Read by Rev. John Harley

READING – If I Should Die

Amy Cuckoo

HYMN – The Lords My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

EULOGY

Rob Davis

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

READING – Home

Penny Johns

HYMN – All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful –
The Lord God made them all.*

- ^{1.} Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
And made their tiny wings.
- ^{2.} The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brighten up the sky;
- ^{3.} The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden-
God made them every one.
- ^{4.} The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play;
The rushes by the water
We gather every day;
- ^{5.} God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

Air on a G String – J.S.Bach

Our thanks go to Rev. John Harley for leading today's services,
Celia Cartright and Elizabeth Birtles for their contributions
and Ian Gouge for playing the organ

Eleanors children and grandchildren will now continue to
the Taunton Crematorium for a private ceremony.

Order of Service

(Taunton Crematorium)

ENTRANCE MUSIC

J.S.Bach – Prelude in C Major

OPENING WORDS

Rev. John Harley

READING – She is Gone

John Davis

THE DAY THOU GAVEST

sung by Penny Johns

TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE

A time when people can say goodbye,
whether placing a flower on the coffin,
having a quiet moment or saying a few words.

SHORT PRAYER

FOLLOWED BY COMMITTAL

CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

The Seekers – Island of Dreams

Thank you for being here today.

Please join us after the service for refreshments
at the Vivary Park Golf Clubhouse TA1 3JT



Donations in memory of Eleanor to
the Bridgwater Unitarian Chapel or Alzheimer's Research UK
may be made by the retiring collection or
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