St. Andrew's Church, Colyton Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 12noon



A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of

ARTHUR GREGORY PARSONS

29th November 1958 - 8th January 2025

Service conducted by Father Steven Martin Organist Nick Brown

Order of Service

Music to Open Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J. S. Bach - Organist

Sentences

Welcome and Introduction

Collect

Hymn

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

 Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

All things

 The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky.

All things

 The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

All things

 He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

All things

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3. 1-11

Tribute

by Charlie Maddox

Hymn

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff'ring and shame; And I loved that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me: For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark calvary

So I'll cherish

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see.

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me.

So I'll cherish

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear. Then He'll call me some day to my home far away, Where His glory for ever I'll share.

So I'll cherish

Poem

He Walked This Land by Sasha Haines

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.

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered By God's almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain:

All good gifts around us Are sent from heav'n above, Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.

He only is the maker Of all things near and far; He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star. The winds and waves obey Him, By Him the birds are fed; Much more to us His children, He gives our daily bread.

All good gifts

We thank Thee then, O Father, For all things bright and good: The seed-time and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer For all Thy love imparts, And, what Thou most desirest, Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts

Commendation

Blessing

Music to Close Blue is the Colour - Organist Following this Service the family will be attending the Committal at Colyton Cemetery



The family warmly invite you to Colcombe Castle Market Place, Colyton EX26 6JS after the Service for refreshments and to continue sharing memories of Arthur

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