Service of thanksgiving and remembrance

Putney Vale Cemetery and Crematorium Sunday 8 September 2019



Welcome

Kelvin Taylor, Bereavement Services Manager

Welcome to Putney Vale Cemetery and Crematorium and to our annual service of thanksgiving and remembrance

Mobile phones

May I please ask that you turn off mobile phones for the duration of the service

Royal Trinity Hospice

This year we are supporting Royal Trinity Hospice. A spokesperson from the hospice will speak today during the service about the work that they do in the community and we will be collecting for them after the service.

Please see inside the back cover for more information about the hospice

Refreshments

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Please join us for a cup of tea!

After the service you are welcome to remember your loved ones by dedicating memory ribbons which will be displayed in the hall of remembrance. Please visit West chapel after the service to dedicate your ribbons. Memory ribbons will be kept on display until the end of October

We value your comments and opinions so please write to us or email us at **bereavement@enablelc.org** to let us know how we are doing.

If you wish to join our mailing list so that we can let you know of future events at Putney Vale,

please drop us a line

Opening Prayers

Peter Joyce, Anglican Lay Minister

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?

Alleluia, alleluia!

praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless; Alleluia, alleluia! glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:

Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia! praise with us the God of grace.

Bible reading

The worshipful Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper
1 Thessalonians 4: 14-17

Some thoughts and a poem

Grace Farrelly, Civil Celebrant

When Great Trees Fall

by Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines, gnaws
on kind words unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed and informed by their radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. They existed. We can be. Be and be better. For they existed.

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.

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.

O 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.

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

Address

Peter Joyce

After the service please join us to dedicate memory ribbons to your loved ones. Please now join us in a moment of quiet reflection

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 labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, 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.

Royal Trinity Hospice

Closing Prayers

Peter Joyce

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

The Salvation Army Band

Please join us for refreshments and to dedicate memory ribbons to your loved ones



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Royal Trinity Hospice

Royal Trinity Hospice is the local adult hospice for central and south west London and the oldest hospice in the UK. The skilled, compassionate care we provide to over 2,500 people with progressive, life-limiting illnesses every year helps them to make the very best of every moment they have left. For their loved ones, we are here every step of the way to offer support. Whilst our hospice is based in Clapham Common, most of our work happens beyond our walls. Over 80% of those we cared for last year were supported in their own homes, from Clapham to Chelsea, Putney to Pimlico.

All of our services are completely free of charge and it's only thanks to the fantastic support of our local community that we can raise £10.5million every year to supplement our NHS funding. Trinity has been part of the Clapham community for 128 years and our local community remains at the heart of what we do. Our multi-disciplinary team provide emotional, practical and spiritual support to people and their families, friends and carers. These services include inpatient and community care, counselling, welfare and financial advice, exercise classes, physiotherapy, social groups, complementary therapies, bereavement support and art therapy.





Next year, we will be holding a family open day at the cemetery and crematorium. Please visit our website nearer the time for details. The day will end with the memorial service at 2pm, Sunday 13 September 2020

