

In Loving Memory  
of



**Geraldine (Gerry) Cooper**

26th March 1941 - 10th December 2025



# ORDER *of* SERVICE



St Mary Magdalene Church

Saturday 17th January 2026  
at 11.00 am

Reverend Jennifer Whittaker

**ENTRY MUSIC**

TBC

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

## HYMN

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.

*Jan Struther (1901-1953)*

## EULOGY

given by Jill Hammond

## HYMN

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

**GIRL GUIDING DAYS**

Janet Melillo

**THE NATTER CLUB**

Hazel Arnold

## 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:

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

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

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

*Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander (1818-1895)*

## **READING**

Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3: verses 1-8 and 11-14  
read by Suzanne Owen

## **REFLECTION**

## **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

Morning has broken, like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

*Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)*

**POEM**

She Is Gone

by David Harkins

read by Sarah Bamber

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived,

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left,

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday,

You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on,

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

**TAPS**

introduced by Reverend Anne Potter

**BLESSING**

**EXIT MUSIC**

TBC



Simon, Sarah and the family would like to thank you all for the kind words of condolence and for the loving support today.

They warmly invite you to  
Broadwas Village Hall, Stoney Ley WR6 5NG  
for refreshments and to share some more memories of Gerry.

Donations will be collected for  
**The Lower Team Valley Churches;**  
there will be a plate as you leave the church today.

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