

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

# *Beverley Joan Oxford*

3rd September 1937 - 2nd January 2023



*“Billie”*

Piddington's Funeral Home & Crematorium

10am Tuesday, 10th January 2023

TRIBUTE | Prue & Penny Oxford

POETRY READING | **Death is Nothing At All** by Henry Scott Holland

*Read by Penny Oxford*

Death is nothing at all.

It does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.

I am I, and you are you,

and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was.

There is absolute and unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner.

All is well.

HYMN | **The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

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

## BIBLE READING | John 14:1-6

*Read by Sue Payne*

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

ADDRESS | Father John Marsh

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BEV'S LIFE

### 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 forever and ever. Amen.

### 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.*

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.

### FAREWELL & COMMITTAL

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BEV'S LIFE IN PICTURES | "In My Life" The Beatles





*Billie's family would like to thank you for your presence here today, for your kind thoughts, prayers and your expressions of sympathy and support. They warmly invite you to share light refreshments in the Condolence Lounge following the service.*



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