

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
ISLWYN EVANS  
'CHRIS'

1st September 1946 - 7th January 2026



TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2026 AT 3.00 PM  
SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CREMATORIUM

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2026 AT 11.00 AM  
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CUMNOR

# **AT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CREMATORIUM**

## **ENTRANCE MUSIC**

Calon Lân

Bryn Terfel

## **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

## **HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

## **POEM**

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

**READING**

Psalm 46

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMENDATION**

**THE COMMITTAL**

**EXIT MUSIC**

Stranger On The Shore

Acker Bilk

# AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*It is well  
With my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*It is well  
With my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*It is well  
With my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

## **POEM**

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

**REMEMBERING CHRIS**

## HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
Let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Habakkuk, Chapter 3: verses 17-19

*and*

Romans, Chapter 8: verses 35-39

## **ADDRESS**

## **TIME FOR REFLECTION**

## **PRAYERS**

*ending with*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

Amen.

## HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION**

**THE BLESSING**





Angela and the family have been overwhelmed by the love and support of friends in the last few weeks. The many cards and letters we have received reflect how highly Chris was respected and loved.

Please join us at The Bear and Ragged Staff for light refreshments, after the service, and a chance for us to share more memories.

Donations in memory of Chris may be sent to Christian Dental Fellowship  
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