



*In Loving Memory of Michael John Silman  
(John)*

1st August 1948- 22April 2023

Funeral at The North Oxford crematorium chapel

13.00 Hrs May 14th 2023

**RECEPTION OF COFFIN**  
*Tunes by Enya*

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

***Abide With Me***  
Henry Francis Lyte

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide:  
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour,  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**EULOGY** : Andrew Silman  
Poems : Warren Silman  
1: Spring time by John Silman  
2: The Little things that Happen by Marjorie Wilson  
3: There isn't time by Eleanor Farjeon

***The Lords my Shepherd***

Francis Rous

1 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.

2 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;

3 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;

4 My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be;

***BLESSING & DISMISSAL***

***My Way by Elvis Presley***



### ***Appreciation***

The family would like to thank you all for your  
kind support in our loss .

Please do join us for the wake and celebration of John Silman's life.  
Refreshments and food will be served after the service at:

The Littlebury hotel  
Kings end Bicester  
Oxfordshire  
OX26 6DR

Donations to The Hummingbird centre Launton.

We are so grateful to all the staff at the Hummingbird  
who helped Dad so much thru his illnesses. The Just giving page is :  
[www.Justgiving.com](http://www.Justgiving.com)> The Hummingbird Centre.