

*A celebration of the life of*



*Michael Kirby*

28th March 1943 - 28th February 2024

***RECEPTION OF COFFIN - Danny Boy***

***WELCOME & INTRODUCTION***

***Reverend Paul Lock***

***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 by Della***

*Morning Has Broken*

*An Irish Blessing*

*May the Road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at you back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rain fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand*



### *APPRECIATION*

Christine, Chris and the family would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts, cards and flowers at this time of sadness.

please join us to celebrate Michaels life after the service

Holland Hall  
The Garden suite  
6 Lafford Lane  
Upholland  
Nr Wigan

### *DONATIONS*

If you wish to make a donation to our chosen charity (Bowel Cancer UK), it can be made care of W Banks Funeral Directors, Orrell, Wigan.