

*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***

1 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!

2 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 God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day

***An Irish Blessing***

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains 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.