



REMEMBERING AND SHARING GRATITUDE

*Gillian Elizabeth Hastings*

26 JANUARY 1947 - 2 APRIL 2024



THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024, 12.30 PM  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BLACKHEATH

## OPENING MUSIC

Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughan Williams

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Father Nicholas Cranfield

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.  
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his compassion never fails; every morning they are renewed.

The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

We come here today to give thanks for the life  
and to pray for the soul of **Gillian Elizabeth Hastings**.

We pray for her family at this time  
that they too may be strengthened  
in the faith in the Risen Lord  
that all who believe may have life eternal.

## **MUSIC FOR MUM**

Somewhere Over The Rainbow by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg

## **COMMENDATION AND COMMITTAL**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Con Te Partirò (With You I Shall Depart)  
by Francesco Sartori and Lucio Quarantotto

### **CLOSING MUSIC**

Thank You For The Music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus

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## **WITH VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

We are so grateful to Rich Cottle, Musical Director (credits include Bowie and Lennon no less!) for arranging Mum's musical farewell and to the amazing musicians who've played for us today:

**Phoebe Street** - Lead Vocals

**The Stanford and Lowbury String Quartet** - Strings

**Sean Frost** - Organist

**Marguerite, Barbara, Angela, William & Robert** - All Saints' Choir

**Matthew Dunn** - FRCO Director of Music All Saints' Church

Thank you to local floral stylist **Chloë Du'Pré @chloedupre** for Mum's wildly colourful casket flowers, grown within the borough.

And to Caroline Williams for the beautiful church urns.

## AFTER THE SERVICE

Everyone (and we mean everyone) is invited to join us for drinks and food at the Princess Of Wales pub (situated just a few minutes' walk behind the church). There's some parking to the side of the pub on Paragon Place (no car registration needed).

## IN MEMORY OF MUM

Our home was never without a cat and, for 15 years, a dog. No donation is necessary but if you'd like to make one to your favourite animal charity in Mum's memory, thank you. We have personal ties with Stray Aid Montenegro, a special two person animal rescue <https://strayaidmontenegro.be/donate/donate>

## A LITTLE NOTE

Mum's sudden passing has shocked us all.

To anyone wishing they'd called Mum or seen her more recently, may we ease that discomfort for you by letting you know that Mum didn't need any more than you'd already given her. She wanted to call. It was one of the things she frequently thought about in those weeks that turned out to be her last. We wondered what she was waiting for. But now we see that there are things that don't need to be made more tangible with words.

Like uncertainty. Like love. Like saying goodbye.

