

"Warning" Jenny Joseph
Read by Jenny Brear

Matthew 5:1-12a
Read by Rosie Brear

Lead, Kindly Light
John H Newman

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom,
 Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
 Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The dist-ant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
 Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
 Lead Thou me on!
I loved the gar-ish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
 Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
 The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I
 Have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,
 Thyself hast trod,
Lead, Savior, lead me home in child like faith,
 Home to my God.
To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.

Homily

The Reverend Stefan Thomas

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; forever and ever,

Amen

Jerusalem

William Blake

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Commendation & Farewell

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The Committal & Blessing

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Departing Music

Nimrod - Enigma Variations
Edward Elgar



Some of Valerie's milestones...

- Born 5 January 1938, Helena Hospital, Shorncliffe Camp, Sandgate, Folkestone
- Daughter to Roland Henry and Helena May Thorpe (née Baddeley)
- Sister to Jean and Diane
- WWII Roland posted to Singapore and family evacuated to Perth when Japan invades
- Roland Henry Missing In Action
- Diane born in Australia
- May, Jean, Valerie and Diane return to Folkestone in 1945
- Resided with aunt while sisters in quarantine in Liverpool
- Family live at 48 Hollands Avenue, East Cliff, Folkestone
- Wins scholarship to Christ's Hospital School in Hertford. Meets Anthea
- Studies speech therapy at Central School Speech & Drama, in Judi Dench's year
- Graduates, meets and marries Kenneth Matthews (Navy). Moves to Southampton
- December 1960, Valerie gives birth to daughter Jane Susan (Jenny)
- Ken sadly passes
- Oct 1965 Valerie takes position at Rostulla School, Newtonabbey, N.I.
- Meets Alastair on a blind date at the ILTA Christmas Ball, Belfast
- Valerie and Alastair wed in Limavady, N.I. on 4 July 1966
- Penelope Helen Margaret (Penny) born May 1967
- Richard Alexander born March 1972
- Calum Philip born September 1974
- 1975 Valerie buys Clare Cottage, Barham: home from home during Troubles
- Works as clinical speech therapist at Limavady Health Centre and Greystone Hall
- Skiing incl. Zermatt, Grindelwald, Obergurgl, Champoussin, Killington
- Close friends with Pat and Billy Johnston
- Actively involved in Limavady Amateur Dramatics Society
- Numerous productions including, Street Car Named Desire, Gigi, The King and I.
- Gwen Appleby partner in drama crimes
- 1985 moves to Willow House and gets Ben the Dog
- Grandma May passes in February 1995.
- Many travels, incl to daughters' families in foreign postings in Chile and Malta.
- Frequent visitors to Costa de los Pinos, Mallorca, avid snorkeller
- Enjoys golfing with friend Clare Spratt and with the Fergusons in Captiva!
- Extended stays in Barham from 2000, seeing lots of Di and Ron
- Fell ill in 2015 (lymphoma) but stages miraculous recovery
- Loves watching André Rieu
- Moves to Cornfields home in Sept 2021, and The Orchards, Ely, in Aug 2023
- Passes peacefully at The Orchards, 16 October 2024.

RIP Val, Mum and Granny Smyth. Much loved and missed by all.