

In Loving Memory of

*Roger Edward Joseph Bevins*

22nd July 1944 - 18th August 2021



St Mary and St Michael's Church  
Saturday 4th September 2021 at 11.00 am



**POEM**  
**Miss Me, But Let Me Go**

You can shed tears that they are gone  
Or you can smile because they have lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that they've left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember them and only that they are gone  
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Reception of the Body

### ALL RISE

Fr Geoffrey Steel, parish priest of St Mary & St Michael's, meets the procession at the door and leads it into church.

After the sign of the cross, Fr Geoffrey greets all who have gathered. All respond:

### **And with your spirit.**

Symbols of baptism have a central place in the funeral liturgy: Fr Geoffrey sprinkles Roger's coffin with water from the baptismal font; his coffin is then placed between the lighted Easter candle and the altar.

Everyone is invited to sing the hymn, "Christ be beside me", **910**.

## Opening Prayer

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray, and in silence everyone gathers their thoughts. On behalf of the whole Church, the priest intercedes for Roger and for the mourners. All make the prayer their own by acclaiming: **Amen**.

### ALL SIT

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 1 John 3:1-2

*We shall see God as God really is.*

At the end, all give assent to God's word in the acclamation:

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 102

All repeat the response after the reader, and then after each verse.

**The Lord is compassion and love.**

## John 11:17-27

### ALL RISE

The proclamation of the gospel is acclaimed with alleluias, which all sing together. The gospel begins:

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

At the end, the gospel of Christ is acclaimed:

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ALL SIT

## Homily

Fr Geoffrey reflects on the scripture readings, and on Christian death as a sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## General Intercessions

### ALL RISE

Intercession is made for the Church and the world, for Roger and those who mourn, and for all who are gathered here today.

After each intention is announced, all pray in silence and then make the response.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Fr Geoffrey concludes the intercessions with a prayer, to which all respond: **Amen.**

### ALL SIT

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The celebration of Mass continues in the usual way: Bread and wine are brought to the altar; God is praised and thanked in the eucharistic prayer; the consecrated bread is broken; we are nourished by the body and blood of Christ in holy communion.

When the preparation is completed, Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray.

**ALL RISE**, and respond to the priest's invitation:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer over the gifts, to which all respond: **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This great prayer is the centre and high point of the entire liturgy.

Fr Geoffrey leads the praise of God and gives thanks for the wonders God has done, especially for the sacrifice of Christ's death and resurrection.

The prayer begins:

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

The prayer includes three acclamations.

### Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**ALL KNEEL**

### Mystery of Faith

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

## Great Amen

The eucharistic prayer reaches its climax in praise of God as the consecrated bread and wine are lifted up.

All make the entire prayer their own in the final great Amen.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**ALL RISE**

## COMMUNION RITE

Preparation for holy communion begins with the Lord's Prayer; all then exchange a greeting of peace with one another; and the priest breaks the bread of the eucharist in which all who receive the sacrament share as one body.

## The Lord's Prayer

Fr Geoffrey introduces the Lord's Prayer, which all recite together.

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, ...  
... for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

## Rite of Peace

Fr Geoffrey then implores peace and unity for the Church  
and for the whole human family. All respond: **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

Before sharing in holy communion, all exchange greeting of  
peace with those around them. You are invited to bow, or to  
say "Peace be with you".

## Breaking of the Bread

While the consecrated bread is being broken and the  
preparations made for the distribution of communion, the  
'Lamb of God' litany is prayed:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

**ALL KNEEL**



## Communion

In silence all prepare for Communion. The priest then extends an invitation to participate in the sacred meal, and all who will receive holy communion respond with a prayer of humility taken from the gospel:

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

Before receiving holy communion, each communicant makes a bow of reverence to the sacrament.

The minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant replies:

**Amen.**

Anyone unable to participate in the sacrament may request a blessing of the minister; to indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion, everyone is invited to sing the hymn, "The Lord's my Shepherd," **806**.

## Prayer after Communion

After a time of silent praise, the priest invites everyone to pray.

**ALL RISE**

Fr Geoffrey leads the prayer, and all respond: **Amen.**

# FINAL COMMENDATION

Before leaving the church, the assembly commends Roger to the mercy of God.

Fr Geoffrey invites all to pray. All spend some moments in silent prayer and remembrance. Roger's coffin is sprinkled with water from the baptismal font.

The liturgy in church ends with a prayer commending Roger into God's hands.

All respond: **Amen.**

During the procession from church, everyone is invited to sing the hymn, "Walk with me, oh my Lord," **966.**

## Burial

Please follow the family in the procession to our cemetery.

## GOODBYE ROG

Roger died very peacefully on August 18th.

On the day of his death, he had been to the Italian Orchard, where he enjoyed a lovely meal accompanied with a large glass of Merlot.

On returning home he told Eileen how much he enjoyed going out for the meal, before he settled down in his favourite chair for a nap.

Roger fell asleep and sadly never woke up.

He will be sadly missed.



Eileen, Guy and Neil would like to express their sincere thanks for your attendance here today. Thanks also for all the kind messages of sympathy and cards of condolence received at this sad time.

Following the service you are warmly invited to The Royal Oak for light refreshments and to share memories of Roger.

Should you wish to make a charitable donation in memory of Roger, they would be gratefully received to benefit the work of the British Heart Foundation care of the funeral director at the address below.



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