

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

SIMON PETER WATERS

16TH JUNE 1969 - 30TH MARCH 2026



WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026

1.00PM

ST EDMUNDS CHURCH

BECKENHAM

FOLLOWED BY

BLUEBELL HALSTEAD CREMATORIUM

3.00PM



ORDER OF SERVICE



OPENING HYMN

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

WELCOME AND BLESSING OF COFFIN

PLACING OF SYMBOLS

OPENING PRAYER

A READING

FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

Read by Charlotte

To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to break down and a time to build up.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get and a time to lose;
A time to keep and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord... *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 28

Read by Maria

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul**

Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness O Lord.

Response

Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.

Put an end to my affliction and my suffering
and take away all my sins.

Response

Preserve my life and rescue me,
let me not be put to shame for I take refuge in you.⁷

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me
Because I wait for you, O Lord.

Response

A READING

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Read by Dylan

We do not want you to be unaware brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord... *Thanks be to God*

Alleluia, Alleluia

**I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord.
All who believe in me will not see death forever.**

Alleluia

A READING

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord... *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

HOMILY

BIDDING PRAYERS

read by Michael, Catherine, Tom, Joseph and Kathleen

Response, *Hear Our Prayer*

OFFERTORY HYMN
HERE I AM LORD (I THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.



COMMUNION HYMN

ABIDE WITH ME

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.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou, who changest not, 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!

EULOGIES

FINAL COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

EXIT MUSIC
STRANGE BOAT
The Waterboys

*The Committal will take place after this service at
Bluebell Crematorium*

CREMATORIUM

MUSIC ON ENTRY

LAVENDAR
By Marillion

IRON SKY
By Pablo Nutini

WORDS OF WELCOME

Father Kevin

PERSONAL READING

Kathleen

POEM

LAVENDAR
Sarah

REFECTION MUSIC - WHILST PHOTOS ARE BEING PLAYED

LONESOME BOATMAN
By the Fureys

REFECTION READING

FOR UNCLE SIMON
Stephen

THANK YOU AND FINAL REFLECTION
Peggy

MUSIC ON DEPARTURE
NATIONAL EXPRESS
By Devine Comedy

FINAL MOMENTS WITH FAMILY ONLY
WE WILL SEE YOU IN OUR DREAMS
Bruce Springsteen.



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