

CHRIST CHURCH

CATHEDRAL, OXFORD.



The Funeral of
Dr Allan Chapman
30 May 1946 – 21 January 2026

Tuesday 3 March 2026
2pm

Rachel would be really pleased if you would stay after the funeral for refreshments.

These will be served in the North Transept straight after the end of the service. We do hope that you can stay to share memories of Allan.

The Officiant is the Revd Charlie Kerr, Priest Vicar.

The service is sung by the Cathedral Consort conducted by Richard Moore, Sub-Organist of Christ Church. The organ is played by George Balfour, Senior Organ Scholar of Christ Church.

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

Text in italics indicates where you are invited to stand and sit. Please remain seated if you would be more comfortable.

Music Before the Service

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 636

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685–1750

Rhosymedre from Three Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872–1958

Please stand when the funeral procession enters.

Opening Sentence

'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.'

John 11.25,26

Entrance Music

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

WORDS: The Book of Common Prayer

MUSIC: *Henry Purcell 1659–1695*

Welcome and Introduction

The Revd Charlie Kerr welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

Hymn



1

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
 That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2

'Tis mystery all: the immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
 Let angel minds enquire no more.

3

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

4

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

WORDS: Charles Wesley 1707–88

TUNE: Sagina, from Thomas Campbell 1777–1844

The Bouquet 1825

REH 433

Please sit.

Tributes

Mike Gorick

Head Sidesman of Christ Church, 2003-2021

Professor Dirk Aarts

Senior Censor and Tutor in Physical Chemistry, Christ Church

Gerard Gilligan

Council Member, Society for the History of Astronomy

Psalm 84

- 1 O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!
2 My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter into the courts of the Lord :
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young :
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
they will be alway praising thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee :
in whose heart are thy ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well :
and the pools are filled with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength :
and unto the God of gods
appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer :
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God our defender :
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
- 10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God :
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the Lord God is a light and defence :
the Lord will give grace and worship,
and no good thing shall he withhold
from them that live a godly life.
- 13 O Lord God of hosts :
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son,
whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who have died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

*Revelation 21.1-7 read by the Revd Canon Professor William Whyte,
Honorary Canon of Christ Church*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Please stand.

Hymn



1
The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.
Th'unwearied sun from day to day
Does his creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

2

Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

3

What though in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball;
What though nor real voice nor sound
Amid the radiant orbs be found;
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.'

WORDS: *John Sheeles 1688–1761 after Psalm 19*

TUNE: Addison's (London) *Joseph Addison 1672–1719*

REH 366

Please sit.

Second Reading

John 14.1-3 read by the Revd Dr Jane Baun, Chaplain of Wadham College

Jesus said, 'do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.'

Homily

The Revd Dr Jane Baun

Prayers of Intercession

The Revd Charlie Kerr leads the prayers.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

During the intercessions, the following response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us.

**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 that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand.

Commendation

Please remain standing.

Let us commend Allan to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer,
by your power Christ conquered death
and entered into glory.
Confident of his victory
and claiming his promises,
we entrust Allan to your mercy
in the name of Jesus our Lord,
who died and is alive and reigns with you,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Blessing

May God give you his comfort and peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you
this day and for evermore.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the coffin leaves the Cathedral during the Nunc Dimittis.

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, let thy servant now depart in peace,
according to thy promise.

For mine eyes have seen the Saviour sent from thee,
whom thou hast prepared before the face of thy people.

A light to lighten the Gentiles,
to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Always so be it.

MUSIC: Christopher Tye c1505–73

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

JS Bach

The Committal will take place at Tom Tower. You are welcome to join the procession to the Tower or to remain in the Cathedral for refreshments.

Committal

The Revd Dr Jane Baun sings In Paradisum.

In paradisum deducant te angeli; in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.

Into paradise may the angels lead you; at your coming may the martyrs receive you, and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

May the choir of angels come to greet you, and with Lazarus who once was poor, may you have rest eternal.

The Revd Charlie Kerr commits Allan to God.

We have entrusted our brother Allan to God's mercy,
and we now commit his body to be cremated:
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust:
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our frail bodies
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To him be glory for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.**

Amen.

*If you wish to make a donation in memory of Allan, please visit the website of the Oxford Hospitals Charity and donate online:
<https://www.hospitalcharity.co.uk/donate/area-of-greatest-need-2023>*

