

Celebrating the Life of  
**RICHARD DE RENZY  
CHANNER MC**

25th December 1921 - 20th January 2021



*Photo: Jamie Dodds*

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today*

*Kohima Epitaph by  
Major John Etty-Leal*

Holy Trinity Church, West Hill  
Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 12.00 noon

## **ENTRANCE MUSIC**

Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*  
Edward Elgar

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **HYMN**

There Is A Green Hill Far Away

### **TRIBUTES**

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### **BIBLE READING**

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## **ADDRESS**

Reverend Greg Prior

## **PRAYERS**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them 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.

## READING

The Guide by Kabir  
read by Alan Channer

Who but our Guide shall show the path to us?  
    Steep is that path, and perilous,  
    Deep-cut by yawning gulfs of doubt,  
High-piled with rocks of selfishness and greed,  
    Girt in by frowning cliffs of lust and hatred,  
    Beset by brigands of ambition:  
    Swift falls upon the lonely wayfarer  
    The tempest-shock of pride,  
    Delusion buffets him amain:  
Who, ah who, shall walk this way in peace  
    Without a Guide?

## COMMENDATION

**THE LAST POST**  
played by Jonathan Startup

**EXIT MUSIC**  
Radetzky March - Johann Strauss



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**If I Should Go**  
by Joyce Grenfell

If I should go before the rest of you,  
Break not a flower, nor inscribe a stone.  
Nor, when I'm gone, speak in a Sunday voice,  
But be the usual selves that I have known.  
Weep if you must, parting is hell,  
But life goes on, so sing as well.

*The committal follows for family.*

PUTNEY VALE CREMATORIUM

**POEM**

His Journey's Just Begun  
by Ellen Brenneman  
read by John Nowell

Don't think of him as gone away,  
His journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets,  
This earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
From the sorrows and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
In the hearts of those he touched...  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And he was loved so much.

**MUSIC**

Abide With Me  
by T. M. Krishna



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The family would like to express their deepest thanks for all the messages they have received, and would have liked to invite everyone to a gathering to celebrate the life of Dick and share memories. However, as current restrictions make this impossible, we would like you to join us in raising a toast to him, wherever you are tomorrow afternoon, 24th February, which will be 5 weeks to the day, after he 'went home'.

Family flowers only.

Should you wish to make a donation in Richard's memory, the family have chosen the following organisations he supported:

**The Royal British Legion**  
**The Gurkha Welfare Trust**

Cheques payable to the respective charity may be sent to Frederick W Paine at the address below or made online at the respective websites.

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