

In Loving Memory of



Cdr Raymond Arthur Doggett

7th May 1949 - 9th August 2021

St Nicholas' Church, Abbotsbury

Wednesday 1st September 2021

**The Funeral Service
for
Cdr Raymond Arthur Doggett**

Service conducted by
Rev'd Margaret Preuss-Higham

Organist
Paul Cheater

Standard Bearers
Steve James - Royal British Legion
Alan Cox - Royal Navy Association
Peter Young - Fleet Air Arm Association

Entrance Music: Taizé

Jesus, remember me, when You come into Your Kingdom

Welcome and Prayers

Fleet Air Arm Prayer

*O God who dwells above the water and has the power to still the raging of the sea, accept the prayers of all your servants who commit their lives to the dangers of the sea and air. In all their ways, enable them to serve you in a godly and faithful way, and in their Christian lives reflect your glory throughout the world. Through all their journeys, watch over them that they may overcome evil, temptation or anything that harms their souls, so that through all the changes and chances of this life, you will bring them by your mercy to the sure promise of your everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Hymn

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 ev'ry passing hour
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
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
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

Eulogy

Matthew Doggett

Memories: Navy Lark

Kevin Lambert

Reading: Book of Wisdom, ch.4, vv.7 - 10, 13 - 15

Jeannette Doggett

The virtuous person, though he die before his time, will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor number of years the true measure of life; understanding, this is man's grey hairs, untarnished life, this is ripe old age. He has sought to please God, so God has loved him; Coming to perfection in so short a while, he achieved long life; his soul being pleasing to the Lord, yet people look on, uncomprehending; it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, his holy ones.

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes:
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
And in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Reading: *St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, ch.3, vv.14 - 21*

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen

Address

Rev'd Ada Whittock

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,
for ever and ever. Amen*

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

Strong son of man, save those who fly
Swift-winged across the unchartered sky;
Each anxious hour and lonely flight
serenely challenged, day and night.
O'er land and ocean safely bear,
all those in peril in the air.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer of Farewell for Ray: Please stand

*Go forth Ray, upon your final journey.
Go from this world and rest in peace
In the presence of God the father
who created you,
In the love of Jesus our Lord
who called you his friend,
and in the warmth of the Holy Spirit
who has made his home in you.*

We say together

*In death your life is now changed not ended
and we give you back to our faithful God
who first gave you to us.
On our common pilgrimage
we have accompanied you
as far as we can go together.
Our ways part for now but,
beyond our horizon,
you will be met by Jesus
who is Himself the Way.*

Commendation

*May the angels lead you into paradise,
and the saints take you by the hand and walk with you
into the presence of God.*

*There, face to face, you will meet our loving Father.
His hands will be swift to welcome and he will hold you close.
His tender love is that of a mother for a child
and he has written your name, Ray, on the palm of his hands.
You will find rest in Christ, the Good Shepherd,
who carries you and says 'Do not be afraid'.*

*His peace will be yours
in a place where pain and sorrow will be no more.
There in God's Kingdom of light, happiness and peace,
the Holy Spirit will heal, renew and strengthen you.
The end of your pilgrimage will be a new beginning
in the bright dawn of eternal day.
Go forth Ray, upon your final journey.
Go forth from this world and be with God.*

Last Post and Reveille

Royal Marines Bugler Sarah Burberry

Blessing

Final Music as Ray leaves the church: H.M. Royal Marines Band

*Hearts of Oak
Life on the Ocean Wave
Prelude & Sunset*

When I Leave

*My last breath does not say 'goodbye',
for my love of you is truly timeless.
I leave myself not to the undertaker and the grave
but to your memory with love.
I leave my thoughts, my laughter,
my dreams of you whom I have treasured.
I give you what no thief can steal,
the memories of our times together;
the tender, love-filled moments,
the successes we have shared,
the hard times that brought us closer together
and the roads we have walked side by side.
I also leave you a solemn promise
that after I am home in heaven –
my heart and love will still be with you.
My spirit will be drawn to you by the magnet of your love.
When ever you are in need – call me,
I will come to you –
with my arms full of wisdom and light to help.
I take with me your love
and the millions of memories of all that we have shared.
So fear not – not at all - at my leaving,
you whom I have loved so much -
for we are forever intertwined.*

Ray's immediate family will now accompany him on his final journey to Weymouth Crematorium.

Jeannette and the family would like to thank you for attending today's service and invite you to Portesham Village Hall (DT3 4NS) for refreshments, where you can share memories of Ray and continue to celebrate his life.

The family will join you following the cremation.



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