

A Service of Thanksgiving  
to remember the life of

**The Reverend  
George Frederick Sansom**

24.1.1938 - 11.11.2021



Friday 19th November, 2021  
St. Philip's Anglican Church, Cowes  
Celebrant: The Reverend Jo White

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to this Service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
George Frederick Sansom.

The family express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your  
friendship, care and support.

### **Light immortal**

You brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.  
May we, with George and all the baptised,  
know the full light of your risen presence. **Amen.**

### **Water**

In the waters of baptism we died with Christ,  
and began to walk in newness of life.  
May we, George with and all the baptised,  
be brought to the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

### **The Scriptures**

In life George was nourished by the Word of God.  
May Christ greet us, with George, saying:  
Come, blessed of my Father! **Amen.**

**The Cross** Lord Jesus Christ, you bore our sins on the cross.  
May this cross be a sign to us of your love for George,  
and the forgiveness of his sins. **Amen.**

### **Gathering in God's Name**

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hymn – *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing, fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight;  
mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day.

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing, fresh from the word.

*Sentences of Scripture*

*Let us pray...*

**Loving God, you alone are the source of life. May your life giving spirit flow through us, and fill us with your compassion, one for another. In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace. Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eulogy *Michelle Young, Terri Ross*

The Ministry of the Word

Psalm 23 *led by Sam Ross*

The Lord is my shepherd:

**therefore can I lack nothing.**

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

**and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul:

**and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.**

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Bible Reading – John 14:16 *read by Jacquie Sansom*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Homily - The Reverend Jo White

**Hymn** – *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;

to his feet thy tribute bring.

ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,

praise the everlasting King!

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
widely as his mercy flows!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise the high eternal one!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
praise him, praise him, hallelujah,  
praise with us the God of grace.

### The Prayers

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead for the salvation of all.

*Prayers are offered*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
for ever and for ever. Amen.**

Lighting a candle in memory of George

## The Farewell

Hymn – *Thine be the Glory Risen Conquering Son*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord is living, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

Holy and loving Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus. We entrust George to your merciful keeping; in the faith of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to save us, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen

### The Blessing and Dismissal

#### The Committal *(at the hearse)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ. We here commit the body of our dear brother George to be cremated.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

SANSOM - George Frederick  
(Reverend)

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Passed away peacefully

Beloved husband of Jacquie.

Loving Dad and father-in-law to  
Terri & David, Michelle & Phil, and Greg.

Adored Grandad to Sam, Lachie, Harry;

Holly, Josh, Erin; and Matthew.

Brother of Tom and Sue (dec.).

**In God's Care**