A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

John Trevor Williams
21st June 1938 - 30th March 2015

Wednesday 22nd April 2015
at 1.30pm
St Chad’s Church, Handforth
Service conducted by the Reverend Steve Burmester
ENTRANCE MUSIC
Gloria in D Major, Et in Terra Pax - Vivaldi

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)
READINGS

The Reverend Steve Burmester

Trevor received peace by looking at the Commandments when he came to Communion.

Exodus 20: vv1-17

The Reverend Wendy Williams

Trevor received peace by looking at the Beatitudes.

Matthew 5: vv 1-10

The Reverend Frank Kerr - Hospital Chaplain, Wythenshawe

The peace Trevor knows with Christ.

Revelation 22: vv 1-5

THE EULOGY
The Reverend Wendy Williams
Hymn
We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower;
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Matthias Claudius (1749 - 1815)
Tr. Jane Campbell (1817 - 1878)

Address
The Reverend Steve Burmester
PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

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?

’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.

He left his Father’s throne above - so free, so infinite his grace -
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race.
’Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me!

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.

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.
Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

COMMENDATION

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL MUSIC
He’s the Lily of the Valley - Duvant Male Choir
Wendy and Konrad thank you for being here today.

After the service there will be refreshments in the Church Hall to which you are all invited.

Committal will then follow at Dunham Massey Crematorium, Altrincham at 3.30pm.

Should you wish to make a donation in memory of Trevor, it be passed on to The Millennium Seed Bank Conservation, Kew.