



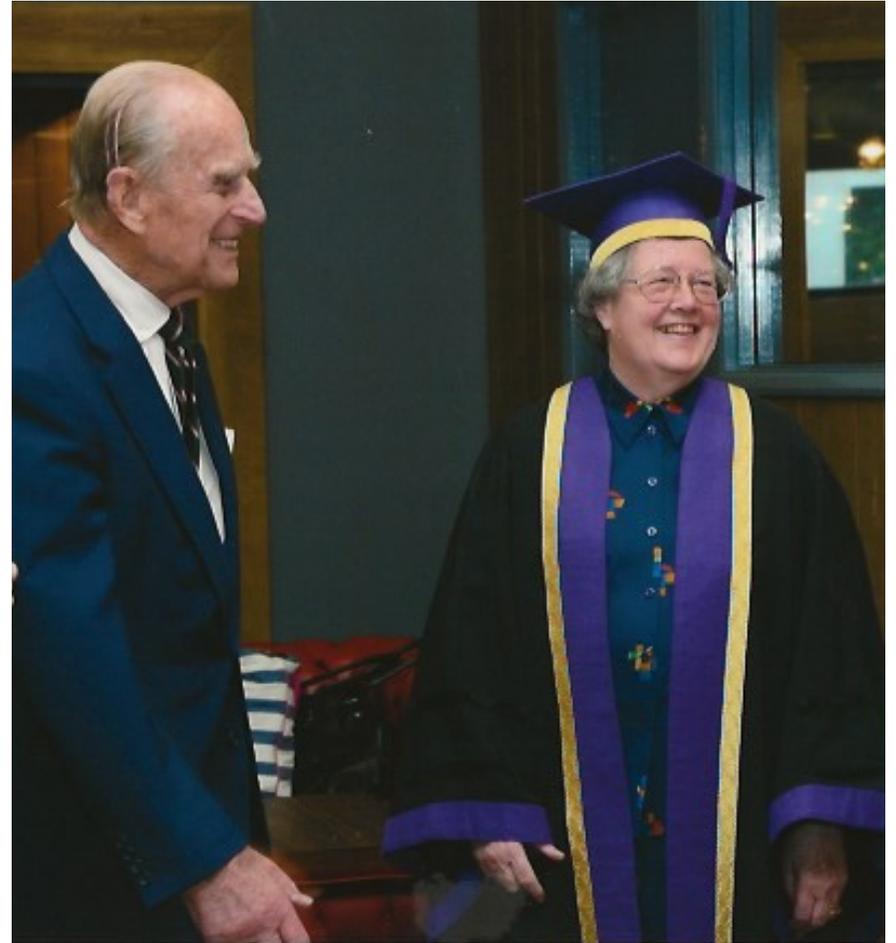
The Reception into Church,  
Funeral Service  
and Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for the life of

## **Johanna Magreta Raffan**

12th September 1943 - 15th June 2021



**St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead**  
27th and 28th June 2021



Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer;  
Be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee

## Reception into Church

*The minister meets the coffin at the door of the church and says*

We receive the body of our sister Johanna  
with confidence in God, the giver of life,  
who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

*The coffin is sprinkled with water, and these words may be used*

With this water we call to mind Johanna's baptism.  
As Christ went through the deep waters of death for us,  
so may he bring us to the fullness of resurrection life  
with Johanna, and all the redeemed.

*The coffin is borne to the choir stalls.*

Music: Hope, Tore Ljokjel

## The sentences

### Prayer

We are already God's children,  
but what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
Yet we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

*Johanna's family Bible is placed on the coffin, with these words:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your living and imperishable word brings us to new birth.  
Your eternal promises to us and to Johanna are proclaimed in  
the Bible.

*Johanna's 'Mirfield Society' cross is placed on the coffin:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
for love of Johanna and each one of us  
you bore our sins on the cross.

*A photo of Johanna and Sandy is placed on the coffin:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in 49 years of marriage to Sandy, you blessed Johanna  
with beauty, joy and companionship.

*Johanna's Prayer Book is placed on the coffin:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
as you taught your disciples to pray, so Johanna  
prayed faithfully in this place, and at home, every day.

*The sacrament is shared and placed on the altar:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You gave your body and blood  
as a lasting memory of your love for us,  
and as a sign of the eternal banquet in heaven.  
As Johanna received the sacrament with deep faith and joy,  
so we receive it now,  
and share with the whole communion of saints  
in a foretaste of that heavenly food.

## **Hymn**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
In him no sin is found -  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight -  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

*Everyone is warmly invited to join Johanna's family  
for light refreshments in the vicarage garden*

Donations in Johanna's memory may be made, if wished, to:  
The Community of the Resurrection at  
[johannaraffan.muchloved.com](http://johannaraffan.muchloved.com)  
or  
c/o Arnold Funeral Service, 21-23 Little Marlow Road,  
Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1HA.  
Tel: 01628 898866

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## Prayer after Communion

All **Heavenly Father,  
in your Son Jesus Christ  
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.  
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,  
that we may live as those who believe in  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the resurrection to eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Hymn

*The choir will sing Now thank we all our God*

## Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## Recessional

*The choir will sing Nunc Dimittis, Stanford, in Bb*

Theme from a Summer Place, the Percy Faith orchestra

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

*Silence is kept.*

**Psalm: 116.1-8, 13-17**

**Psalm Prayer**

## Ending

*The minister says a prayer.*

The Lord God almighty is our Father:  
**he loves us and tenderly cares for us.**  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:  
**he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.**  
The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:  
**he will lead us in God's holy way.**  
To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
**be praise and glory today and for ever. Amen.**

*The Nunc dimittis is said quietly together*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

*The mourners leave in silence.*

*The church is locked and sealed for the night.*

## The Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium

*Music on entry:* Sweet Sacrament Divine

### The Sentences

#### Introduction and prayer

#### Psalm 121, said together

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

**Reading** *What is dying*, by Bishop Brent  
read by Richard Bristowe, Cousin

I am standing upon that foreshore, a ship at my side spreads  
her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue  
ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch  
her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just  
where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other.  
Then someone at my side says, "there! she's gone!"

**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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

#### Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president holds up the bread and says:  
The Bread of heaven in Christ Jesus.*

*All* **Amen**

#### Giving of Communion

*The choir will sing: God be in my head.*

*Please remain in your place, standing or sitting, as you prefer.  
The Host will be brought to you. Please sit once you have received.  
If you would prefer a (silent) blessing please cross your hands over  
your chest.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please stand*

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

## 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.**

"Gone where?" "Gone from my sight, that's all", she is just as large in mast and spar and hull as ever she was when she left my side; just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of her destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her.

And just at that moment when someone at my side says, "there! she's gone!" there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "here she comes!"  
And that is dying.

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

**Music:** Theme from a Summer Place, *The Percy Faith Orchestra*

## The Commendation and Committal

**Reading** The Nunc Dimittis  
Read by Ceri Dhillon, Goddaughter

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen  
thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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.

## Closing prayer and Blessing

**Music:** Psalm 23, *Crimond*

## The Requiem Mass, at St. Luke's Church

### Welcome and opening prayer

### Hymn

*The choir will sing Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

### Prayers of Penitence

As children of a loving heavenly Father,  
let us ask his forgiveness,  
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

*Silence may be kept.*

God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and  
done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

### The Collect

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.

All **Amen.**

### Readings

Isaiah 43. 1-7, read by Natalie Willbe

Revelation 21. 1-6, read by Mark Annear

*At the end of each:* This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel reading:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 4. 7-15, read by Alison Cox

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Eulogy

The Revd. Sally Lynch

### Prayers

The Revd. Terrie Robinson  
The Revd. Phyl Sopp

### The Peace

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*You are invited to exchange a socially distanced sign of peace*

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The choir will sing Sweet Sacrament Divine.*

*We are invited to pray quietly.*