

The family would like to thank everyone
for their attendance here today and
for the kind messages of sympathy
and support at this sad time.

Following the service
you are welcome
to join the family at
St John's Church
for refreshments

Donations in the memory of Derek for

Cancer Research UK

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**In Loving Memory and Celebration
for the life of**

Derek John Alsford



28th November 1932 – 21st March 2017

Tuesday 11th April 2017

St. John's Church, Fareham

Crematorium

The guard of honour formed by members of -
HMS Andromeda Association
The Royal Hospital School Association

Music from -

Heart of Oak	- William Boyce
My Father's Favourite	- Andre Rieu
Enigma Variations (Nimrod)	- Elgar
The Great Escape	- Elmer Bernstein

If you are not going to the church service then please make yourself known to the family at the end of the ceremony.

Otherwise, please retain your order of service and the family look forward to seeing you at St. John's church.

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 Thee His praise should sing
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

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!
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels, in the height 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!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Final Blessing: Rev. Bruce Deans

Welcome & Introduction: Rev. Bruce Deans

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bruce Deans

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise;
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee;
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace;
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm;
O still, small voice of calm.

Poem: I like hugs: Carl Alsford (Grandson)

Reading: John 14: 1-6 Chloé Kneebone (Granddaughter)

Remembrances:

Eulogy: **Anthony Alsford**

Address: **Rev. Bruce Deans**

Hymn: Eternal Father, strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayers: **Rev. Bruce Deans**

Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 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.

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