

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT
COLCHESTER

LIGHT A CANDLE

A SERVICE OF PRAYER
AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEREAVED

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2020

The service today is being live streamed

Welcome to this live streamed version of our Light a Candle Service, led by Fr James McCluskey.

Our annual 'Light a Candle' Services are a treasured and important part of our life as a family funeral group. They offer all of our clients, colleagues, and friends old and new an invaluable opportunity to gather together, remember loved ones, and light a candle to their memory. We renew acquaintances, strengthen friendships, and offer support to one another during times which continue to be difficult.

We love being involved with them. They are such a rewarding part of our work, and we were deeply disappointed when the Covid-19 pandemic meant that we had to cancel all of our planned services this year.

But we believe that these events are far too special for us to lose, especially during such a challenging year.

So, our family are meeting here today at St James the Great Church, Colchester, and with the help of Fr James, will hold the service and light candles on behalf of you all.

We invite as many of you as possible to join us, from your home watching on whatever device you might have, and light a candle too. Then, even though we are separated by distance, we can be united in our memories of loved ones.

Trevor Hunnaball

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Led by Father James McCluskey
Rector of the Parish Church St James the Great*

*Philip Prior, Director of Music
and
St James Singers*

OPENING HYMN

Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

READING

John 14 v v 1 - 6
Saul Hunnaball

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HYMN

The King of Love

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ST JAMES SINGERS

Be still for the presence of the Lord

REFLECTION MUSIC

Over the Rainbow

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY

Trevor Hunnaball

BLESSING

FINAL HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

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,
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,
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
I will ever give to thee.

We hope that joining together in the Service of Remembrance for our loved ones has given you comfort, reassurance and strength, and we thank you for joining us.

We are sincerely grateful to Father James McCluskey, Philip Prior, St James Singers, Churchwardens, Stephen Pawlack and Lucy Mason, Marks Tey Radio, and all who have given their time and support in organising today's service.

We hope that things will return to normal in 2021, and that Light a Candle Services will be hosted by all of our branches in the localities they serve.

Trevor, Melanie, Saul, Chris and Polly

Next year's service will be held here on
Saturday 20th November at 11.00am.



The Hunnaball Family Funeral Group
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