You are tender towards your children and your mercy is over all your works. Heal any memories of hurt and failure. Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth, to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way that leads to everlasting life. Silence Lord, in your mercy. All hear our prayer.

# As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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. 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.

# HYMN

# ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,

The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

# COMMENDATION AND FAREWELL

Let us commend Alan to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and entered into glory. Confident of his victory and claiming his promises, we entrust Alan to your mercy in the name of Jesus our Lord, who died and is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever. All Amen.

# THE COMMITTAL

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great goodness. As a father is tender towards his children, so is the Lord tender to those that fear him. For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it

is gone and its place will know it no more. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever and ever toward those that fear him and his righteousness upon their children's children.

We have entrusted Alan to God's mercy, and we now commit his body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our frail bodies that they may be conformed to his glorious body, who died, was buried, and rose again for us. To him be glory for ever. All Amen.

> GOING AWAY BLESSING

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALAN KING



# 22ND FEBRUARY 2013 ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, BIGBURY, 1.30PM

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

"Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11.25.26

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. 1 Timothy 6.7: Job 1.21b

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5.4

# PASTORAL INTRODUCTION

# THE MINISTER MAY SAY & PRAVER

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope, and strengthen in us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen.

# WE PRAY TOGETHER THE FIRST PRAYER ON YOUR SERVICE SHEET ....

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.

#### TRIBUTE

#### HYMN

# 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 in 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 re-creation Of the new day!

# READING

Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die. (Mary Frye 1932)

# ADDRESS

# HYMN

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill: For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes: My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me: And in God's house forever more My dwelling place shall be.

# PRAYERS

God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light: we give you thanks for Alan, for the grace and mercy he received from you, for all that was good in his life, for the memories we treasure today. Especially we thank you for.....

# Silence

Lord, in your mercy. All hear our prayer.

You promised eternal life to those who believe. Remember for good this your servant Alan as we also remember him. Bring all who rest in Christ into the fullness of your kingdom where sins have been forgiven and death is no more. Silence Lord, in your mercy. All hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death. Look in mercy on Mary, Andy & Yogi, Jane and their families, the wider family and friends and all who mourn. Give them patient faith in times of darkness. Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love. Silence Lord, in your mercy. All hear our prayer.

alan was a grea outdoor man, He loved animals + birds, Pottering around in the garden, - would think nothing of getting up at GAR, + be out mowing the lawns by Tox, much to the annoyance of some of the neighbours who wanted a quier lie in at the beekends. He especially liked cows + was a paolsman at how stand tarm looking gto - ulilking a bentyled gerey hard. as a young lad he was a bit of a teareway. During the war, he is a couple of mates, got upon the Unoog of the Snotitute at Bigbury billage, when a group of home guard Goldiers were having a meeting, and thay through a load of sweete down the chimney. I wasn't long before the doors burst open, smake pouring & the men coughing - splutbring with I. needless to say alan a bo where hiding, but could see what was happening. Unother time Gean his brother a mate took the Reverend bow's byde, climbed a tree & tred it to a branch, They should have been at school i Rev have was looking for them. They had locked themselver in a room, which had a knot hole in the door, Res low bent down to look + was shouting." I know you are in there, - as he looked in Gean poked his finger through the hole right in Rev bass eye Wans brother Russele told us this one : Gean used to go fishing behind the island with friends, They would find a large stone, tie a rope around N, Tuse Nasananchor whilst fishing It was agan's turn to get the stone, but as he was getting into the boat he tripped a throw the stone through

the bottom of the boar, Shay all had to sit in the back to try a keep the food with the hole out of the water, , they managed to get back to Rhallaborough we have many happy memories of him Snowthen, always helpful I still goes or." clean it bruel it needs for three who played Built "for the boyp"

