

A Service to Celebrate the
Life of
**Dominic Leigh Denys
Gwynn**

18th August 1953 – 24th May 2024



Friday 14th June 2024 at 1.00pm

St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells

'Sing me to sleep with a sweet serenading.
Oh, so gently, oh, so gently from sound to silence fading'

Before the service, the St Cuthbert's organ will be played by Andrea Watson, Director of Music.

Music will include works by J. S. Bach and 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen' by Johannes Brahms.

Introit

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts
Henry Purcell

Welcome

Revd Sam Denyer

Hymn

Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel harps for ever ringing
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can!

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Tribute

Andrew McCrea
Deputy Director, Royal College of Organists

Wingfield Organ

Gloria tibi Trinitas
John Taverner
Magnus Williams, Professor of Early Music, Newcastle
University

Tributes

Antonia, Pip and Lucy

Choir

Canzonetta: Sing me a song with not a note of sadness
Orazio Vecchi

Hymn

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom
lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home
lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet, I do not ask to see
the distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose, and see my path but now
lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
the night is gone.

And with the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

Reading

Wisdom Chapter 3 vv 1-5, 9

Read by Revd Peter Farrell

Sermon

Revd Sam Denyer

Anthem

O Nata Lux

Thomas Tallis

Prayers and Commendation

Choir

Lord, thou hast brought us to our journey's end

C. A. Alington

Blessing

Hymn

How shall I sing that Majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir!
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God Most High;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise: but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears
whilst I your footsteps trace:
a sound of God comes to my ears;
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me!
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore.
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

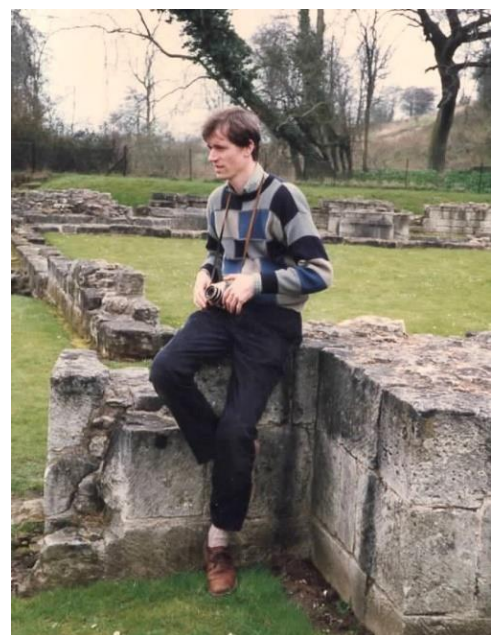
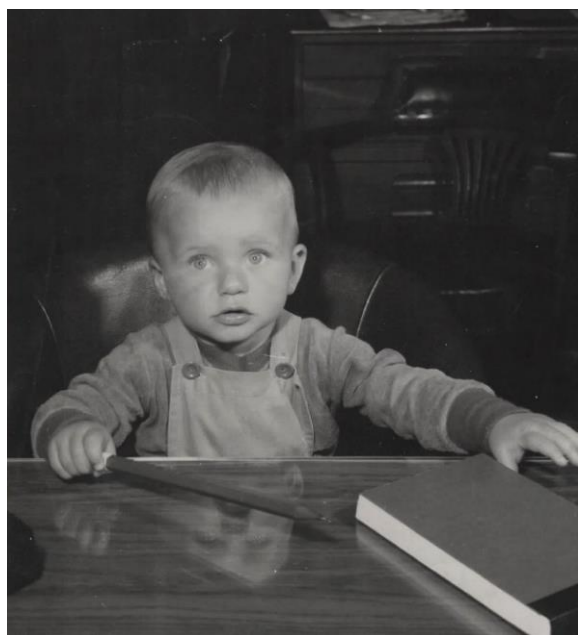
During the final hymn, the immediate family
will leave for the crematorium.

Until their return we invite you to enjoy some more music,
during which you are welcome to move around.

The music will be followed by refreshments.

The family is most grateful to the singers and
the organists for their important contribution to the service
today; and to the Vicar, Director of Music, choir and
congregation of St Cuthbert's for all their help and support.

Thank you.



Donations in Dominic's memory can be made to Cancer Research UK and the Woodland Trust using this QR code.



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