



DURHAM  
CATHEDRAL  
THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

Light  
up a  life  
Remember a loved one,  
support a hospice

St Cuthbert's Hospice   
**Light up a Life Service**

Sunday 12 December 2021  
7.00 p.m.

## Welcome

**As part of our ongoing care of each other during the residual effects of the coronavirus pandemic, you are urged to wear a face covering throughout this service.**

*St Cuthbert's Hospice warmly welcomes you to our Light up a Life service. It is fitting that, within this community setting of the Cathedral, we have a personal opportunity to remember the loved ones we have lost.*

*Whilst you are waiting for the service to begin, we invite you to write the name of the individuals you are remembering on the memory cards that are placed in the pews. You will then be able to offer these later in the service by leaving them in baskets at the end of the Nave.*

*We thank the Durham Miners' Association Brass Band who will play before and after the service, to the Durham Singers who will sing during the service and GCS Medical Ltd. for providing medical cover at this event.*

*There will be a retiring collection for St Cuthbert's Hospice and for the work and aims of the Cathedral. Baskets will be provided at the end of the service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase the value of your offering simply by placing it in one of the Gift Aid envelopes provided. You will need to complete the form on the envelope and sign it as directed.*

*After the service, the congregation should feel free to stay or go, pray or reflect. Anyone needing to talk to members of the Hospice bereavement team will find them available around the font at the rear of the Cathedral.*



***Please note that this service is live-streamed although care has been taken to ensure that no members of the congregation are visible on camera.***

### ***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility***

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from the Cathedral Safeguarding Officer. If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, call the emergency services without delay. The Cathedral Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on 07951 624103 or via email [safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk)

*The Books of Remembrance will be taken to the West End; the congregation are invited to light a candle in one of the Transepts and then proceed down each of the North or South aisles to the books of remembrance at the West End.*

*You can also donate online at  
<https://www.stcuthbertshospice.com/162/2/Make-a-donation>  
or scan the QR code below.*



*Thank you so much for joining us  
and remembering someone special this Christmas.*

## **The Gathering**

*Please remain seated at the beginning of the service.*

### **Anthem**

*sung by The Durham Singers*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

*Phillips Brooks*

*Henry Walford Davies*

### **Welcome**

The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett  
Dean of Durham

The Cathedral falls into darkness and the Paschal Candle is lit. The choir sings the chant. The congregation joins in, as the chant continues and as light fills the Cathedral.



**Greeting**

Paul Marriott

**Reading from Scripture**

**Isaiah 9. 2**

*read by Ray Mendez*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**Psalm 23. 4, 6**

*read by Ray Mendez*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and loving mercy all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**John 1. 1 - 4**

*read by Sheila Chapman*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Hymn**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

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.

*Jan Struther*

*Traditional Irish melody*

**The Blessing**

The Dean

May the light and glory of the Risen Christ  
surround you and scatter the darkness of the night;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you this night and always.

**All**

**Amen.**

Almighty Father,  
you gave the nations the gift of a ruler for all eternity.  
Bind our fractured world together and comfort your people,  
that we and all creation may sing for joy.  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Loving Father,  
we walked in darkness but you have shown us your light.  
Fill the whole world with your glory and, at the last,  
welcome us into your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**  
**Amen.**

With confidence, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Stand*

## Poem

Missing You At Christmas  
*read by Eunice Sneddon*

Every day without you  
Since you had to go,  
Is like summer without sunshine  
And Christmas without snow.  
I wish that I could talk to you  
There's so much I would say,  
Life has changed so very much  
Since you went away.

I miss the bond between us  
And I miss your kind support.  
You're in my mind and in my heart  
And every Christmas thought.  
I'll always feel you close to me  
And though you're far from sight.  
I'll search for you among the stars  
That shine on Christmas night.

*Author unknown*

## Reflection

The Dean

*Following the reflection, we observe a moment of silence*

## Anthem

*sung by the Durham Singers*

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter,  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk,  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.

What can I give him  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him,  
Give my heart.

*Christina Rossetti*

*Harold Darke*

## **Act of Dedication and Remembrance**

Minister We come now to an important time  
of dedication and remembrance,  
an opportunity for quiet reflection  
and remembrance of our loved ones.

*The Dean receives the Books of Remembrance*

### **Prayers**

*led by Stuart Wright*

Minister As we remember our loved ones  
in this holy and beautiful place, surrounded by lights,  
we give thanks that they are with God  
in the place of eternal light,  
where no darkness can touch them.

As we remember what has passed,  
in this Advent season we look towards what is to come,  
and the light and life  
that God brings into the world at Christmas.  
With thanks for God's love and with hope for the future,  
let us pray to the Father.

Reader Eternal Father,  
you gave us the gift of light when you created the world,  
and saw that it was good.  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us,  
and guard us all our days.

**All The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Merciful Father,  
you gave us the gift of a Saviour,  
to lighten the darkness of our world and forgive us our sins.  
Help us to follow Jesus' example  
in times of trouble, and times of joy.  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**