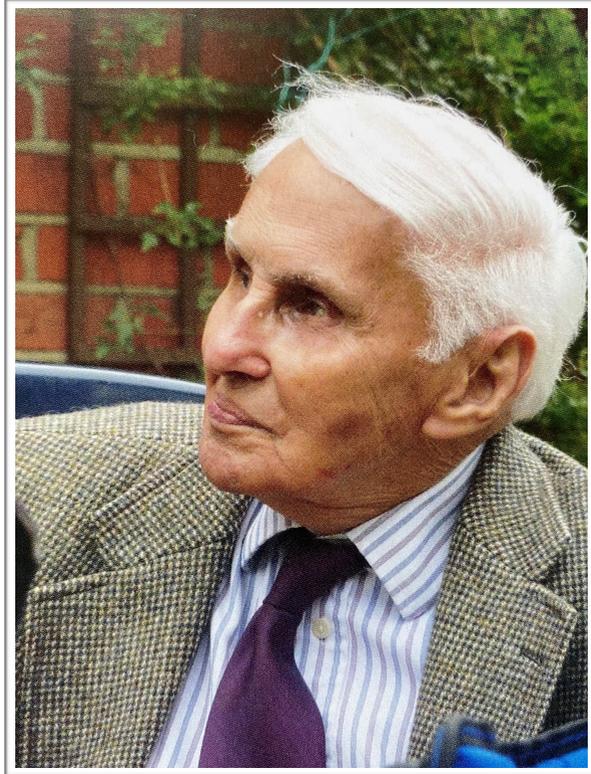


A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of  
**John Williams**

19<sup>th</sup> June 1926 - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021



St. James' by the Park Church, Shirley

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

1.30 pm

# Order of Service

**Gathering Music**  
*'Clarinet Concerto in A major' - Mozart*

*'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord'*  
*Words and music David Evans*

**Processional Music**  
*'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' - John Rutter*

**Introduction and Opening Prayers**  
*Rev Dan Clark, Vicar, St. James' by the Park*

**Hymn**  
*'This Joyful Eastertide'*  
*(George Ratcliffe Woodward)*

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sadness!  
our Lord, the crucified,  
has filled our hearts with gladness:  
Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison  
our faith would be in vain-  
but now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen!

My being shall rejoice  
secure within God's keeping,  
until the trumpet voice  
shall wake us from our sleeping:  
Had Christ . . .

Death's waters lost their chill  
when Jesus crossed the river;  
his love shall reach me still,  
his mercy is for ever:  
Had Christ . . .

## Tributes from the Family

### Hymn

*'How Sweet the name of Jesus Sounds'*

*(John Newton)*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy Name  
refresh my soul in death.

## **Bible Readings**

**First Reading - Genesis Chap. 32 v 22-30**

***'Jacob wrestles with God'***

*read by Paul Thaxter*

**Second Reading - Colossians Chap. 1 v 15-20**  
***'Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God'***

*read by Rachel Williams*

*John read this when he was alone in the hut  
with mountain sickness on Ruwenzori, Uganda*

## **Address**

*Rev Dan Clark*

## **Prayers**

*Colin and Gill Day*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Hymn

*(Fanny Crosby)*

To God be the glory! great things he has done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the earth hear his voice;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!

let the people rejoice:

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory;  
great things he has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer the promise of God:

the vilest offender who truly believes,

the moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! . . .

Great things he has taught us,

great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wander, our gladness, when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord! . . .

## Committal

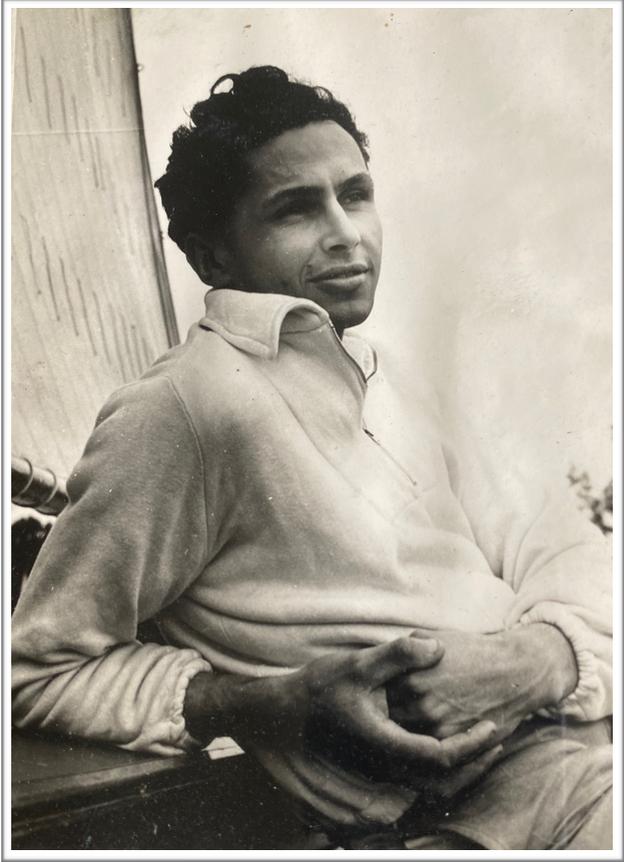
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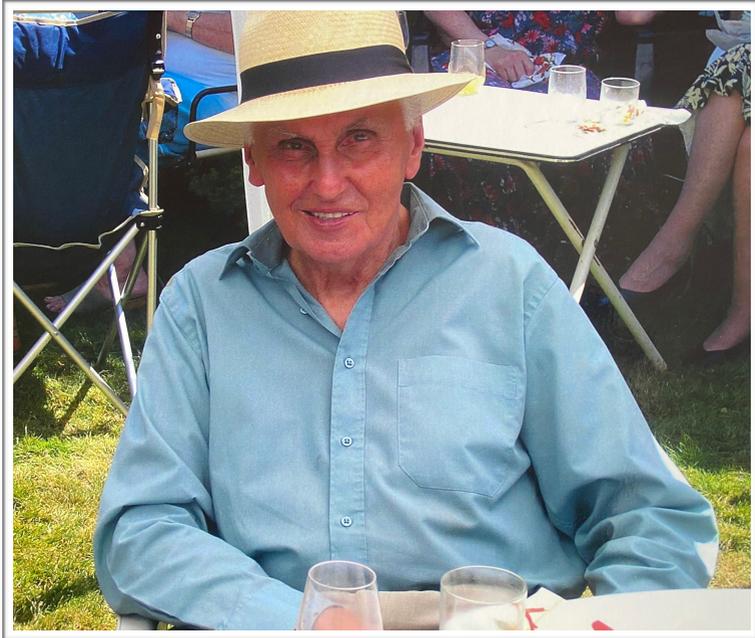
## Blessing

### Recessional Music

*African Hymn 'Tukutendereza'  
version by Echoes of Christ Choir*

*I Danced in the Morning'*





## **John F.A. Williams (1926 - 2021)**

*You can share a memory or appreciation of John,  
for Ann and his family to read by visiting*

<https://www.stjamesbythepark.org/johnwilliams.html>

