30th Anniversary Service

Christ Church April 30th, 2019. 7pm

# Churchill Gospel Choir

# Welcome Rev Tom Weber, Vicar, Christ Church

# Opening Words Rev Karen Murphy, Chaplain, Weston Hospicecare

From a seed of hope and prayer, the work and life of a hospice began – offering care, compassion and acceptance to those suffering, watching and waiting.

We give thanks today for the journey of 30 years, bringing us to this point of celebration and we meet with thanksgiving for all that has been,

that is and is to come. Amen.

# Hymn: Lord for the years

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the Word of life which fires us,

speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,

Lord of the word, receive your people’s praise.

3. Lord, for our land, in this our generation,

spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;

for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord for our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord for our world, when we disown and doubt him,

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,

self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;

past put behind us, for the future take us,

Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

 Timothy Dudley-Smith

# Weston Hospicecare: ‘In the beginning’. Revs Geoff Hobden and Pam Pembro, founder members of the hospice, share some memories of our early years.

# Reading: Ecclesiastes 3 v1-11. Read by Judi Driscoll, Chair of the Trustee Board

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# Hymn: Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace

to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,

and companions on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh I’ll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we’ve seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven

we shall find such harmony,

born of all we’ve known together

of Christ’s love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too.

 Richard A. M. Gillard

# Weston Hospicecare: What we do now – as seen through words and pictures produced by our communications team.

# ‘The Task of Gardening’: Read by John Bailey, Director of Patient Services

# Weston Hospicecare: What happens next? Paul Winspear, CEO, shares some thoughts or our hopes for the future of the hospice services

# An Act of Thanksgiving.

A stone is an ancient thing, shaped and changed through years of existence and experience. Stones can represent the hard things we face in life, but also embody our strength and resilience. You are invited to write a word, thought or name on you stone to express what the hospice means to you. Please move to your nearest point and place it in the tray as an act of thanks and gratitude for the hospice.

# Reflection: Rev Karen Murphy

# Prayers of Thanksgiving: Led by Rev Ann Ogram and Rev Julie Birkett, Chaplaincy Team

# Hymn: God of all, our praise we offer

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for your blessings through the years;

for the work of generations

who have shown us how to care;

for the ones who first inspired us,

guided us upon our way,

for the story we inherit,

hear our praise and thanks today.

God of love, our prayers we offer

for your people now in pain,

burdened low by fear or sorrow,

needing help to hope again.

Shed your light upon their darkness,

grant us grace to meet their need;

use our skills to bring your healing,

show your care in word and deed.

God of hope, our lives we offer

 for the future yet unknown;

keep us mindful of our weakness,

trusting in your strength alone.

Be the presence on our journey,

in our troubles, be our friend;

fill our hearts with your compassion,

guard and guide us to the end.

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# Blessing