



A service to celebrate the life of

Geoffrey Cornelius



You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments after the service at:

Yamba

Spa Esplanade, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 8EP



If you'd like to make a donation in memory of Geoffrey you can donate to
Médecins Sans Frontières.

Cheques preferred, made to Médecins Sans Frontières and sent to the funeral directors.

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St Alphege Church, Whitstable
Thursday 19th September 2024 at 2pm

Service conducted by
Rev. Rachel C Webbley
Team Rector, Whitstable Team Ministry

Order of Service

Entry Music - Clarinet Concerto, Slow Movement, Mozart.

Welcome and Introduction with Rev. Rachel C Webbley

Hymn - Amazing Grace. *See white sheet.*

Reading - Psalm 19, verses 1 - 6

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Eulogy by Family & Friends

The Inchworm Song, played by Nigel Coombs

Further Reflections on Geoffrey's Life by Kirk Little.

Reading - Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees

for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain

are moving across the landscapes,

over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,

are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,

the world offers itself to your imagination,

calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -

over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

Music - Porgi Amor, Mozart

The Lord's Prayer. *See white sheet.*

Commendation and Farewell with Rev. Rachel C Webbley

Almighty God, as you bring us face to face with our mortality, we thank you for making each one of us in your own image and giving us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now as we honour the memory of Geoffrey, whom you gave to us and have taken away. We entrust him to your mercy, and pray that you will show us the path of life, and the fullness of joy in your presence through all eternity. (All) Amen.

Exit Music - Ave Verum Corpus, Mozart.

Family and invited guests make their way to the Crematorium