

Thank you for joining us today. We want you all to be safe in the knowledge that we at Rosedale are here to help and support you not just at the time of your loved one's funeral.

Annually we have several events including a Walk of Remembrance and a Service of Remembrance.

Our website [www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk](http://www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk) is constantly being updated and we have a very active Facebook page @rosedalefuneral so do join it to see all the events and activities we are involved in, many of which we would love you to be involved in too.



Wherever you are on Christmas Day please unite with us by lighting at candle at 11am.

Our thoughts will be with you over this Christmas period.

*Fondest wishes from all the staff at*



# Christmas Service of Remembrance



2020

## *Order of Service*

*Led by Reverend Canon Tony Billett*

### **Welcome and Introduction**

by Reverend Canon Tony Billett

### **Opening Prayers**

read by Joan Browne

### **Poem**

*'Memory'*

read by Christian Fairbrother

Those we Love remain with us,  
for Love itself lives on.  
Cherished memories never fade,  
because a loved one is gone.  
Those we Love can never be,  
more than a thought apart.  
For as long as there is a memory,  
they'll live on in our hearts.

### **Private Reflection**

*'Where Do They Go To?'*

Where do they go to, when no longer here?  
I think that they stay with us, calming our fear  
Loving us always, holding our hands  
Walking beside us, on grass or on sand.

Where do they go to, well it's my belief  
They watch us and help us to cope with our grief  
They comfort and stay with us, through each of our  
days Guiding us always through life's mortal maze.

*'Remember Me'*

Remember me with heartfelt smiles,  
The sort that shines for miles and miles.  
For while you're sad and feeling low,  
Nothing can change, I had to go.

But if you face the world and grin,  
Keep memories safe and warm within.  
Then somewhere, deep inside your heart,  
You'll almost feel we're not apart.

We see stars shining in the sky,  
Forgetting they have long since died.  
So, see that light and feel it too,  
I am your star, I shone for you.

### **Words of Comfort**

read by Beverley Bulmer

*We are not alone in our grief*

*We reach out to one another with love and understanding.*

*And in remembering those we love – we come together to know.*

*We are not alone*

In each other we find strength and support and let us not look  
back with any shadows of regret,  
but with appreciation for the times that were shared together  
with our loved ones.

As we move forward in our lives with the knowing that although  
at times we may feel we are standing alone, we are never really  
so, as we are all held in a beholding love, which never ever leaves us.  
We are not alone.

It is this love that unites us as we move forward in the knowing  
that the love and wisdom we shared with those we have lost,  
lives on in all of us.

Their love and wisdom lives on in all of us.

### **Closing Words**

by Reverend Canon Tony Billett

### **Hymn**

*'O Little Town of Bethlehem'*

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| 1. O Little town of Bethlehem,<br>How still we see thee lie!<br>Above thy deep and dreamless<br>sleep<br>The silent stars go by:<br>Yet in the dark streets shineth<br>The everlasting light;<br>The hopes and fears of all the years<br>Are met in thee tonight. | 2. How silently, how silently,<br>The wondrous gift is given!<br>So God imparts to human hearts<br>The blessings of his heaven.<br>No ear may hear his coming;<br>But in this world of sin,<br>Where meek souls will receive<br>him, still<br>The dear Christ enters in. |
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3. O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in:  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

### **'A Personal Story'**

by Pastor Paul Smith

### **Words of Comfort**

by Reverend Deacon Stephen Pomeroy

### **Time of Reflection**

*If you wish, please do light a candle in memory of your loved one*

### **Music**

*'Silent Night'*

by Rick Wakeman

## Hymn

*'Hark the Herald'*

1. Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations. rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.' <i>Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.</i>	2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. <i>Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.</i>
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3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

## The Lord's Prayer

read by Canon Tony Billett

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.

## Celebration of Remembrance

read by Reverend Canon Rich Henderson

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,  
***We remember them.***  
*(All say together)*

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
***We remember them.***

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
***We remember them.***

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
***We remember them.***

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
***We remember them.***

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
***We remember them.***

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
***We remember them.***

In the ordinary hours of each passing day,  
***We remember them.***

When we are alone or the stranger in a crowd,  
***We remember them.***

In the midst of family and the company of friends,  
***We remember them.***

***So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are part of us, and we remember them.***