

St. Mary's Church  
Bampton



Adrian John Simmonds

13th June 1940 – 20th February 2014

Wednesday 5th March 2014

12.00 noon



## Order of Service

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### Sentences and Prayer

#### Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water  
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

#### Reading

*John 14 : 1-6 and 27*

#### Tribute

Bob Langley

#### Hymn

Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning;  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation! Praise every morning  
God's re-creation of the new day.

#### Prayers

##### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Commendation and Blessing





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*Donations in memory of Adrian are for the British Heart Foundation.  
These may be left in the collection plate or sent c/o  
E. Taylor & Son,  
21 Corbett Road, Carterton, Oxfordshire OX18 3LG  
(Please make cheques payable to The British Heart Foundation)*

*All are welcome to join the family at The Romany Inn, Bampton  
for refreshments and to view the "Photo Board" following the service.*





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## **Adrian John Simmonds**

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Adrian was an only child who always had confidence. A cousin, Bob Langley, gave the eulogy at Adrian's funeral and Bob was one of eleven. Adrian wished he had brothers and sisters and Bob wished he didn't.

Adrian was good at cards and enjoyed playing his cousins and uncle and usually did very well from it financially.

He loved playing in his skiffle band.

When he came to Bampton he really fell in love with it and he felt blessed having June and Iris to help him with the shop along with invaluable help from Mike Smee. He was very good at getting others to help him in his various schemes. He always 'had a plan.'

Adrian loved taking photographs and documented many things in Bampton including the removal of the garage from the Market Square to be replaced by Thornberry Flats and he indulged his interest in steam engines photographing Tim Tomlins' work to restore the Lord Nelson. He also used his photograph to document the things he loved, his village, his people and his countryside.

He was very fond of his snuff and managed to bring back ample supplies from across the English Channel. When he was sitting up in bed waiting to have his first heart surgery, a nurse caught him taking snuff and she asked if it was medicine. He said it was and nothing more was said.

Adrian's greatest fear was ending up in an 'old folks' home'. He didn't.

Cousin Bob and his wife will look after his beloved boxer dog Albie for the rest of his life, which sadly won't be all that long as he's 10 years old.

There were many of Adrian's photographs around the church for his funeral and a boxful in the Romany for people to enjoy, and they were enjoyed by all who went to the Inn.

He will be missed very much by many people. Adrian employed many young people who had a Saturday job with him, which gave them a wonderful introduction to the world of work and working with the public. Iris and June worked in the shop before Adrian came to Bampton and stayed with him right up to the day he had to finally close his shop for good.

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