

In Loving Memory of
Cyril Brian Smith



7th December 1933 - 10th February 2022

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bampton
Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 11.00 am

Order of Service

Entry Music

Wild Rover
by The Dubliners

Welcome and Opening Prayer

service led by Reverend Janice Collier

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Sydney Bertram Carter (1915-2004)

Memories of Cyril



Bible Reading

John, Chapter 14: verses 1-6

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Address

Prayers

including

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.

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 dewfall 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!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Commendation and Farewell

Exit Music

Greeny Up
played by Reg Hall and Jamie Wheeler

The burial and committal will follow at Bampton Cemetery



Cyril's family thank you all for attending today and would like to warmly welcome you to join them at:
The Talbot Hotel, Bridge Street, Bampton OX18 2HA,
after the service, for refreshments.

Donations in memory of Cyril would be much appreciated for
Parkinson's UK.

The **co-operative** funeralcare

Central England Co-operative

The Cemetery Lodge, Tower Hill, Witney, Oxon OX28 5ES

Telephone: 01993 706 778

www.centralengland.coop/funeralcare

Cyril Smith

Cyril was born on December 7th 1933. When he was a small child his family lived in South Leigh, where his father was a farm hand.

The family moved to Bampton when Cyril was still quite young, and he and his brothers and sisters grew up in Bampton.

During the second world war Cyril used to go to work with his father at Slade's farm and help dig potatoes, where they would be paid by the sack for the potatoes they had collected.

Passionate about football from a young age, Cyril played for Bampton Town FC. He followed Arsenal FC and would go by steam train from Bampton railway station to London, to watch them play. Heading home at night after a few beers Cyril would often miss his stop and end up in Lechlade which was the end of the railway line, and would then have to walk all the way back home to Bampton!

In those days the stations were lit by gas lamps and there were no signs or station calls, so you had to stick your head out of the carriage and shout to see if you were nearing your station.

As well as playing football for Bampton Town, Cyril also took part in other village activities, he enjoyed cricket, and when he was younger he often entered in the Bampton shirt race at Whitsun (now known as the Spring Bank Holiday.) Cyril was also a Morris dancer with the Bampton Traditional Morris Dancers and danced with the team for over forty years, travelling abroad as well as to different parts of the UK, including London when the team danced at the Royal Albert Hall.

Cyril loved folk and country music and the Dubliners and Foster and Allen were among his favourites. He loved travelling to Ireland to visit family and listen to the music that was being played at the festivals. You always knew when Cyril was around as you could hear him whistling his favourite tunes! Cyril was particularly fond of the Dubliners songs "Lord of the Dance" and The Wild Rover.

As a young man, Cyril did his national service in Salisbury. When he returned home, Cyril worked for the local builders W.J. Lock & Son until they closed, and he carried on as a builder working for himself and could often be seen walking along Church View with a ladder or a sack of cement balanced on seat or handlebars of his bike! Cyril continued to do building jobs right up to his Eightieth birthday.

One thing Cyril enjoyed building was dry stone walls and he always said to never put a stone down once you had picked it up or else the job would take longer than it should.

Cyril married Margaret on the 26th August 1967, and they lived all their married life in the same house in Bampton and their son, Christopher was born on here.

Cyril and Margaret shared their love for animals and over the years they had many cats and dogs including: Ginger, Penny, Pepsi and Daisy.