

St. Mary's Church  
Bampton



Alan William Borthwick Clarke

17th June 1953 – 23rd September 2013

Friday 4th October 2013

11.00 a.m.

## Entrance Music

*"Diamonds Are Forever" ... Shirley Bassey*

## Sentences and Prayers

### 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.

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

*Philippians 4 : 4-9*

### Eulogy

Read by Andy Horler, Lynn Little and Steve Mace

## Hymn

God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the down trodden free,  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.

Don't carry a load in your pack,  
You don't need two shirts on your back  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
Can earn his own keep.

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.

### Poem

*"Let's Go Down to The 'Shoes"*

Read by Lynn Shuker

### Address

### 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.

## **"Greeny Up"**

*Performed by the Bampton Traditional Morris*

## **Commendation**

### **Exit Music**

*"Bring Me Sunshine" ... Morecambe & Wise*

*Kathy, Sarah and Tom would like to give a heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming support and wishes received from family, friends and the whole community.*



*Donations in memory of Alan are for  
S.P.A.J.E.R.S. and the Julian Starmer-Smith Lymphoma Fund,  
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*The family would like to welcome you back to The Horseshoe  
for a Celebration of Alan's Life.*

Landlord took leading role in memorial bell campaign

# Popular pub licensee was 'one of the best'

By Sophie Scott

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ALAN Clarke, who has died aged 60, was a lively character who ran The Horseshoe Inn in Bampton, West Oxfordshire.

Mr Clarke was born in Wales in 1953 but moved to Reading with his parents when he was just 11 months old.

He started his career sweeping the floors at London's Smithfield Market, the largest wholesale meat market in the UK, and worked his way up to own his own business as an importer and exporter.

In 1988, he took over the George and Dragon in Bampton before heading back to Reading where he took over the Butcher's Arms in Sonning Common.

By 1993 he was back in Bampton when he heard The Horseshoe Inn was available.

His offer was successful and he ran the vibrant pub for the past 20 years.

He and his wife of 30 years, Cathy, née Campbell, whom he met when she was training to be a nurse in Reading, became stalwart members of the local community and their pub is well-known for its friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

His good nature spread to neighbouring towns and villages and he was instrumental in helping to raise money for the memorial bell at the repatriation Memorial Garden on the edge of Carterton.

Mr Clarke allowed his pub to be used for meetings and when final funds had been raised it was where the team counted the money.

Mr Clarke was a supporter of



**CHARITY SUPPORTER:** Bampton publican Alan Clarke

the village's morris dancers, who performed at the pub at Whitsun, and of The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing (Spajers), who organise the annual shirt run and other events in Bampton to raise money for pensioners.

He is survived by his wife Cathy and children Sarah, 28, and Thomas, 27.

He was due to give Sarah away at her wedding next year.

Mr Clarke died at home from

an embolism on Monday, September 23.

His funeral was held on Friday at St Mary's Church in Bampton.

Family friend the Mayor of Carterton, Councillor Lynn Little, said: "I was very proud to call him one of my very best friends.

"He really was one of the best people you could imagine, such a big personality, a unique man, and it really is a tragedy. He will be truly missed."

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