

*A Winter Service
to Remember our
Special Babies*



**Saturday 4th December 2021
at 2pm**

All Saints Church, Weston, Bath

*“Those we love don't go away,
they are beside us every day,
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved, still missed
and very dear.”*



Piano and Violin Prelude – Emily Krijgsman-Fehr and Amanda Aston

Welcome & Introduction

The Reverend Narinder Tegally, Lead Chaplain

Christmas is a time for celebration, but it is also be a time of sadness for many of us as we remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

Their precious lives, no matter how short, have made an impact on our lives and brought us love and joy, grief and pain, dreams and hopes that were never fulfilled.

Their life and death has touched all who have been part of their lives. We feel differently and think differently because of them and we will never be the same again.

As we come together today there is a oneness of spirit. We come with a common experience and a bond which unites us all.

God of all, we come here together as people from different backgrounds, different ways of life – to share in this time to remember our children. **We keep a moment of silence.**

Reading: Psalm 139: 13-16

~ Read by Bex Walsh, Bereavement Midwife

*For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*

*Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!*

Opening Prayer: The Reverend Narinder Tegally

Hymn:

Fleetingly Known Yet Ever Remembered

~ (to the tune "Morning Has Broken")

Fleetingly known, yet ever remembered
These are our children, now and always:
Those whom we see not, we will forget not,
Morning and evenings, all of our days.

Lives that touched our lives, tenderly, briefly,
Now in the one light living always.
Named in our hearts now, safe from all harm now,
We will remember, all of our days.

As we recall them, silently name them,
Open our hearts, Lord, now and always:
Grant to us, grieving, love for the living:
Strength for each other, all of our days.

Safe in your peace, Lord, hold these our children,
Grace, light and laughter, grant them each day:
Cherish and hold them, till we may know them,
When to your glory we find our way.

Poem:

For a Child Born Dead

~ Written by Elizabeth Jennings (1926 - 2001)

~ Read by Bel Mooney (Founder-Patron of SANDS)

*What ceremony can we fit
You into now? If you had come
Out of this warm and noisy room
To this, there'd be an opposite
For us to know you by. We could
Imagine you in lively mood.*

*And then look at the other side,
The mood drawn out of you, the breath
Defeated by the power of death.
But we have never seen you stride
Ambitiously the world we know.
You could not come and yet you go.*

*But there is nothing now to mar
Your clear refusal of our world.
Not in our memories can we mould
You or distort your character.*

Then all our consolation is
That grief can be as pure as this.

Poem:

We Are Connected

~ Author Unknown

~ Read by Frances Liardet – SANDS

*We are connected, my child and I, by an invisible cord
not seen by the eye.*

*It's not like the cord that connects us 'til birth
this cord can't been seen by any on Earth.*

*This cord does its work right from the start.
It binds us together attached to my heart.*

*I know that it's there, though no one can see
the invisible cord from my child to me.*

*The strength of this cord is hard to describe.
It can't be destroyed, it can't be denied.*

*It's stronger than any cord man could create
It withstands the test, can hold any weight.*

*And though you are gone, though you're not here with me,
The cord is still there but no one can see.*

*It pulls at my heart, I am bruised... I am sore,
But this cord is my lifeline as never before.*

*I am thankful that we connect this way
a mother and child death can't take it away.*

Reflective Music:

Short Reflection ~ by Sian Griffith, Assistant Chaplain

An Act of Remembering:

~ The Reverend Narinder Tegally and Becky Lane

*We invite you to place your Stars and Angels on to the Christmas tree lights and to light a candle
in memory of your baby.*

During this we will listen to the playing of 'You Raise Me Up, and Wind Beneath My Wings'.

Act of Remembrance:

At the rising of the sun and at its going down,

We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

At Christmas, birthdays and anniversaries,

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share,

We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

We remember them.

As long as we live they too will live; for they are now a part of us,

We remember them.

We keep a moment of silence for our own reflections.

Song:

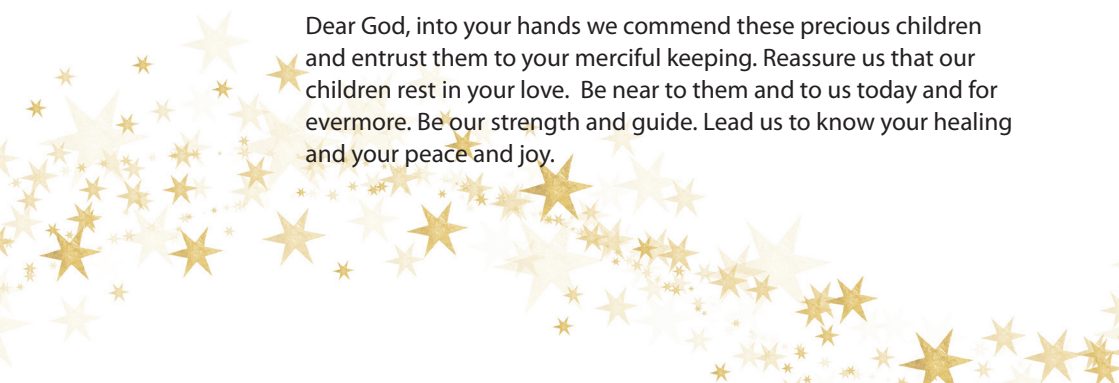
Silent Night, Holy Night ~ Solo

Prayers:

Philip Turner, Deputy Team Chaplain

We say together

Dear God, into your hands we commend these precious children and entrust them to your merciful keeping. Reassure us that our children rest in your love. Be near to them and to us today and for evermore. Be our strength and guide. Lead us to know your healing and your peace and joy.



We listen to: **In the Bleak Mid-Winter**

~ Written by Christina Rossetti

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Closing Prayer: The Reverend Narinder Tegally

God of all be with us and with our families and friends on our life journey.
Give us courage to live through the pain, strength to care and give love
even when it is difficult, and the energy we need to live our lives.
May your blessing and peace be with us now and with those whom we
love and those whom we continue to love but see no more and cherish
in our hearts. **Amen.**

Blessing: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Postlude: Emily Krijgsman-Fehr and Amanda Aston

After the Service Please join us for refreshments after the service

Our special thanks

go to All Saints Church, Weston, who have so kindly hosted us today.

Useful contacts for further information/support

RUH Funeral Director

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Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath, BA1 3DF

Email: contact@clarksonsfuneraldirectors.com

RUH Chaplaincy – Reverend Narinder Tegally

01225 824 039

Butterflies, RUH Bereaved Families Support Group

9.30am to 11am at All Saints Centre – Courtyard Room, High Street, Weston, Bath BA1 4BX
3rd Wednesday of the month

National SANDS – Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society (National Helpline)

0808 164 3332

www.sands.org.uk Email: helpline@sands.org.uk

Bath SANDS support – Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society (Local Helpline)

07531 709 234

(leave a message for a call back)

www.bathsands.org Email: bath@sands.org.uk

Bath SANDS Face to Face Bereavement Support Group

7pm to 9pm at St Stephen's Church – Lansdown, Bath BA1 5SX
1st Tuesday of the month

ARC – Antenatal Results and Choices

0207 713 7486

www.arc-uk.org

BLISS – Parents support network for babies in intensive care

0207 378 1122

Family Support Direct Line

0500 618 140

Compassionate Friends – Advice/support for bereaved parents

0345 123 2304

FSIDS – Foundation for the study of infant deaths

020 7233 2090

Email: helpline@fsid.org.uk

Miscarriage Association

01924 200 799
