

A Service of Celebration and  
Thanksgiving for the Life of



*Graham Peter Warren*

18th August 1962 - 15th May 2020

Easthampstead Park Crematorium  
Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 12.30 pm

Conducted by Kevin Lowen Celebrant

# Order of Service

## Entry Music

The Chain  
by Fleetwood Mac

## Welcome and Introduction

by Kevin Lowen

## Poem

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*Ron Tranmer*

## Remembering Graham

by Elizabeth on behalf of Ann,  
Sue, Matt, Ted, Kevin and Barrie

## This Life Mattered

This life mattered.

Ready or not, someday it all comes to an end.

There are no more sunrises, no more minutes, hours or days.  
All the things collected, treasured or forgotten, pass to someone else.  
It matters not what was owned or owed.

Grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies finally disappear.  
Hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists expire.  
Wins and losses that once seemed so important fade away.  
It no longer matters where you came.

So what matters?

How is the value of our days measured?

What matters is not what we bought, but what we built;  
Not what we got, but what we gave.

What matters is not our success, but our significance.

What matters is not what we learnt but what we taught.

What matters is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that  
Enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate our example.

What matters is not our competence, but our character.

What matters is not how many people we knew, but how

Many people will feel a lasting loss when we are gone.

What matters is not our memories, but the memories

That live in those who loved us.

What matters is how long we will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance, but a matter of choice.

Yes my friends.

This life that we remember mattered.

## Music for Reflection

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

by the English Rugby Union

## Extracts

from the many messages we have received for Graham

A man of principle and a rock to his family and friends.

*Sue, Matt and Ted –*

*you are collectively a powerful and fitting reflection of his life.*

Such a devoted family man – proud of Sue, the boys and the wider family.

*A great man who really did leave his mark on everyone who knew him.*

A lovely man, a gentle presence with his warm smile,  
a twinkle in his eye and a joke at the ready.

*Graham and Sue shared a special kind of love and chemistry that few experience.*

*He loved you with every fibre of his being and you loved him equally.*

So much banter and love for chillies, music, sport and Guinness.

*Graham was very special;*

*it was a privilege to know him especially his ‘grumpy git’ bits.*

Graham had a wicked sense of humour.

*Graham was a true huggable friend with a huge personality – the best.*

Graham was a loving, loyal friend who would help anyone.

*Graham never failed to make us smile and laugh*

*– we enjoyed the time we spent with you.*

There is not a man on the planet I laughed more with.

*We were most closely bonded to Graham through our joint love of music –*

*JST gigs and Marvellous Festivals will never be the same.*

We would spend hours talking together –

Politics, History, Music and Sport – especially Rugby – I will miss him.

*Graham really understood the nuances of cricket.*

Happy memories of time helping with scout events and camp –  
he was always fun to be with.

*Graham’s knowledge of music (and ale) was encyclopaedic.*

Graham was a very popular member of the support team at Shiplake College

– we laughed and laughed.

*Graham really made a difference to the maintenance team at Shiplake College.*



## 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 Committal

Coles Corner  
by Richard Hawley

## Closing Words

**Exit Music**  
The Masterplan  
by Oasis



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