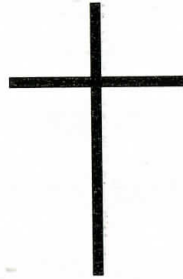


Church of St Mary the Virgin  
Heacham



Celebration For The Life  
Of  
**Michael Colin Rumens**  
' Mike '

Died 30th September, 2016  
Aged 69 Years



Tuesday 18th October 2016  
At 2.00 pm

Minister: The Rev'd Steve Oliver

## Order of Service

**Processional Music**  
' Tears in Heaven '  
**Eric Clapton**

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### WELCOME

#### PRAYER

#### Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Epitaph On a Friend

**An honest man lies here at rest.**

This man, he was the very best.  
The friend of man, the friend of truth,  
The friend of age, and guide of youth:  
Few hearts like his, with virtue warmed.  
Few heads with knowledge so informed.  
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;  
If there is none, he made the best of this.

**By Robert Burns**

**Read by Sandra**



**FAMILY TRIBUTES**



## READINGS

### 1 Corinthians 13.4

Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy,  
It does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude,  
It is not self seeking, it is not easily angered.  
It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not  
Delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It  
Always protects, always trusts, always hopes,  
Always perseveres.

**Love Never Fails.**

**Read by Daniel**

John 14 1 - 6  
Rev'd Steve Oliver

**EULOGY**  
Read by Andrew

" A Friend's Thoughts "  
Read by Edward

**TIME FOR REFLECTION**  
' Morning '  
Peer Gynt

**PRAYERS**  
**CONCLUDING WITH**  
**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*

**PSALM 23 (Tune Crimond)**

(Annabelle will sing the First Verse)  
(Please all join in after)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

(1) My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

(3) My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

(2) Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

(4) Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

**POEM**

I dreamt that death came in the night  
And heavens gate swung wide.  
With kindly grace an angel came  
To usher me inside.  
Yet there to my astonishment  
Stood folk I had known on earth.  
Some I had judged quite unfit  
And of little worth.  
Indignant words rose to my lips  
But never were set free.  
For every face showed stunned surprise  
No one expected me.

**Read by Ants**

**' Weep Not For Me '**  
**By Constance Jenkins**

Weep not for me though I am gone;  
Into that gentle night.  
Grieve if you will but not for long,  
Upon my soul's sweet flight.

I am at peace,  
My soul's at rest.  
There is no need for tears.  
For with your love I was blessed;  
For all those many years.

There is no pain,  
I suffer not,  
The fear now all is gone.  
Put now these things out of your thoughts.  
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath;  
Remember not the strife.  
Please do not dwell upon my death,  
But celebrate my life.

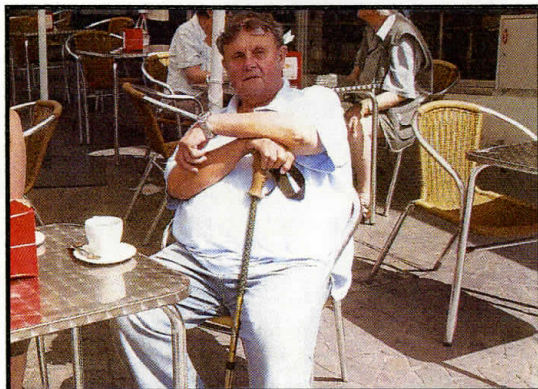
**COMMENDATION**

**Read by Pam**

**BLESSING**

**Recessional Music**  
**' Bring Me Sunshine '**  
**Morecombe and Wise**

**COMMITTAL WILL FOLLOW IN THE CHURCHYARD**



**REMEMBRANCE**

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him and only that he's gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what he'd want, smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



**Forever In My Heart**

*Gone yet not forgotten,  
Although we are apart,  
Your spirit lives within me,  
Forever in my heart*

**The Family would like you all to join them at  
The Public Hall, Heacham for a drink on " Mike. "**

**Donations in memory of  
Mike  
For ' Asthma Research Fund 42210 Q.E.H. '**

May be left in the Church or sent to:  
John Lincoln, Funeral Director, 40 Greevegata, Hunstanton.