

Westminster Abbey



A Service of Celebration and Hope



Tuesday 9th May 2017
Noon



THE PRIME MINISTER



10 DOWNING STREET
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I first met Elizabeth in 2004 shortly after she had lost her son, Nick, to heroin.

It is a tribute to Elizabeth's strength and determination that, in the midst of her grief, she resolved not to hide away but to help others in a similar situation by setting up DrugFAM.

Over the last ten years, she and the staff and volunteers of DrugFAM have offered support to many thousands of families affected by addiction.

Through their work in the community and schools, they have sought to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol; and through their work in prisons, they have helped offenders to understand the profound impact of their addiction on their families and friends.

DrugFAM purposely named today's service one of 'Celebration and Hope'.

It is a time for families to remember the lives of those lost to addiction, and to acknowledge the strength and courage of all those who are affected by someone else's drug or alcohol misuse.

It is also a time to look forward and seek hope.

Elizabeth and all those at DrugFAM are determined to ensure that no family member or friend should have to face the challenges and consequences of drug addiction alone.

Today's service is also a way of thanking them for their support, their commitment and the important work that they do.

9 May 2017

HISTORICAL NOTE

DRUGFAM was founded in 2006 by Elizabeth Burton-Phillips in memory of her son, Nick Mills, who took his life in 2004 after a long battle with addiction.

DrugFAM ensures that families affected by addiction are understood, educated, and supported. It provides a lifeline of safe, caring, and professional support to families, friends, and partners who are affected by someone else's addiction to drugs or alcohol, including care for those who have been bereaved by addiction.

DrugFAM understands that families are confronted with feelings of helplessness, shame, fear, isolation, and despair. It exists to ensure that no family member, friend, or partner ever has to face these challenges alone.

Emotional support is provided through DrugFAM's national helpline, open from 9 am to 9 pm, seven days a week, by email and in person. It is unique in the range of support it offers locally, nationally, and internationally. The charity also connects families and friends to local weekly DrugFAM support groups.

It works in partnerships with schools, drug services, prisons, and community groups to promote awareness of the impact of substance misuse on families. This includes performances of the play by Theatre in Education: 'Mum, can you lend me twenty quid? What drugs did to my family' which is adapted directly from Elizabeth Burton-Phillips' memoir of the same title.

The service of Celebration and Hope provides an opportunity for families publicly to remember the lives of those lost to addiction and to acknowledge the strength and courage of all those who are affected by someone else's drug or alcohol misuse. **These are all 'lives worth talking about'.**



STRENGTH AND HOPE
by Annie Tempest—bronze and steel

THE spiral is a powerful symbol of creation and growth and is perhaps one of the oldest known spiritual symbols. It represents coming into being; the evolutionary process of learning and growing. Life, like addiction, does not proceed in a straight line; it more closely resembles a spiral. We seem to pass the same point over and over again but from a different perspective each time. The spiral is non-sectarian; it belongs to everyone and, like addiction, excludes no-one. It has been in rock carvings thousands of years old on every continent in the world. I made this piece in the spirit of great hope when my son, Freddy, was alive and in a recovery phase in his addiction. He relapsed and died on 27th May 2011, aged just eighteen. In nature, the spiral shows up in so many ways—from the seeds of a sunflower to the destructive force of a hurricane. Some say that the spiral is the fingerprint of God which resounds throughout all creation. Some say it is representative of the cycle of rebirth. A life worth remembering: **Lives Worth Talking About.**

Members of the congregation are kindly requested to refrain from using private cameras, video, or sound recording equipment. Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off.

The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Music before the Service:

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Choral I in E *César Franck (1822–90)*

Prelude and Fugue in G Op 37 no 2 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*

Andante espressivo *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*
from Sonata in G Op 28

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The High Sheriff of Greater London, Mr James Furber, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat. All remain seated.

The Representative of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Dr Paul Knapman, accompanied by Mrs Penny Knapman, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and they are conducted to their seats. All remain seated.

The Right Honourable Amber Rudd, Home Secretary, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and she is conducted to her seat. All remain seated.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Presentations are made, and he is conducted to his seat. All stand, and then sit.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

ISAT down under his shadow with great delight,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Song of Solomon 2: 3b–4

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN



FOR the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*England's Lane 285i NEH
Geoffrey Shaw (1879–1943)*

Folliott Pierpoint (1835–1917)

*All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of
Westminster, gives*

THE BIDDING

WE gather in this ancient church which has seen many occasions through its long history of sadness and gladness to recall the bane and blessing of the availability of drugs. We know the blessing of the relief from suffering provided by drug therapy; and we know of the bane of drugs that are abused.

As we remember incidents of the abuse of drugs and acknowledge the damage and havoc they can wreak, especially in young lives and families, we shall pray for all who have committed themselves to avert drug misuse, to prevent drug addiction and to aid the recovery of those who have become addicted.

We shall rededicate ourselves, and all who can join with us, in a commitment to enabling every human being to live with dignity, to be respected, to fulfil their potential. We shall honour the humanity of each person made in the image of God.

All sit for

THE TESTIMONIES

by

Sarah Bromfield

family member affected by addiction

and

The Reverend Graeme Skinner

family member bereaved by addiction

All remain seated. Dr Keith Humphreys, Professor of Psychiatry, Stanford University, and former White House Drug Policy Adviser, reads

THE FIRST READING

FOR everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1–8

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE PSALM

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.

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

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head with oil thou dost anoint
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
will surely follow me;
and in my Father's heart always
my dwelling-place shall be.

Brother James's Air
arranged by James O'Donnell (b 1961)

Psalm 23
in Scottish Psalter; 1650

All remain seated. The Right Honourable Amber Rudd, Home Secretary, reads

THE SECOND READING

WHEN Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

St Matthew 5: 1–10

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



BE still my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Finlandia
Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

Katherina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697–1752)
translated by Jane Borthwick (1813–97)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS
by
Elizabeth Burton-Phillips
Founder, DrugFAM

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

I LOVE the Lord : because he hath heard my voice and my supplication.
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him
as long as I live.
The sorrows of death compassed me : and the pains of hell gat hold upon
me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the
Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with
thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my
feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

Jonathan Harvey (1939–2012)

Psalms 116: 1–4, 7–9

All kneel or remain seated. The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, introduces

THE PRAYERS

LET us pray in the name of him who is the resurrection and the life, in whom all things are being made new.

For all who suffer from addiction and its devastating effects, and especially for those whose lives, livelihoods, and relationships have been affected; that they may know healing, health, and the support of those who love them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Sarah Henderson, ambassador, says:

FOR individuals and families impacted by the addiction of those nearest to them, especially for those whose feelings of guilt, helplessness, and isolation remain a struggle; that they may be given strength of body, mind, and soul.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Martin Lucas, behavioural scientist, says:

FOR all specialists who care for addicts and the needs of their families, for public health agencies and independent organisations committed to the care of families affected by addiction; that their work may be better understood and supported.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Sir Anthony Seldon, patron, says:

FOR DrugFAM, its founder, its staff and volunteers, and all through whose courage and perseverance it has flourished, together with those who have benefitted from its services; that almighty God would continue to bless its work.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Nicola Dearing, family member bereaved by addiction, says:

FOR those who have been bereaved through addiction and for all who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones; that the complexity of grief which results from addiction may be more fully acknowledged, and the needs of those who grieve more sensitively addressed.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Reverend Professor Vernon White, Canon in Residence, says:

FOR this nation, for all legislators and judges, for those engaged in crafting policy around mental health and addiction, and for all professionals committed to ensuring health of body and mind; that the needs of all may be considered and met.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Precentor concludes:

Confident in God's promise to bring to perfection his whole creation, let us pray in the words which Christ has given us:

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.

All remain seated. Simon Mills says

I REMINISCE, think back of the memories of those times we shared.
All the brotherly love, many moments together.
Time and life ticks by, never could I have known that you'd ever say
goodbye.

A lifetime you've flown, gone, spread your wings
Both together we had grown and have left many things.
But, after so much time you're still there, I feel you inside.
You live in my soul and I draw strength and pride.
When a life's chapter ends another begins, I remember, all around me are
friends.

A new family, a wife, children and home
How I wish you could meet them, and see how they've grown.
I have no fear now in life, not alone when I walk
Supported by family and friends when I need a talk.
Where ever you are, be happy and know.
I walk in your shadow but continue to glow.

For Nick
Simon Mills (b 1976)

All stand. The Precentor leads

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

AS together we walk amongst the shadows of those whose lives have
been devastated by addiction, let us remember those whose courage,
compassion, and care revive our hope and deepen our understanding.

With all who suffer the effects of addiction
we unite our hearts and pledge our support.

For all who care for those grieved by addiction
we unite our hearts and pledge our support.

As beloved sons and daughters of the one God and Father of us all:
we all have lives worth talking about.

All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN



LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Slane 239 NEH
in Patrick Joyce's *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs* 1909

All-Day Hymn
Jan Struther (1901–53)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

MAY Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All remain standing as the clergy and choir move to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service:

Presto (comodo) *from* Sonata in G Op 28

Edward Elgar

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