

A celebration of the life of Matthew "Smithers" Smith 12 Feb 1986 – 22 Sep 2009

"Did somebody say 'nuclear power'?"

Oakley Wood Crematorium 3pm, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

# Order of Service

Conducted by Father Michael Price Chaplain, Bloxham School

Entrance Jupiter, from The Planets by Gustav Holst

> Introduction Father Michael

Hymn He Who Would Valiant Be (Matthew's favourite)

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories Do but themselves confound—his strength the more is. No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight, He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit, We know we at the end, shall life inherit. Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say, I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.



Please join us after the service at The Granville, Barford

Donations may be be left in the box when leaving the chapel for The County Air Ambulance Trust Registered Charity No 1057063 Or, the next time you give blood, think of Matthew

Kate, Andy and Abi would like to give their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Bloxham School, who looked after Matt and Abi so well while they were there, and who have looked after us over the past few days.

Our thanks also to Matthew's many friends from London who enriched his life so deeply, and to his colleagues and friends at Areva, who were about to launch him on his mission to save the world.

# Hymn *Jerusalem*

And did those feet in ancient time Walk upon England's mountain green? And was the holy Lamb of God On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the countenance divine Shine forth upon our clouded hills? And was Jerusalem builded here Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire! I will not cease from mental fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem In England's green and pleasant land.

> Commendation Father Michael

> > Committal Soon, by Yes

#### Reading

Proverbs 4:1-9 (Today's New International Version) Read by Annette Gillingham, Matthew's Godmother

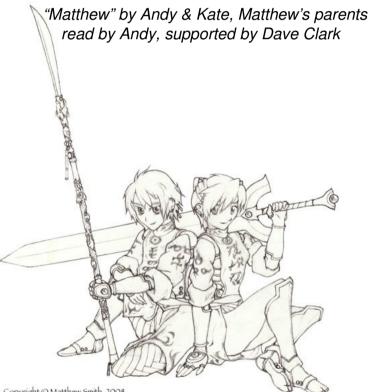


# **Tributes**

"Smithers" by James "Baz" Barrett and Peter Mabbott read by Baz

> "A Light Goes Out" by David Tucker read by Robbie Bain

"Thank you" by Abigail, Matthew's sister read by Abigail, supported by Sarah Harris



Sermon Father Michael

Music Aimo by Yoko Kanno

## Prayers

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



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