



# Light Up a Life

Order of Service

Sunday 1st December 2024  
5pm



# Message from our Chief Executive, Adele Doherty

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our community, for your unwavering support of our Hospice throughout this year. This has been a year filled with challenges for many, and your generosity has been truly inspiring during such uncertain times.

Our annual Light Up a Life service is a poignant moment for all of us. It's an opportunity to remember our loved ones with warmth and positivity, whilst also contributing to the vital work we do, ensuring that others can experience comfort and dignity in their final days.

Last year's service, despite the challenging weather, was a truly touching occasion. I was deeply moved by the number of you who braved the elements to be with us, demonstrating just how much this event means to our community. Your help enabled Light Up a Life 2023 to raise the highest to date. With 1,165 heartfelt dedications made to your loved ones, your support enabled us to raise over £30,000 for patient care, an increase of £6,000 from the previous year. Whether attending in person or joining us virtually, your participation each year has such a profound impact and makes such a difference to our patients and their loved ones.

Every year, this special event reminds us how deeply connected we are as a community. Your support - whether through dedications, visits to our shops, or taking part in our Hospice Lottery makes a meaningful difference, allowing us to continue offering exceptional care. It ensures that we can be there for families when they need us the most within our peaceful Hospice or in the comfort of their own homes.

I'm immensely proud of our Hospice Team, who show such compassion and dedication every day. Their work wouldn't be possible without your kindness and contributions. You truly are at the heart of everything we do!

Thank you for keeping our Hospice so close to your hearts. Your support is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful, joyful festive season.

*Adele Doherty*  
Chief Executive



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*Crompton House Brass Band to play before / after and during congregational carols*

**Welcome:** Adele Doherty, Chief Executive

**Performance:** St Joseph's RC Junior Infant and Nursery School

**Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep** by Mary Elizabeth Frye

*Read by Dr Patricia Campbell*

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.

**A Spaceman Came Travelling**

*Performed by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir*

**Reading by Oldham Interfaith Forum**

*Read by Mufti Helal Mahmood, Oldham Interfaith Forum*

Surely we belong to Allah and to him shall we return (Al-Qur'an)  
When a person dies, his or her deeds come to an end except for three things;  
Sadaqah Jariyah (continuous charity)  
Knowledge which is beneficial to others  
Pious children who pray for their parents and give charity in their name  
(Al-Hadeeth)

## Silent Night

*Please join our Congregational Hymn led by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir*

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

## Light a Candle *by Unknown Author*

*Read by Anisa Hussain, Staff Nurse*

Light a candle, see it glow,  
Watch it dance, when you feel low,

Think of me, think of light,  
I'll always be here, day or night,

A candle flickers, out of sight,  
But in your heart, I still burn bright,

Think not of sadness, that I'm not near,  
Think of gladness, and joyous cheer,

I have not left, I am not gone,  
I'm here to stay, my little one,

So when you light a candle and you see it glow  
And you watch it dance, in your heart you'll know

That I would never leave you even when you feel so blue  
I'm sitting up here with the Lord and now watching over you

### **Lighting of the Lights**

*(Please take a moment of silence to remember your loved ones. If you are joining our service virtually, please take this moment to light a candle at home)*



### **We are all the Stars**

*Performed by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir*

### **There is No Light Without a Dawning** *by Helen Steiner Rice*

*Read by Michelle Garrett, Step Down & In-Reach Sister*

There is no light without a dawning  
No winter without a spring  
And beyond the dark horizon  
Our hearts will once more sing...  
For those who leave us for a while  
Have only gone away  
Out of a restless, care worn world  
Into a brighter day

## **Amazing Grace**

*Please join our Congregational Hymn led by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!  
The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## **Christmas in Heaven** *by Unknown Author*

*Read by Heather Dixon, Staff Nurse*

We're wondering what Christmas in Heaven is like  
As we grieve alone and pray,  
longing for one who has gone before  
To spend Christmas in Heaven today.

And so in our dreams we wander far  
From the scenes and sounds of earth  
'Til we catch the strains of the Heavenly choir  
As they sing of the Christ Child's birth.

The Angels we envision there  
As they join in the restal gay  
And there amid the throng is our Loved One  
Spending Christmas in Heaven today.

There's joy in the faith that teaches  
When our life's work is done  
Of a place in Heaven awaiting  
And the crown we worked for is won.

In our grief may we learn well the lesson  
So to work and suffer and pray  
As to merit the joys of our loved one  
And to spend Christmas together some day.

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*Please join our Congregational Hymn led by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir*

Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king"

**Closing:** Adele Doherty, Chief Executive



*Thank you  
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