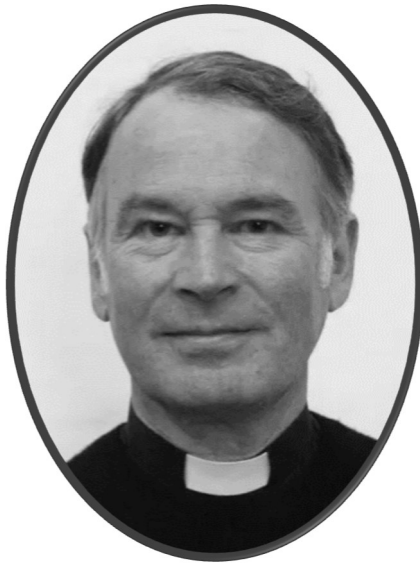


Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kidlington

Thursday 7th September 2023
19:00

**A requiem mass in commemoration of the life
of
The Reverend Martin Davis**



Priest, Husband, Father, Grampy,
Son, Brother, Friend

22nd April 1959 – 17th August 2023

Service led by the Reverend Rod Cosh

Opening Music

Miserere – Gregorio Allegri

Opening Hymn

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
be Thou my whole Armour, be Thou my true Might;
be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tower,
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Mary Byrne and Eleanor Hull, 1912

Entrance Antiphon

Give him eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him forever.

In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Priest greets the people with these words.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome are said.

Penitential Rite

As children of a loving heavenly Father,
let us ask his forgiveness,
for he is gentle and full of compassion.

Silence is kept

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and
said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God our Father + forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

Collect

Let us pray

Silence

Lord, graciously hear our prayers
as we proclaim our faith in your Son's resurrection.
In your goodness strengthen our hope
as we look forward to your servant Martin's
resurrection on the last day.

We ask that through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril,
or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through
him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor
life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to
come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.35-39

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

Stuart Townend, 1996

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord
for they rest from their labour. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

John 14.1-7.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

The Reverend Rod Cosh

Intercessions

Let us pray with confidence to God our Father,
who raised Christ his Son from the dead for the salvation of
all.

Grant, Lord, that your servant, Martin, may know the fullness
of life which you have promised to those who love you.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Be close to those who mourn:
increase their faith in your undying love.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

May we be strengthened in our faith,
live the rest of our lives in following your Son,
and be ready when you shall call us to eternal life.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to the dying;
strengthen them with hope,
and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, we commend all those who have died to your unfailing love,
that in them your will may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood amongst his disciples.
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

John Ellerton, 1870

Prayer over the Gifts

Look favourably, Lord on our gifts
which we unite with your Son's loving sacrifice,
and grant that your servant Martin
may be taken into glory with him:
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and praise

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading.
The joy of the resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with Martin and all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus from Faure's Requiem

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Virgin Mary, John the
Baptist,
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom.
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as Jesus taught 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

The Priest invites the people to Communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.
Amen.**

Holy Communion

All who receive communion in their own community are welcome to do so here.

If you would like to receive a blessing you too are welcome.

During Communion, the choir will sing the Agnus Dei and Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.*

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine

Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,

quia pius es

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,

et lux perpetua luceat eis

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant them rest.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant them rest.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant them rest, everlasting rest.*

*May eternal light shine on them, O Lord,
with Thy saints for ever,*

because Thou are merciful.

*Grant them eternal rest, o Lord,
and may perpetual light shine on them.*

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem,
dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.*

*Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest,
grant them rest, eternal rest.*

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, we have celebrated the sacrament
of your Son's death and resurrection,
for the benefit of your servant Martin,
Grant that he may enter into the abode of light and
peace.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The coffin is censed to remind us of the prayers of the saints, and
sprinkled with holy water to remind us of Martin's, and our own,
Baptism.*

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service.
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill you hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Exit Music

In Paradisum from Faure's Requiem, sung by the choir

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo
adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.*

*May the angels receive them in Paradise,
at they coming may the martyrs receive thee
and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem.
There may the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.*

Organists
David Hewett
Bruce Forman
Joshua Hewett

Martin's body will be taken to St. John the Baptist Hall Church. You are welcome to join the family for the receiving of the body there where it will lie in repose overnight.

Martin's funeral is at 11:00 tomorrow morning (Friday, 8th September) here, at St. Mary's.