



Doctor
Kershaw's
Hospice



Light Up a Life

Order of Service

Sunday 3rd December 2023

5pm



Message from our Chief Executive, Adele Doherty

As 2023 draws to a close, I wanted to express my gratitude to you, our community, for your ongoing support for our Hospice. This year has been my first in post as Chief Executive, and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness, amidst such difficult financial times for everyone.

Our annual Light Up a Life service offers us all the chance to remember our loved ones in a positive way, whilst also crucially enabling us to bring in more funds to support someone else's loved one, giving them the important choice of where and how they want to be cared for during the last days of their lives.

Last year's service (despite the rain) was truly beautiful and I was humbled by how many of you turned out and attended, even in such dire weather conditions. Light Up a Life 2022 raised just under £24,500, and saw members of the community coming together to remember their loved ones within the Hospice grounds and virtually. Light Up a Life is a special event, close to people's hearts, and as such we received 1,155 dedications in memory of lost loved ones, with 2,300 people tuning in virtually from around the globe. Thank you to you, our community, for supporting Light Up a Life each year by attending or tuning into our service and by making a dedication for your loved ones. The wonderful amount we raised last year has directly helped more families, enabling us to continue to provide exceptional care for our patients.

The Hospice Team truly do an incredible job, caring for and supporting so many loved ones across the community, and I am immensely proud of every one of them. It takes a special person to work in their roles and to be there for families each and every day when they need support and help, the most. Our team couldn't be there and couldn't care the way that they do without your support and for that I am grateful beyond words. Every Light Up a Life dedication, every purchase from our shops, and every Lottery ticket purchased all supports our Hospice: enabling us to open our doors each day, caring for people at the end of their lives in a peaceful, tranquil environment, or in their own homes surrounded by their families. For your support we are immensely thankful. You are at the heart of everything we do!

To you, our community, thank you for holding our Hospice so dear to your hearts and for your continuing support each year.

I wish you all a joyous festive season,
blessed with peace, love and warmth.



Adele Doherty
Chief Executive

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Welcome

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Performance

St Joseph's RC Junior Infant and Nursery School

Matthew 2:10-12

Read by Dr Keith Harkins, Specialty Doctor

King Herod sent the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me,
so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way,
and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them
until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary,
and they bowed down and worshipped him.
Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to
their country by another route.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Performed 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 Sun 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
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The Life That I Have by *Leo Marks*

Read by Tracey Hewlett, Staff Nurse

The life that I have
Is all that I have
And the life that I have
Is yours.

The love that I have
Of the life that I have
Is yours and yours and yours.

A sleep I shall have
A rest I shall have
Yet death will be but a pause.
For the peace of my years
In the long green grass
Will be yours and yours and yours.

With a Thankful Heart

Performed by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir

Reading

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)

Remember Me *by Margaret Mead*

Read by Tracy Harrison, Step-down & In-reach Sister

To the living, I am gone.
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore,
gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower
and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.

Lighting of the Lights

(If you are joining our service virtually, please take this moment to light your candle contained in your Light Up a Life at Home pack)

Count the Stars

Performed by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir

When All That's Left is Love *by Rabbi Maller*

Read by Jeanette Ferguson, Caring Hands Health Care Assistant

When I die
If you need to weep, Cry for someone
Walking the street beside you.
You can love me most by letting
Hands touch hands, and Souls touch souls.
You can love me most by
Sharing your Simchas (goodness) and
Multiplying your Mitzvot (acts of kindness).
You can love me most by
Letting me live in your eyes
And not on your mind.
And when you say Kaddish for me
Remember what our Torah teaches,
Love doesn't die: people do.
So when all that's left of me is love
Give me away.

Farewell My Friends *by Rabindranath Tagore*

Read by Diane Atkins, Caring Hands Health Care Assistant

It was beautiful as long as it lasted
The journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever
Save the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who love and care...
And the strings pulling at the heart and soul...
The strong arms that held me up
When my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life
I came across good friends,
Friends who stood by me,
Even when the time raced me by.

Farewell, farewell, my friends
I smile and bid you goodbye.
No, shed no tears for I need them not
All I need is your smile.

If you feel sad do think of me
For that's what I'll like
When you live in the hearts of those you love,
remember then, you never die.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Performed by Dr Kershaw's Hospice Choir

Please join us in song, with this favourite festive carol!

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

Take the Love *by Donna Ashworth*

Read by Jane Markham, Health Care Assistant

Take the love you had for me
and turn it into laughter
turn it into blinding light
to shine on you thereafter.

Take the love you have for me
and show it to the world
something so amazing
needs to blossom and unfurl.

Take the love that made us
keep it burning bright
let that fire guide you
let it warm you through the night.

Take the love you shared with me
and spread it out with gladness
my life will not have been in vain
if you can fight the sadness.

Take the love my darling
it's yours to carry on
grow that love forevermore
and then I won't be gone.

Silent Night

Performed 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 the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Closing

Adele Doherty, Chief Executive



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