



**Trinity  
Hospice**

*Compassion and care*

# Commemorative service

Celebrating four decades of hospice care  
in Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde



**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Sunday 1st June 2025 - St Chad's, Poulton

"Here, at whatever  
hour you come,  
you will find light  
and help and  
human kindness."

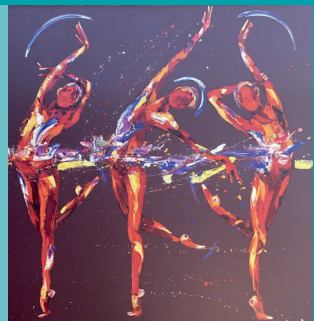
Dr. Albert Schweitzer



'A Celebration of Life'

from 'The Dance'

*Situated in the Chapel at the hospice on  
Low Moor Road*



# Welcome

Rev. Canon Martin Keighley, Vicar of St. Chad's



## Introduction and opening prayer

Rev. Helen Houston, Trinity Hospice Chaplain

Lord, direct our thoughts,  
teach us to pray,  
lift up our hearts to worship you  
in Spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

# Hymn

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver;  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!



## TELLING THE STORY: The hospice - past, present and future

### The past

**Beryl Head**

First Matron, Trinity Hospice

### The present

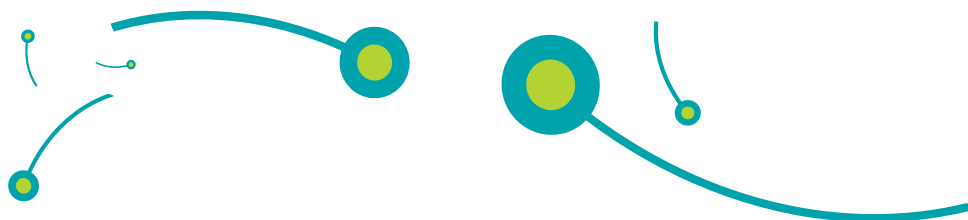
**Sarah Roberts**

Deputy Director of Clinical Services,  
Living Well and Access, Trinity Hospice

### The future

**David Houston**

CEO, Trinity Hospice



### *Introducing Trinity's* **'SUPER-CHOIR'**

Our 'super-choir' is made up of representatives from choirs around the region who have raised money for, and supported the work of Trinity Hospice. They will sing for us 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers.



## **BIBLE READING:** **Matthew 25:31-40**

*This is read for us by Father David Burns,  
chaplaincy volunteer*



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



# Reflection

Bishop of Burnley, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joe Kennedy  
*Bishop Kennedy has the healthcare remit for  
the Diocese of Blackburn.*

## THANKSGIVING:

This is brought to us by the 'Evenings of Remembrance' team comprised of Shaun Kennion, hospice supporter and regular musician, Karen Gray-Thornton, PA to the Medical and Clinical Directors, Barbara Collumbine, HCA from the hospital team, and Chris Beverley, former Trustee, Trinity Volunteer and Vice-President of Brian House Children's Hospice. Shaun plays 'Only by Grace', by Graham Kendrick, as we hear extracts from letters of appreciation for the work of Trinity staff and volunteers.



## POEM: For a nurse

by John O'Donoghue and read to us by  
Tracy Dewhurst, Chair of Trustees

*Dedicated to all those who work for and volunteer  
their time for the 'Hospice-in-the-Fylde'*

"Your mind knows the world of illness,  
the fright that invades a person arriving in and out of the world,  
distraught and grieved by illness;  
how it can strip a life of its joy,  
dim the light of the heart, put shock in the eyes.

"You see worlds breaking at the onset of illness;  
families at bedsides distraught that their loved one's name has come up  
in the secret lottery of misfortune that had always chosen someone else.

"....In this fragile frontier-place,  
your kindness becomes a light that consoles the broken-hearted,  
awakens within desperate storms that oasis of serenity  
that calls the spirit to rise from beneath the weight of pain,  
to create a new space in the person's mind  
where they gain distance from their suffering  
and begin to see the invitation to integrate and transform it.

"May you embrace the beauty in what you do  
and how you stand like a secret angel  
between the bleak despair of illness  
and the unquenchable light of spirit  
that can turn the darkest destiny toward dawn.

"May you never doubt the gifts you bring,  
rather, learn from these frontiers wisdom for your own heart.  
May you come to inherit the blessings of your kindness and  
never be without care and love when winter enters your own life."



JOIN US AGAIN AND

# Celebrate 40 years of hospice care

at the famous Blackpool  
Tower Ballroom, with live music,  
entertainment, dancing, charity  
fundraising and a fabulous  
three course meal



**SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025**



Trinity Hospice  
**FUNDRAISING  
BALL 2025**



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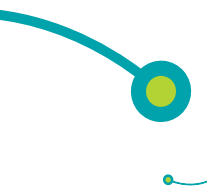
**Tickets: £75pp or table of 10 for £700**

To book your place  
visit [www.trinityhospice.co.uk/ball](http://www.trinityhospice.co.uk/ball),  
call 01253 952561 or email  
[fundraising@trinityhospice.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@trinityhospice.co.uk)

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# Prayer

Led by Rev. Helen Houston, Chaplain, Trinity Hospice,  
and concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

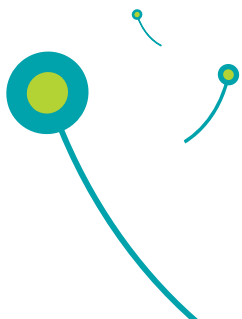


**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**CHOIR:**  
**'You'll never walk alone'**

by Oscar Hammerstein II

**NOTICES**



# Hymn

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:       *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day. *[Refrain]*

3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day. *[Refrain]*

4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day. *[Refrain]*

## BLESSING: The Bishop

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you  
and remain with you always. Amen.

## Greetings from our Muslim friends

Thank you for your services to the residents of the Fylde Coast, more so during the latter part of their lives, ensuring their transition into the next life is undertaken with ease and comfort. Through the last four decades, you have provided respite to families and patients by caring and seeing to the needs of terminally ill patients, whilst ensuring that the needs of loved ones are also fulfilled. Long may this continue.

**Our blessings and best wishes for the future.**

**Imam Ashfaq Rafiq Patel - Central Mosque Blackpool**

## Greetings from our Jewish friends

On behalf of Blackpool Reform Jewish Congregation we would like to extend our warm wishes of congratulations/Mazeltov on your 40th year celebrations. You have always been a great support to many of our community and we wish you all well for the next 40 years and beyond, with love/ahava x

## Greetings from our Buddhist friends

Happy Birthday, Trinity Hospice. Thank you for providing humane and meaningful conditions for people who are shortly to leave this world. Thank you for providing this service for the last 40 years and may you continue for decades to come.

**All best wishes from Kadam John and all the practitioners of Keajra Buddhist Centre in Blackpool.**

## Greetings from our Hindu friends

On behalf of Fylde Coast Hindu society, we wish you all Happy 40th Birthday! Thank you to everyone associated with Trinity Hospice and Brian House for your hard work and dedication in supporting Blackpool residents and their families through tough times.

## With thanks

We are extremely grateful to Rev. Canon Martin Keighley, Church Wardens, the PCC and congregation of St. Chad's church, Poulton, for allowing us to use their beautiful church for our special service; and to the bell-ringers for welcoming us to church and making our celebration extra-special.

Thank you, too, to Bishop Joe Kennedy for speaking at our service. We really appreciate you being with us and helping us to mark this significant milestone.

We would also like to record our enormous thanks to Tony Brindle, organist and choir master, for playing today, and for all he has done to support and rehearse our 'super choir'.

Thank you to our 'super-choir' and its representatives from Coasters, Trinitas, Blackpool Male Voice, Elswick Singers, Poulton People's Choir, Capricorn Singers, the Waterloo Women's Choir and, of course, Trinity's own choir, for their collaboration and making it such a memorable celebration.

Thank you to Beryl Head for sharing her memories of the hospice with us; to Sarah Roberts for giving us a snapshot of life at the hospice today; and to David Houston for sketching a portrait of what Trinity's future may hold.

Thank you to Shaun Kennion for his beautiful guitar playing and to Father David Burns, Tracy Dewhurst, Karen Gray-Thornton, Barbara Collumbine and Chris Beverley for reading.

Thank you to Ron Nicol for making three (a 'trinity' - see what we did there) heart-shaped candle holders for our 40th. They are beautiful and will be reused at our monthly Evening of Remembrance services.

If you would like to **make a donation** today, you can simply pop some cash in one of the donation buckets on display at today's service, we can also provide you with a donation envelope, or scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera to make a donation online.



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to donate today

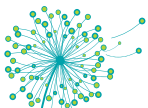


## Refreshments

Please join us for a drink and birthday cupcake in the Community Hall over the road.

Thank you for being here.  
We are incredibly grateful for all your support.

*Without the kindness  
and generosity of so many  
people like yourselves there  
simply wouldn't be a hospice  
on the Fylde coast.*



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