

*Requiem Mass for*

# **Richard Ian Darke**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1945 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018



St. John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

12 noon

Canon Paul Greenwell

### **A little bit about Richard.**

It all started when he was 5 years old, or in his words, 'nowt but a lad'. His Mum thought it would be a good idea for him to start playing the piano. I think she was right!

Around this time, he was enchanted with the local church, where he was desperate to join the choir. Eventually, after mithering the local Choirmaster, the question was asked – 'Can he read?'

Fortunately he could. Richard Darke was inducted aged 6, as the youngest ever chorister in St Johns, Great Horton. Needless to say, they didn't have small enough robes, and his first set were held up with rubber bands.

His love of music continued throughout his education. He went on to play organ recitals and attained his degree in Music and Theology at Bristol.

Through teaching he shared his joy of music. I cannot comprehend how many people he taught. From piano, organ, and singing lessons, to what the Latin actually meant and why it was important, or where the emphasis should sit in a Psalm verse. Things like these stay with you, and I am so thankful for what he taught me as I'm sure many others are. My Dad also seemed to be the font of all knowledge for (in his words) 'useless bits of information' – these little gems would often be delivered at random, often without any context, but you would find yourself absolutely clued up on the weirdest trivia.

He was very aware of the importance of the combination of Music and Church, and the merit of young voices' development. At one point in St Edmunds' Roundhay, while my Dad was Master of the Music, the choir consisted of over 65 people, with a successful front line of girls and boys, and a strong back row. My Father pointed out with a triumphant twinkle in his eye that 'they had to add chairs' to the choir stalls.

After Roundhay came the Bradford Choristers, an all-boys choir. One of my Dad's greatest joys was being able to help reconcile the Bradford Choristers with the Cathedral. Alongside this, my Dad was also Director of Music at St Johns. He was there for 22 years, and shortly before his retirement was awarded an Associateship of the RSCM in recognition of his services to church music. My Dad was a gentle soul, generous with his kindness and brave to the end. Endearingly eccentric, he had an energetic and youthful side to his personality which made him such a joy to be around. We will fondly remember, and uphold the tradition of, his gleeful yearly recollection of the Christmas pudding steamed wallpaper incident. I can only smile when I think of him and everything he has done for all of us.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE Daddy. *Ps – Let me never be confounded!***



**Priest:** The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

**All:** *And she conceived by the Holy Spirit*

**Priest:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

**All:** *Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death*

**Priest:** Behold the handmaid of the Lord

**All:** *Be it unto me according to Your word*

**Priest:** Hail Mary, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

**All:** *Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death?*

**Priest:** The word was made flesh

**All:** *And dwelt among us*

**Priest:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

**All:** *Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us.*

**Priest:** Lord, open our hearts to your grace. By the angel's message to Mary we have learned to believe in the incarnation of your Son. Lead us by his passion and cross to the glory of his Resurrection.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

## Order of Service

### Organ Music:

*Howells* – Master Tallis's Testament [Six Pieces for Organ]

Psalm Prelude, Set 2 No 1 [Psalm 130 – *De profundis*]

**Introit:** [during which the sanctuary party enters and the Altar is censed]

***Richard Darke – Requiem aeternam***

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them*

### Greeting:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**All: *And also with you***

We have come here today to remember before God, our brother Richard; to give thanks for his life; to pray for his soul; to commend him to God our merciful Father; to commit his body and comfort one another in our grief. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ

**All: *Lord hear our prayer***

### Kyrie

*Byrd*, Mass in four parts

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**



## Opening Hymn - Ye Holy Angels Bright

- 1 Ye holy angels bright,  
Who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light  
Fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song,  
For else the theme  
Too high doth seem  
For mortal tongue.
  
- 2 Ye blessed souls at rest,  
Who ran this earthly race,  
And now, from sin released,  
Behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
As in his sight  
With sweet delight  
Ye do abound.
  
- 3 Ye saints, who toil below,  
Adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go  
Some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what he gives  
And praise him still,  
Through good or ill,  
Who ever lives!
  
- 4 My soul, bear thou thy part,  
Triumph in God above:  
And with a well-tuned heart  
Sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
Till life shall end,  
Whate'er he send,  
Be filled with praise.

Merciful Father hear our prayers and comfort us. Renew our trust in Jesus your Son whom you raised from the dead. Strengthen our faith that Richard who has died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading, Revelation 21 V.1-7**  
Read by Rev'd Garry Hinchcliffe, Rector

This is the word of the Lord.  
***All: Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 23**  
Sung by the Choir, to a chant by *Walford Davies*

**The Gospel John 6:51-58**  
Sung by Canon Paul

Alleluia, alleluia!  
*I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.*  
*Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.*  
Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
***All: Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Jesus said to the crowd:**  
"I am the living bread which has come down from Heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in Him. As, I who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."



This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Homily**  
Canon Paul

**Prayer of the Faithful**  
After each bidding: Lord, hear us  
*All: Lord, graciously hear us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

**Offertory Hymn – Ye who own the faith**

- 1 Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
Sing the wonders that were done,  
When the love of God the Father  
O'er our sin the victory won,  
When he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.

*Refrain: Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary, full of grace.*

- 2 Blessèd were the chosen people  
Out of whom the Lord did come,  
Blessèd was the land of promise  
Fashioned for his earthly home;  
But more blessèd far the Mother  
She who bare him in her womb.
- 3 Wherefore let all faithful people  
Tell the honour of her name,  
Let the Church in her foreshadowed  
Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness  
Let Christ's people sing the same.

- 4 Let us weave our supplications,  
She with us and we with her,  
For the advancement of the faithful,  
For each faithful worshipper,  
For the doubting, for the sinful,  
For each heedless wanderer.
- 5 May the Mother's intercessions  
On our homes a blessing win,  
That the children all be prospered,  
Strong and fair and pure within,  
Following our Lord's own footsteps,  
Firm in faith and free from sin.
- 6 For the sick and for the aged,  
For our dear ones far away,  
For the hearts that mourn in secret,  
All who need our prayers today,  
For the faithful gone before us,  
May the holy Virgin pray.
- 7 Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
Praise the everlasting Spirit,  
Who hath made thee ark and throne;  
O'er all creatures high exalted,  
Lowly praise the Three in One.

Melody from a *French Paroissien*

Vernon Stuckey S Coles [1845-1929]

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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

Lift up your hearts.  
*All: We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All: It is right to give thanks and praise.*

The preface follows:



**Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Byrd, Mass in four parts*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**All: *Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

The priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer...

**The Lord's Prayer**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Our Father, which 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.*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all  
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming  
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen***

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All: And also with you*

**Agnus Dei**

*Byrd, Mass in four parts*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**Communion Motet** – *Bairstow*, Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear trembling....



## Communion Hymns

### Sweet Sacrament Divine

- 1 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Sweet Sacrament divine.
- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.
- 3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.
- 4 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
The Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Music and Words by *Francis Stanfield* [1835-1914]

### **Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray**

- 1 Jesu, grant me this, I pray,  
Ever in thy heart to stay;  
Let me evermore abide  
Hidden in thy wounded side.
- 2 If the evil one prepare,  
Or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.
- 3 If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
Naught I fear when I abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.
- 4 Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
Dying let me still abide  
In thy heart and wounded side.

*Orlando Gibbons [1583-1625] – Song 13    Henry Williams Baker [1821-1877] from the Latin*

### **Final Commendation**

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Richard and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see Richard again and enjoy his friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.



## Soul of My Saviour

- 1 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.
- 2 Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.
- 3 Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

*William Maher [1823-1877] – Anima Christi      Latin 14<sup>th</sup> Century, Anonymous translation*

### Hymn: Of the glorious body telling, Part II

Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere:  
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might and praise addressing while eternal ages run.  
Ever too his love confessing, who, from both, with both is one. **Amen**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother, Richard, in sure  
and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ,  
he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Richard in this  
life: they are signs to us of your goodness and out our fellowship  
with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of  
paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with  
assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our  
brother for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Te Deum** – *Howells*, Collegium Regale

In peace let us take Richard to his place of rest.

### **Final Hymn** – Thine be the Glory (Descant, Richard Darke)

- 1    Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
      Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
      Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
      Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
      Refrain: *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
      Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2    Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
      Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
      Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
      For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
- 3    No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
      Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
      Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
      Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*George Frideric Handel* [1685-1759] – *Maccabaeus*

*Richard Hoyle*, from *Edmond Budry*

### **Concluding Voluntary**

*Liszt* – Prelude [Fantasia] & Fugue on B.A.C.H

The congregation is asked to remain silent in their place during the music.

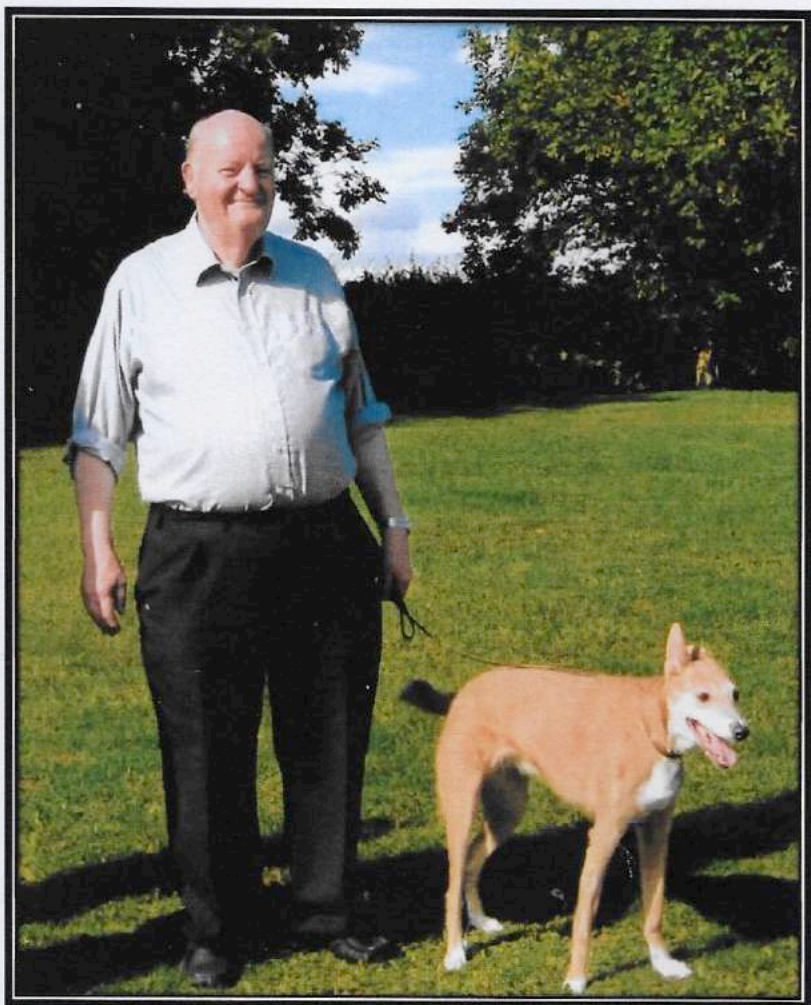


The cortege will now travel for private Interment.

Donations in Richard's memory may be given to support the work of  
Cancer Research UK and the Blue Cross, Thirsk,  
and may be sent care of  
John P Tempest Funeral Service  
46 Harrogate Road  
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Richard's family would like to thank you for attending  
the service and warmly invite you to join them for refreshments in the  
Church Hall

Bethie would like to say "thank you" to all those who have been involved  
from a musical and organisation perspective



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