

MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING SERVICE

for

ROBERT JOHN HALLIGAN



Friday 19 October, 2001
Chevening Church, Chipstead, Sevenoaks

Reverend Christopher Johnson

Organist: Mr Graham Dinnage

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Opening Prayer

Rev. Christopher
Johnson

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HYMN

23rd Psalm - The
Lord's my Shepherd

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Ecclesiastes
Chapter 3, verses 1-15

Reading by
Trevor Halligan

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Tribute

David Halligan

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HYMN

Oh God our Help
in Ages Past

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PRAYERS

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"Sunshine"

Guitar solo
composed and played
by Robert Halligan

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HYMN

Abide with Me

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BLESSING

The Lord's my Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie;
In pastures green, He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Oh God our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy Cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Family mourns for father killed in World Trade tower

AN INSURANCE broker from Sevenoaks was killed when one of the hijacked planes crashed into New York's World Trade Centre exactly a month ago.

Keen football fan Robert Halligan was working on the 99th floor of the building's south tower at the time of the September 11 attacks.

The 59-year-old emigrated to America in 1980 to be with wife Jerrie. His massive family, including his six children, are slowly coming to terms with his death.

Speaking to the *Chronicle* this week, Mr Halligan's brother-in-law

Les Lynn said: "I'm not sure what everyone was doing on September 11 but we knew from an early stage Robert was in work that day."

"He was in strong contact with all his children and as you would expect they are all devastated, particularly at the horrific circumstances. It has been hard for everyone to come to terms with."

His death has also left a gaping hole in the lives of his mother Brenda, of Chipstead, brothers David, who lives in South Wales, and William, from Dunton Green, and sister Mary Lynn,

from Leigh. He has 10 grandchildren.

Mr Lynn, who had known his brother in law for 26 years, said: "At a horrendous time like this the mutual support that has come from the family has been fantastic and a source of great comfort to everyone."

"Friends and neighbours of all of us have given us tremendous support and offers of help. It has been superb and really quite humbling."

He said that Robert used to come over a few times a year and added: "He was very proud of being a

British citizen and always maintained his links with the UK.

"There was nothing he liked better than coming home, having a pint in a British pub, having some food and seeing his family."

Speaking from America after the attacks, Jerrie Halligan said her husband loved his family and was always proud that his mother Brenda had represented Britain at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. She said: "We'll miss him very much."

A memorial service for Mr Halligan will be held at Chevening Church on Friday, October 19.



TRAGIC DEATH: Insurance broker Robert Halligan lost his life following the attack on the World Trade Centre where he was working.

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