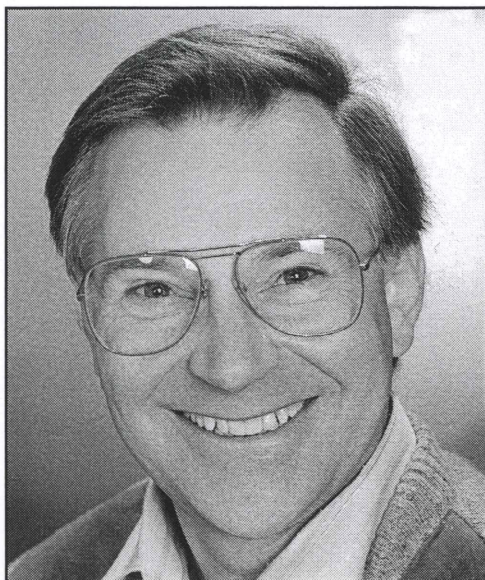


St. Mary the Virgin
Holmbury St. Mary
Thursday 13th July 2006



A Service of Thanksgiving
For the Life of

Stephen Hugh Ridley Jepson

24th November 1941 – 27th June 2006



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organist: James Stanton

INTROIT

Choir.....*Rejoice in the Lord alway* (Henry Purcell)

WELCOME AND PRAYERS

Reverend Pam Robson

HYMN

Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing ev'ry blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending.
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,
love with ev'ry passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

READING

Jeremy Backhouse

Psalm 121

ANTHEM

Choir.....*Lift thine eyes to the mountains* (Felix Mendelsson)

READING

Christine and John Fenton

Uphill (Christina Rossetti)

MEMORIES OF MY FATHER

A Family Man – A Man of Many Talents

Derett Jepson

HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

READING

Jill Jepson

A Birthday (Christina Rossetti)

My heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a water'd shoot;
My heart is like an apple-tree
Whose boughs are bent with thick-set fruit;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halcyon sea;
My heart is gladder than all these,
Because my love is come to me.

ANTHEM

Choir.....*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* (Elizabeth Poston)

TRIBUTE TO A MUSIC LOVER

John Trigg

TRIBUTE AND PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Reverend John Bryn-Thomas

READING

Lance Ridley

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year

(Minnie Louise Haskins)

HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy Cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Martha Golden

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

ANTHEM

Choir.....*Cantique de Jean Racine* (Gabriel Fauré)

ADDRESS

Reverend Pam Robson

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Choir.....*Sunset Prayer* (Dylan Thomas) arranged by A. H. D. Froyte

HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer.
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield,

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

BLESSING

Choir.....*A Celtic Blessing* (Martin Setchell)

Stephen belonged to three choirs:

*Holmbury Church, Holmbury Choral – conducted by George Jones
and Vivace Chorus (formerly Guildford Philharmonic Choir) –
conducted by Jeremy Backhouse. Members of all three choirs have
taken part in the service.*

*A retiring collection will be divided between Cancer Research UK,
The Brigitte Trust and Beacon. Donations may also be sent to
Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2ES.*

*Please join Stephen's family at Clereholt after the Service for
refreshments.*