

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF

# Isabel Vasseur Bliss

(7 November 1942– 27 April 2021)

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, AYLSHAM  
THURSDAY 13 MAY, 2021 AT 1.30PM  
SERVICE LED BY THE REVD. CANON JULIE BOYD





Isabel, 1997

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

"Erbarme dich, mein Gott (*Have mercy, my God*)"  
St Matthew Passion BWV 244 J.S.Bach (1685-1750)  
Henry Macey (organ)

## WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

The Revd. Canon Julie Boyd



## PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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### READING

Tim Bliss

And did you get what  
you wanted from this life, even so?

*I did.*

And what did you want?

*To call myself beloved, to feel myself  
beloved on the earth.*

*Late Fragment* by Raymond Carver (1938-1988)

Collected Poems, The Harvill Press, 1996

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## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*Arioso* from Cantata BMV 156 by JS Bach (1685-1750)

Julia Crockatt (cello)

## FAMILY TRIBUTES

Roman Vasseur

Blaise Vasseur



## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

*"Dido's Lament"*

Dido and Aeneas, by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Performed by Emma Kirkby in an original recording of 1981

With the Taverner Players and Choir (Chandos)

When I am laid,  
am laid in earth,  
may my wrongs create  
No trouble,  
no trouble in,  
in thy breast

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am laid in earth,  
may my wrongs create  
No trouble,  
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Remember me,  
remember me,  
but ah  
Forget my fate

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## REFLECTIONS

ISABEL IN SAXTHORPE AND CORPUSTY

Robert Smith

ISABEL IN AYLSHAM

Grizelda Tyler



## PRAYERS

COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

The Revd. Canon Julie Boyd



## RECESSIONAL

"Agnus Dei (*O Lamb of God*)"

Requiem Op.48 Gabriel Fauré (1844-1924)

Henry Macey (organ)





South of France, 2017



Isabel Vasseur at Glasgow Garden Festival,  
Richard Deacon, Nose to Nose, Beginning To End, 1988

Tim, Roman and Annabel, Blaise and Lindsay, Linnea, and Michael would like to thank everyone attending this service in person or online.

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