

Cathedral Church of Saint Barnabas, Nottingham



Funeral Service baby Indi Gregory

Friday 1st December 2023



OPENING PRAYERS

The congregation is invited to STAND as baby Indi's coffin arrives at the Cathedral door. Bishop Patrick greets the congregation as he welcomes baby Indi's coffin into church:

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

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

The Bishop then sprinkles baby Indi's coffin with holy water, a reminder of her baptism into God's family:

In the waters of baptism Indi died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

As baby Indi's coffin is carried the choir sings "The Lord bless you and keep you" by John Rutter. Once all are in their places, the congregation is invited to sing the opening hymn:

**I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.**

*But you are always close to me following all my ways.
May I be always close to you following all your ways, Lord.*

**I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day life seems to say:
'I feel your brightness near me.'
*For you are always ...***

**I watch the sunset fading away,
lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me.
*For you are always ...***

**I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest
only your peace is near me.
*Yes, you are always ...***

John Glynn

When baby Indi's coffin has been placed before the altar a cross is placed on top, a symbol of Christ's victory over death; meanwhile the Bishop says:

In baptism Indi received the sign of the cross. May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

The Bishop now invites all to be silent for a moment, before leading the Opening Prayer, at the end of which all respond:

... God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

All SIT for the Liturgy of the Word, when we are invited to listen to readings from the Bible which speak of God's love for each human person, even in the midst of the pain and suffering and reality of death.

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament, from the Prophet Jeremiah (chapter 31, verses 15-17). At the end all respond:

Thanks be to God.

The responsory is taken from Psalm 23, all remain SITTING and are invited to sing:

**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 none 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.**

Paraphrased from Psalm 22 (23) in the Scottish Psalter 1650

The second reading is taken from the New Testament, from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (chapter 14, verses 7-9). At the end all respond:

Thanks be to God.

All STAND for the Gospel Acclamation, which the congregation is invited to sing after the choir, and after the versicle:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Before the Gospel (Saint Mark chapter 10, verses 13-16) is read, the priest says:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel the priest says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All SIT for the homily, preached by Bishop Patrick.

After a period of silence the choir sings "Ave Maria" to a setting by Franz Schubert.

A Tribute to baby Indi, written by her Father, is given.

All then STAND for the intercessions, individual prayers which we make to almighty God; the response to which is:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The congregation is invited to pray in the very words which Jesus taught his first disciples:

**Our Father, who 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The congregation is invited to sing together the hymn:

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.**

**'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

John Newton (1725-1807)

All SIT as a delegation from the Italian Government says a few words, and presents a book to baby Indi's parents.

COMMENDATION TO ALMIGHTY GOD

All STAND as Bishop Patrick prays that baby Indi's soul might be entrusted to almighty God.

Baby Indi's coffin is then blessed, first with holy water, a sign of her baptism, and then with incense which symbolises our prayers rising to almighty God just as the sweet-smelling smoke rises to the heavens.

Finally Bishop Patrick concludes the Service:

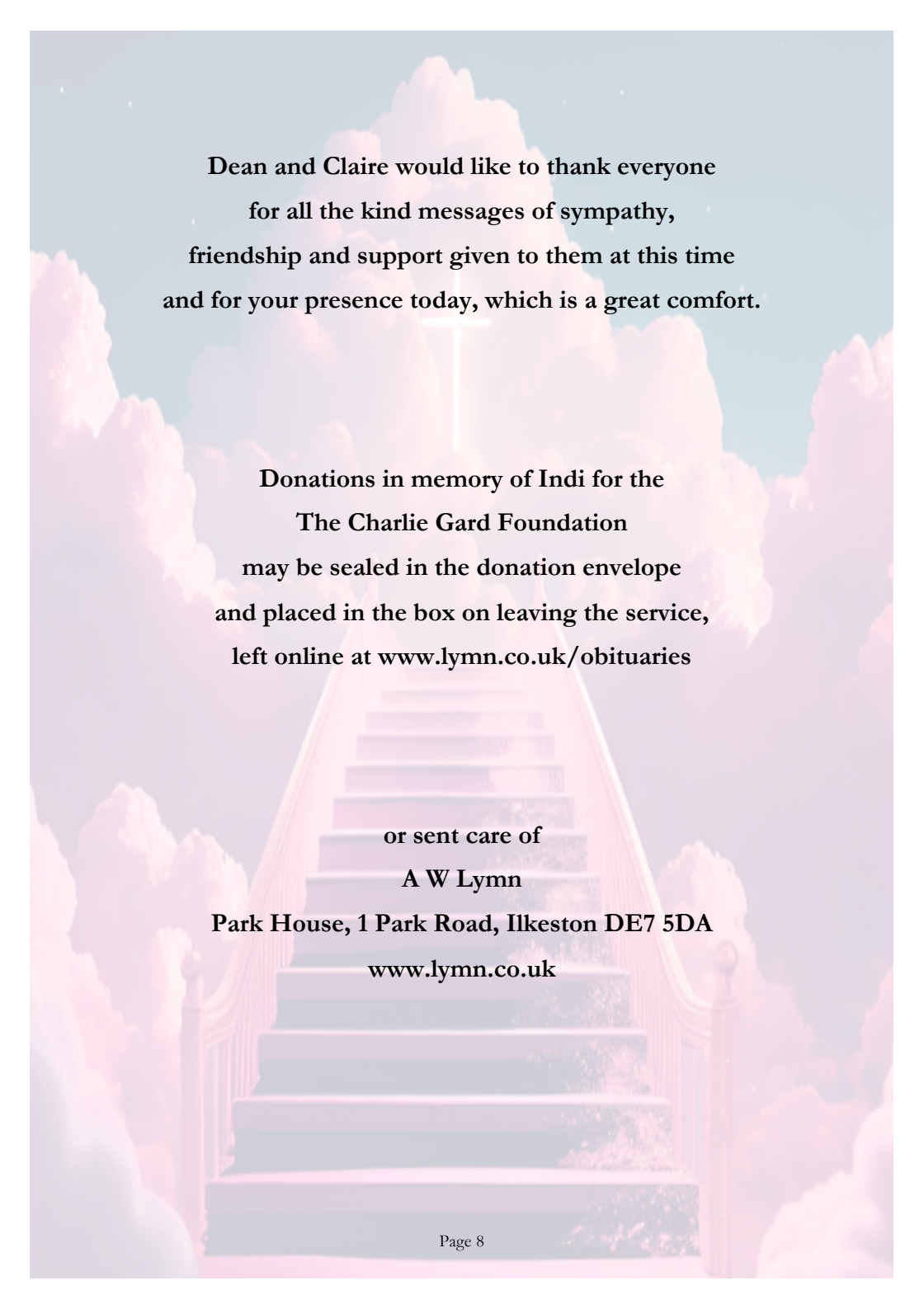
In peace, let us take baby Indi to her place of rest.

The cross is removed from baby Indi's coffin, and as it is lifted and carried out of the Cathedral the choir sings "May the Choirs of Angels come to greet you" by Ernie Sands.

All are invited to follow baby Indi's family in walking behind her coffin out onto Derby Road.



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and for your presence today, which is a great comfort.**

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