

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for our very first online Light up a Life Ceremony. We are pleased to welcome both Dove House Hospice supporters and the wider community, as we come together today to celebrate and remember your loved ones. This year, we want everyone living locally to have the opportunity to remember those who are no longer with us and reflect fondly on the distant family and friends who we cannot spend precious time with this Christmas time.

2020 has been a challenging year for our local community. Many of us have sadly experienced bereavement and heartbreak during this time, and felt especially alone or isolated because of the Coronavirus outbreak. Simple gestures, such as a comforting hug and holding of hands with friends and family members, have been lost during this difficult time, and as a result many of us have found it difficult to share our feelings properly. It is more important than ever that we support and look out for each other during these strange and uncertain times.

We would like to thank you from the very bottom of our hearts for supporting this year's Light Up a Life appeal. By making a dedication, you are not only remembering your loved ones, but also playing a key role in funding all the vital care and support the hospice provides for the local community. The kindness and generosity you show today will help the care and support teams at Dove House to continue caring for local families who need a hand to hold or a shoulder to lean on long into the future.

On behalf of everyone here at Dove House Hospice, we hope you find comfort and peace at this special ceremony.

Thank you once more for your support.

The Dove House Hospice Fundraising and Family Support Teams

THANK YOU

We are incredibly grateful to the following local organisations:
SHEilds Health & Safety, for kindly donating the Christmas tree lights.
www.shields.org

Sonoco Trident, whose sponsorship of this year's appeal has helped to offset costs.
www.sonoco-trident.com

We are incredibly grateful to those local organisations that kindly offered their resources in support of this year's appeal.

Order of Service

Welcome

Chris Sadler, Chief Executive, Dove House Hospice

Introduction

Dr Pam Medhurst, Independent Celebrant

Musical Performance

Do You Hear What I Hear - Performed by Serena Williams

Reading

I am – Author Unknown

Musical Performance

I'll Be Home for Christmas - Performed by Kristian Eastwood

Reading

Life Well Lived – Author Unknown

Lighting of the Candles

One Minute Silence

A moment of quiet contemplation to remember your loved ones

Lighting of the Tree

Musical Performance

Silent Night - Performed by Leanne Gardner

Reading

When We're Not Together – A.A Milne

A Thought for Christmas

Dr Pam Medhurst, Independent Celebrant

Reading

Afterglow – Anonymous

Thank You

Philip Daniels, Chairman, Dove House Hospice

Musical Performance

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Performed by Rachel Mills

Readings

I Am (Author Unknown)

I am the wind in the trees
and the song of a bird.
I am moonbeams in a midnight sky
and a glorious rainbow after a storm.
I am morning dew
and freshly fallen snow.
I am a butterfly flying overhead
and a puppy happily at play
I am a gentle touch
and a warm embrace.
Open your heart to know...I am not gone.
Reach deep into your soul...You will find me.
I am here.
Have no fear, I am with you,
Always.

Life Well Lived (Author Unknown)

A life well lived is a precious gift
of hope and strength and grace
from someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments,
sweet and sad with smiles
and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed
and good times shared,
and laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy
of joy and pride and pleasure.
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.

Readings

When We're Not Together (A.A. Milne)

If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...
there is something you must always remember.

You are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.

But the most important thing is,
even if we're apart...

I'll always be with you.

Afterglow (Author Unknown)

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.