



A Service of Thanksgiving and
Celebration for the Life of
Dame Ann Leslie

28th January 1941 – 25th June 2023



Thursday 23rd May 2024
at 11.30am

St Bride's Church
Fleet Street
London EC4





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Organ Music before the Service

Venus from *The Planets* – Gustav Holst arr. Arthur Wills

Choir

Ave verum corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rector

Hymn

He who would valiant be

He who would valiant be
'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy
follow the Master.

There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound -
his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
though he with giants fight:
he will make good his right
to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.



First Reading

1 Corinthians 13

Read by Michael Leslie

Choir

Miserere – Gregorio Allegri

First Address

Paul Dacre

Choir

Gloria in excelsis deo – Antonio Vivaldi

Second Reading

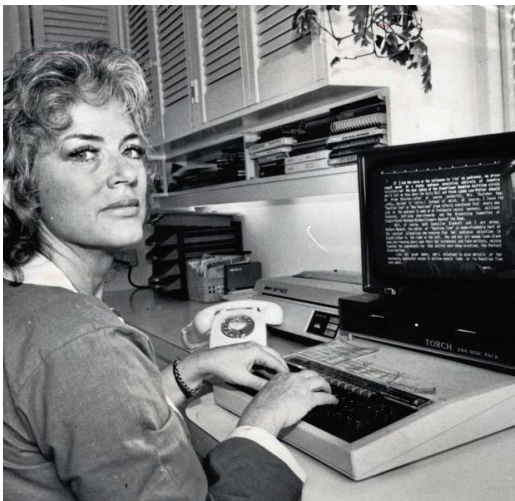
Adlestrop – Edward Thomas

Read by Michael Fletcher





As a 'Young Meteor' in Fleet Street: 'fag-ash Lil' in 1965



At home on her BBC B computer, early 1980s



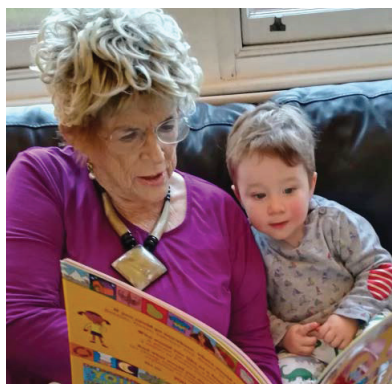
With a Bosnian Serb soldier near Gorazde, 1994



On Question Time with Michael Heseltine, Robin Day, Michael Foot and David Steel, 1983



With Michael and Katharine



With her grandson Joseph





At Stanley Airport, Falklands, 1982



With photographer Monty Fresco on a train in Guangdong, China, 1986



With her daughter Katharine in Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, 1980s



At the Daily Mail, 1965



A teenager in Karachi – ‘By then I’d discovered make-up and was aiming to look at least 30’



Third Reading

A tribute by Katharine Fletcher, from the *British Journalism Review*

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Fourth Reading

From Ann's memoir, *Killing My Own Snakes*
Read by Janet Suzman

Sitar & Tabla

Main theme from *Pather Panchali* – Ravi Shankar
Performed by James Pusey & Denis Kucherov

Fifth Reading

Memorial – James Fenton
Read by Tom Conti



Second Address

Laurie Taylor

Choir

Graceland – Paul Simon arr. Robert Rice

Prayers

The Rector

Hymn

Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Blessing

The Rector

Organ Voluntary

Toccata & Fugue in D minor (BWV 565) – J S Bach



*A retiring collection will be taken and shared between
St Bride's Church & The Journalists' Charity*

*There will be a reception following the Service at the
Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage, London EC4Y 8EJ*





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