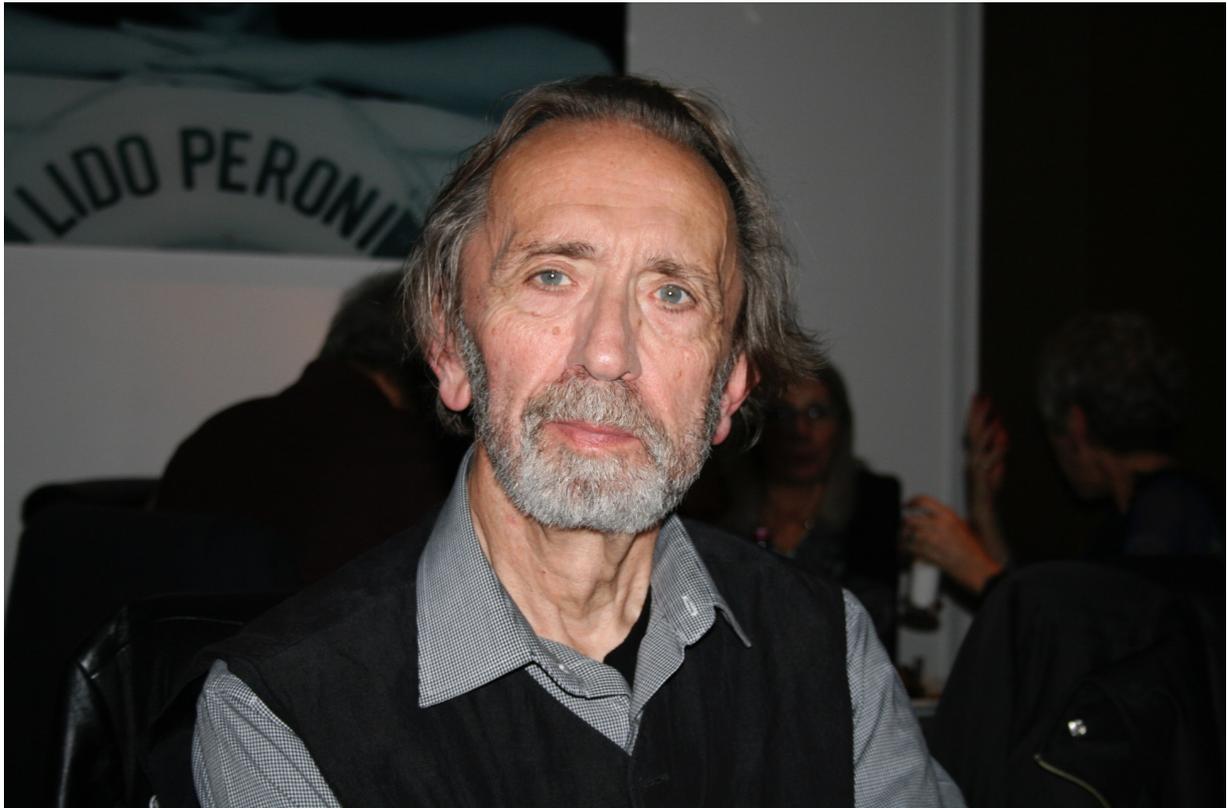


A Funeral Service and Thanksgiving for the life of

Jonathan Charles Brian Foster  
1938 – 2020



Breakspear Crematorium  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

*Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis*

*As we enter the Chapel,  
the Andante from Haydn's London Symphony  
No.104 in D major is played  
(recording by Berliner Philharmoniker,  
conducted by Herbert von Karajan)*

Please sit for the **Welcome**, followed by the

### **Introduction and Prayer**

**Prayers of Penitence**, ending with

Lord, have mercy.

*All: Lord, have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy

*All: Christ have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy

*All: Lord have mercy.*

We read **Psalm 121** together :

*I lift up my eyes to the hills  
from where will my help come?*

*My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

*He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.*

*The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.*

*The Lord will keep your going out  
and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.*

**Words of thanks** from Jonathan's sons,  
Nick and Ben

**Reading** from the Gospel of John chapter 14,  
read by Jonathan's godson, Andy McLean

*Jesus said to his disciples  
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me'.*

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go  
to prepare a place for you?*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you to myself,  
so that where I am, there you may be also.  
And you know the way to the place where I am going.'*

*Thomas said to him,  
'Lord, we do not know where you are going.  
How can we know the way?'*

*Jesus said to him  
'I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.'*

*'Peace is my parting gift to you,  
my own peace, such as the world cannot give.*

*Set your troubled hearts at rest  
and banish your fears.'*

**Homily** given by Jonathan's wife,  
Rev Joan Foster

**Prayers**

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief  
and life out of death.

Look in mercy on Jonathan's family  
and all who mourn.

Give them patient faith in times of darkness.  
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

God, our father, we thank you  
that you have made each of us in your image,  
and given us gifts and talents  
with which to serve you.

We thank you for Jonathan;  
the years we shared with him;  
the good we saw in him,  
and the love we received from him.

Give us strength and courage to leave him in your care,  
confident of your promise of eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed,  
the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest and peace at last; through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

*We say together :*

**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***

**We sing Praise to the Holiest In The Height**  
(John Henry Newman, Gerontius)

**Praise to the Holiest in the height !  
And in the depth be praise  
in all his words most wonderful  
Most sure in all his ways**

**And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height !  
And in the depth be praise  
in all his words most wonderful  
Most sure in all his ways**

## Commendation

Jonathan, go forth upon your journey from this world.  
Go in the name of God the father who created you;  
in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered death for you  
in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you;  
in communion with the blessed saints,  
aided by angels and archangels,  
and all the armies of the heavenly host.  
May your portion this day be in peace  
and your dwelling the heavenly Jerusalem.

*Amen*

Let us commend Jonathan to the mercy of God,  
our maker and redeemer.

God our creator and redeemer, by your power  
Christ conquered death and entered into glory.  
Confident of his victory and claiming his promises,  
we entrust Jonathan to your mercy  
in the name of Jesus our Lord  
Who died and is alive and reigns with you,  
now and for ever.

*Amen*

*The curtains will close.*

## Committal

We have entrusted our brother Jonathan to God's mercy,  
and now we commit his body to be cremated:  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes,  
dust to dust:  
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will transform our frail bodies  
that they may be conformed to his glorious body,  
who died, was buried and rose again for us.  
To him be glory for ever and ever  
*Amen*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

## Blessing

May God give you His comfort and His peace,  
His light and His joy, in this world and the next:  
  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and those you hold dear in your hearts  
this day and for ever and ever.  
*Amen*

*As we leave the Chapel,  
the Finale from Haydn's Farewell Symphony  
No.45 in F# minor is played  
(recording by the Orchestra of St. Lukes,  
conducted by Sir Charlie Mackerras)*



The Foster family would like to thank from our hearts all those who have shared with us their kind words and happy memories of Jonathan in recent days.

Donations would be most welcome to  
London North West Healthcare Charity and  
Mayhew Animal Home.