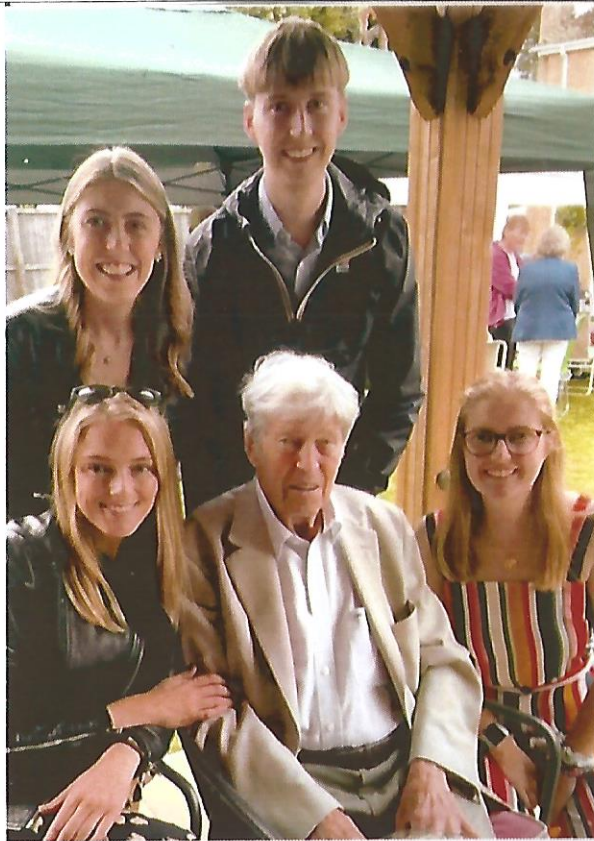




Mike made you feel at ease with his cheery disposition and good humour

He was kind and gentle - a true gentleman

A great man with the kindest of hearts

An important part of the social fabric and history of the good people of Teesside

He was extremely well liked and respected

One of the kindest people we know

Thank you to Mike for his broad welcome to the Unitarian Church and deep spiritual concerns for life in our world.



A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING



MICHAEL JOHN TOMLIN (MIKE)
3RD DECEMBER 1930 – 9TH AUGUST 2022

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST 3PM
ST BEDE'S CHAPEL, TEESSIDE CREMATORIUM



Today's service will be conducted by Reverend Margaret Kirk.



OPENING MUSIC: FROM THE FOUR LAST SONGS BY RICHARD STRAUSS

III - Going to Sleep

Now made tired by the day,
so my ardent desire shall
warmly greet the starry night
like a tired child.

Hands, cease your doing,
brow, forget all thought;
all my senses now
would sink into slumber.

And my soul, unguarded,
would soar free in flight
to live life deep a thousand-fold
in night's magic circle.

OPENING WORDS

HYMN

1. Give thanks for life, the measure
of our days,
Mortal, we pass through beauty that
decays,
Yet sing to God our hope, our love,
our praise:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Give thanks for those whose lives
shone with a light
Caught from the Christ-flame, gleam-
ing through the night,
Who touched the truth, who burned
for what is right:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. Give thanks for all, our living and our
dead,
Thanks for the love by which our life is
fed,
A love not changed by time or death of
dread:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. Give thanks for hope that like a seed
of grain
Lying in darkness, does its life retain
To rise in glory, growing green again:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words - Shirley Erena Murray
Tune - Sine Nomine by
R Vaughan Williams



READING

There is an ending by Cliff Reed
(Based on Ecclesiastes)

PRAYERS

including The Lord's Prayer:

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power
and the Glory
Forever and Ever,
Amen

BIBLE READING

The Beatitudes



HYMN

Peace is the mind's old wilderness cut down –
A wider nation than our parents dreamed.
Peace is the high street in a country town;
Our children named; our parents' lives redeemed.

Not scholar's calm, nor gift of church or state,
Nor everlasting date of death's release;
But careless noon, the houses lighted late,
Harvest and holiday: the people's peace.

The peace not past our understanding falls
Like light upon the soft white table cloth
At winter supper, warm, between four walls:
A thing too simple to be tried as truth.

Days into years, the doorways worn at sill;
Years into lives, the plans for long increase
Come true at last for people of goodwill:
These are the things we mean by saying, Peace.

Words - John Holmes
Tune – St Agnes by James Langran

MEMORIES

Lucy McKelvey & Ellie Tomlin, Grandchildren

Phil Tomlin & Sally McKelvey, Children

Alan Ruston, Brother-in-Law

Jane Tomlin

Rev'd Margaret Kirk



HYMN

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine:
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

*Words - Lloyd Stone
Tune - Finlandia by Jean Sibelius*

COMMITTAL

CLOSING WORDS

LEAVING MUSIC

Johannes Brahms, Symphony No.1, 4th Movement



Mike's family thank you for attending today's service and for all your kind words.

*Donations in memory of Mike will be given to SACH
(Send a Child to Hucklow) and Justice First.*

All are very welcome to join the family at St Andrew's URC, Marton
for refreshments.
Cypress Road, TS7 8PZ

