

**The Funeral of Ted Dickson
11th May 2013 11.30 am
Golders Green Crematorium**



Edward Michael Dickson
Signalman, Playwright, Friend
28th September 1944 — 16th April 2013

This service will be taken by Humphrey Gillott, Railway Chaplain and
a friend of Ted's.

Many of you will know that Ted found solace in classical music. All
the pieces you will hear are ones he enjoyed.

Thank you all for coming and we hope you will all join us for
refreshments afterwards at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall
just across Hoop Lane on the corner of Finchley Road.

Mozart Clarinet Concerto, Adagio

All stand for the entrance of the coffin

Beethoven String Quartet no 14 in C Sharp Minor, Adagio

Please be seated

Welcome by Humphrey Gillott

We have come here to say farewell to Ted, and to give thanks for his life and to commit him and ourselves into God's loving care.

Listen now to the promises of scripture: draw strength and comfort from them.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his compassion never fails; every morning they are renewed.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5: 4

Prayer

Loving God, we come to you in our need. You have given us birth and now we face the mystery of death. Help us to find you in the whole of life, its beginning and its ending. Help us to discover you in our pain as well as our joy, in our doubts as well as our believing, that we might find comfort in your word and light in our darkness.

Reading

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill , and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3 1-8

Music

Schumann, Carnaval

Address

Several of Ted's oldest friends will now share their thoughts with us.

Alan Balfour

David Lewis

Simon Pollard

Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2, From one of Ted's favourite films
'Brief Encounter'

Beryl Sabel will read 'Signalman' by Renee Harris

Nat Diamond

Peter Denenberg

Peter will finish by reading a poem Ted wrote a year ago.

Music

Schubert Piano Trio no 1 in B Flat Major, 2nd Movement

Prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving

We give thanks for the gift of life. Today we give thanks for the life of Ted and all that he was. We give thanks for the memories we have, a source of comfort and continuing thankfulness. We remember Ted's zest for life, his passion for literature and music, the wonderful play he wrote, his love of animals, his generosity, charm and wit. We give thanks for the gift of real friendship, Ted was a unique friend to each of us, and we were honoured to be counted amongst his special friends, and for that we give thanks.

Please stand for the Act of Committal

Now that the earthly life of Ted has come to an end, we commit his body to be cremated, trusting in God's mercy and compassion.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Music

Mahler Symphony No 5, Adagio

