



A Service to Celebrate the Life of

Pamela Clare Blackshaw

6th April 1943 – 31st August 2020

St. Laurence Church, Northfield
Wednesday 23rd September 2020 • 1.30pm








Education

- 1948 - 1949 Attended Bournville Infants School
1949 - 1954 St. Laurence C of E School
1954 - 1961 Bournville Grammar – Technical School for Girls
9 subjects at O Level including French
5 subjects at A Level including Latin

Final report reads that Clare achieved A's in all her subjects with the exception of Physical Education, which she was awarded a C+.

- 1961 - 1965 Keele University: Diploma in Education
Main Subjects: English and History with Mathematics as subsidiary
1970 - 1971 Birmingham College of Education,
Certificate Course in the Teaching of Handicapped Children
1983 Open University: Bachelor of Arts
1985 Open University: Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours
1987 Open University: Advanced Diploma in Special Needs
1989 Open University: Master of Arts in Education
1991 Birmingham University: Advanced Certificate in Education
1996 Birmingham University: Certificate in Professional Development
in Education
1997 Open University: Certificate in the Teaching of Reading

Career

- 1965 - 1971 Ley Hill School: Headmaster Mr K Arnold
Sep 1971 - July 1973 Assistant Teacher Victoria School
Sep 1973 - Dec 1976 Head of Nursery
Jan 1977 - Oct 1979 Head of Lower School
Oct 1979 - 2014 Deputy Head
Acting Headteacher a number of occasions during her time at Victoria.
She was Treasurer of Friends of Victoria School and was actively involved in the various fundraising activities including car boot sales, summer fairs, the Christmas Santa Special and family nights.
She became Clerk to the Governing Body following her retirement.
She did voluntary work at the school two days a week supporting pupils to develop their communication and literacy skills. She also taught 'hand class' encouraging children to develop their fine motor skills.
One afternoon per week she visited St. Laurence Junior School to hear children read.
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*Officiant: The Revd Canon Janet E. Chapman
 Rector of Northfield*

Entrance Music

A, del tiempo!

Sung by Ex Cathedra from CD 'Fire burning in the snow'

Welcome and Prayer

Poem

From 'Burnt Norton' by T.S. Eliot (1888 – 1965)

Read by Larry Walker (Clare's cousin)

At the still point, of the turning world. Neither flesh nor fleshless;
Neither, from nor towards; at the still point, there the dance is,
But neither arrest nor movement. And do not call it fixity.
Where past and future are gathered. Neither movement from nor
towards,
Neither ascent nor decline. Except for the point, the still point,
There would be no dance, and there is only the dance.”

Tribute

given by Caroline Lane

Head of School (Retired) Victoria School





Music

Great is Thy faithfulness

(Sadly we are not permitted to sing hymns in Church at the moment)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

Text: Thomas O Chisholm (1866–1960)





Bible Reading

Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25: 31-40 adapted



Read by Elaine Clements, St. Laurence Church and friend

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it we did this? And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Janet E. Chapman





Reading

*The Hazelnut, from the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich
(1343-1416)*



Read by Linda Sealey (close friend)

“And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, ‘What may this be?’ And it was answered generally thus, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.

In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second, that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”

Music

Brother, sister, let me serve you sung by the Daily Service Singers





Prayers

Including the response

Lord in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

And concluding with

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.
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.

Commendation

Blessing

Music on Exit

*Kontakion of the Departed composed by Rupert Lang
sung by Choir of Clare College, Cambridge from CD 'Spirit of Light'*






The service in Church is followed by the burial in the Churchyard.

All are welcome to attend this but please remember to Social Distance at 2 metres at all times during the Service and as you leave the Churchyard.









Donations in memory of Clare

At Clare's request please send donations to
"Friends of Victoria School" and/or "St. Laurence Church."

To donate to Friends of Victoria School

- By cheques payable to Friends of Victoria School, and send to
Caroline Lane, Secretary, Friends of Victoria School,
Victoria School, Bell Hill, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1LD
- By BACS

Account Name	Friends of Victoria School
Account Number	00419836
Sort Code	30-96-12
Quote Ref	Clare Blackshaw

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please contact
Caroline Lane, c.lane@victoria.bham.uk, for queries.

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- By cheques payable to St. Laurence Church, write on the back
'Clare Blackshaw' and send to Mrs Elaine Clements,
St Laurence Pastoral Centre, 173 Church Road,
Northfield, B31 2LX
- By BACS

Account Name	St. Laurence PCC
Account Number	00095606
Sort Code	40-52-40
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07786 012961, for queries

The family of Clare and her friends, Elaine Clements and Linda Sealey,
would like to sincerely thank everyone for the messages of sympathy,
and your generosity in sharing your memories of Clare. We thank you
for taking the time to celebrate the life of such a special person.



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