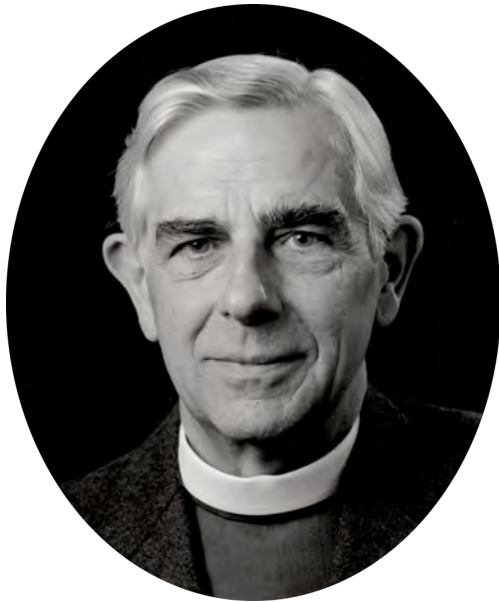


A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of

TIMOTHY

Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith
26 December 1926 – 12 August 2024



Friday 27 September 2024
2 p.m.
St Andrew the Great, Cambridge

O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34.3

Timothy

Timothy Dudley-Smith was born in Manchester on 26 December 1926 to Arthur Dudley Smith, headmaster of Holm Leigh Preparatory School in Buxton, Derbyshire, and his wife, Phyllis. Timothy, aged eleven, sensed an early call to the ordained ministry shortly after Arthur fell ill and died in 1938. Timothy went on to board at Tonbridge, his father's old school, which by then was on the front line of the aerial war. He met John Stott when John visited the school. Their friendship developed through Scripture Union camps and the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (CICCU).

Timothy studied Mathematics and then Theology at Pembroke College, Cambridge (BA 1947; MA 1951). Having acquired a teaching qualification, he went to Ridley Hall to train for ordination alongside Dick Lucas, later Rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate, a lifelong friend. Timothy was ordained deacon in 1950, becoming curate at St Paul's, Northumberland Heath, Erith, in Rochester Diocese. In 1953 he was appointed Warden and Head of the Cambridge University Mission (CUM) boys' club in Bermondsey. Timothy served as Chaplain to Bishop Christopher Chavasse, becoming Education Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance and founding Editor of *Crusade Magazine* in 1955, the year after Billy Graham's Haringay Crusade. He was Chaplain to CUM from 1955-1960.

Timothy took on the roles of Assistant Secretary (1959-1965) and General Secretary (1965-1973) of the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), using his creativity to pioneer and produce Christian literature and audio-visual resources. He married June Arlette MacDonald, a Wiltshire-based Child Care Officer, at St Paul's Church in Salisbury on 7 November 1959.

Caroline was born on Timothy's birthday in 1960. The family moved from Blackheath to Sevenoaks in Kent before Sarah's birth in 1963, making St Nicholas their church. James was born in 1966, which was also the publication year of *What Makes a Man a Christian?* (Hodder & Stoughton 1966). A legacy from Phyllis in 1968 led to the purchase of Seacroft, a holiday house in Ruan Minor, Cornwall, where Timothy wrote many of his hymn texts. The New Testament publication of the *New English Bible* (1961) prompted him to write what was initially a poem, 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord', based on the

Magnificat. The text, his best known, was included in the *Anglican Hymn Book*, and has appeared in numerous hymnals. Further hymns by Timothy featured in the two volumes of *Youth Praise* (1966, 1969) and *Psalm Praise* (1973), edited by Michael Baughen. All Souls, Langham Place became a significant launch pad for many of Timothy's hymns, with Michael Baughen as Rector, John Stott as Rector/Rector Emeritus and Noël Tredinnick as Director of Music.

Timothy was appointed Archdeacon of Norwich under Bishop Maurice Wood in 1973. His book, *Someone Who Beckons* (IVP 1978), was written as a series of devotional readings. Timothy was consecrated as Bishop of Thetford at St Paul's Cathedral in 1981. He assisted with Billy Graham's Mission England (1984), with gatherings at Carrow Road, Norwich. In 1985 Timothy was invited to stay at Sandringham with the Queen and members of the Royal Family, when preaching in the parish church on Sunday 29 December.

Many friends have mentioned how they welcomed the annual arrival of the Dudley-Smith Christmas card, featuring a new TDS carol. In 1983 George Shorney at Hope Publishing (USA) produced a small collection of these carols in *A Song was Heard at Christmas*. Timothy's first collaboration with George, who became a dear friend, was followed by *Lift Every Heart* (1984), a comprehensive hymn collection with notes. A series of supplements followed.

Timothy retired in 1991 and moved with Arlette from Rectory Meadow in Bramerton, Norfolk, to Ford, just outside Salisbury. They joined St Michael and All Angels, Winterbourne Earls. Timothy became Chair of Governors for Monkton Combe School and Chair of the Daily Prayer Union. He wrote *John Stott: The Making of a Leader* (1999) and *John Stott: A Global Ministry* (2001), the two-volume authorised biography of his good friend.

Hope Publishing and Oxford University Press (OUP) produced *A House of Praise* (2003), a new collection of Timothy's hymn texts and accompanying notes up to 2001. Further supplements were incorporated into volumes two (2015) and three (2019) of his 'three-decker' collection. Themed collections of his hymns (and carols) with music appeared from 2001 to 2018. Timothy also offered an overview of hymn writing in *A Functional Art* (OUP 2017). His hymns have featured in Prom Praise, BBC Songs of Praise and the Festival of

Remembrance. ‘O Christ the same, through all our story’s pages’ was sung at the service in St Paul’s Cathedral to mark Queen Elizabeth’s Golden Jubilee, and ‘Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided’ was included in the service for Her Majesty’s 90th birthday.

Timothy was appointed OBE for services to hymnody (2003). He was awarded a Lambeth MLitt (1991) and an honorary DD by Durham University (2009). He was made an honorary Vice-President of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (1997), a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music (2011) and a Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians (2019).

In October 2019 Timothy moved to a riverside apartment in Cambridge, and joined St Andrew the Great with Sarah and Giles. He loved to entertain family and friends, and was still writing hymns well into his nineties. Following an illness in January 2024, Timothy moved into Heathlands House, where he died on 12 August 2024. Cambridge Christian Union members will not forget the delightful video message he sent from his care home bed in February, reminiscing about Cambridge missions he had taken part in nearly eighty years ago.

Timothy was a loving son to Arthur and Phyllis and a dear brother to Anne. He was a beloved husband to Arlette (who died in 2007), a devoted father to Caroline, Sarah and James, a wonderful father-in-law to David, Giles and Becky and a special Grandpa to Jonny, Suzie, Harry and Joseph. He much enjoyed his roles as uncle, godfather, colleague, collaborator, prolific correspondent, encourager and friend to many. Today we give thanks for Timothy’s life; and, as he would wish, may all the glory be to God. In the words of a later TDS hymn:

My voyage done,
all trouble past,
to haven bring
my soul at last.

The sea so wide,
my boat so small,
may Christ to me
be All-in-All.

Order of Service

Welcome

The Revd Alasdair Paine
Vicar, St Andrew the Great, and family friend

Hymn

JESUS! the Name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky;
Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly,
And devils fear and fly.

Jesus! the Name to sinners dear,
The Name to sinners given;
It scatters all their guilty fear,
It turns their hell to heaven,
It turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus! the prisoner's fetters breaks,
And bruises Satan's head;
Power into strengthless souls it speaks,
And life into the dead,
And life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
The riches of his grace;
The arms of love that compass me
Would all mankind embrace,
Would all mankind embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim;
'Tis all my business here below
To cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'
To cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy, if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his Name;
Preach him to all, and cry in death,
‘Behold, behold the Lamb!’
‘Behold, behold the Lamb!’

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
Tune LYDIA (Thomas Phillips)

Opening Prayer

Recollections

Memories of Timothy by his three children
Caroline Gill, Sarah Walter, James Dudley-Smith

Hymn

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
Tune ROCKINGHAM (Adapted by E. Miller)

Tributes from Friends

Professor Scotty Gray is the author of *A Noble Theme, A Skillful Writer: Timothy Dudley-Smith and Christian Hymnody* (Hope Publishing 2021); Scotty and June became friends through hymns and the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

Bishop Michael Baughen, a longstanding friend, was married to Myrtle; he is a former Rector of All Souls, Langham Place and a former Bishop of Chester; editor of *Youth Praise*, and composer of hymn tunes, including LORD OF THE YEARS.

Reading of Scripture

Colossians 3.12–17

Harry Dudley-Smith, grandson

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, ¹³ forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Tributes from Friends

Mr Piyush Jani, consultant surgeon and former churchwarden at St Andrew the Great; Piyush and Fiona were Cambridge friends to Timothy in recent years.

Mrs Elizabeth Bridger; Gordon and Elizabeth were family friends throughout the Norwich years and also loved Cornish holidays.

Hymn

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)
Tune PRAISE, MY SOUL (John Goss)

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 146

Jonny Walter, grandson, and Suzie Slipper, granddaughter

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When his breath departs he returns to his earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith for ever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners,

he upholds the widow and the fatherless;

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign for ever,

thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

The Address

The Revd Giles Walter
Son-in-law

Solo

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live

Words and music by Donya Brockway
sung by Becky Dudley-Smith
Daughter-in-law

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayers

Professor David Gill
Son-in-law

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

The Revd Alasdair Paine

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Bishop Michael Baughen

Hymn

LORD, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)
With thanks to Oxford University Press
Tune LORD OF THE YEARS (Michael Baughen)



Timothy's family wish to thank everyone for joining us today, whether in person or online. We are so grateful for the many reminiscences of Timothy you have shared, along with your expressions of love and sympathy.

We would also like to thank Alasdair and Rachel Paine, the church staff and Timothy's church family at StAG for their invaluable pastoral and practical support, and for all the kindness shown to Timothy and ourselves during the last five years. Thank you to all who have served us today, including musicians, the technical support team, the kitchen team, the cake-makers, and particularly Amy Robertson, the StAG Administrator.

Our warmest thanks go to Professor Noël Tredinnick, former Director of Music at All Souls, Langham Place and friend of Timothy, for being our 'music maestro' and helping us to magnify and exalt the Lord's name together.

Timothy's family offer our immense thanks to all who helped us to look after him, including some outstanding care workers and management staff. We would like to express our gratitude to the team at Future Care Solutions who supported Timothy in his much-loved flat; and, subsequently, to all the nurses and staff at Heathlands House.

Do join us for tea and refreshments, which will be served in the church after the service.

Donations in memory of Timothy may be made through the Bible Society's website (please mention that these will be in Timothy's memory): biblesociety.org.uk.

Fresh copies of Timothy's pamphlet *True to Christ* have been printed specially for today. We would love you all to take a copy of this 'personal letter' as a gift.

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