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Welcome to Light up a Life 2020

Opening and Introduction

Andy Barton, Rowcroft Hospice Spiritual Care Specialist

Lighting of the candles

We Remember

We light our first candle for hope

We remember all that we had looked forward to
and hoped for, and the time when that hope died
We remember the people who have made us hopeful
in the past, and those whom we still hope for now
We light this candle for ourselves and for one another,
in the hope that we can find some new light in the darkness.

We light our second candle for peace

We remember when we felt most at peace in our lives,
and the times when peace seems to have left us
We remember those we know are at peace now,
and the pain we feel without them
We light this candle for ourselves and for one another,
that we might know the peace of God which passes all
understanding, guarding us this day.

We light our third candle for joy

We remember times of laughter and celebration,
and those who were its reason

We remember the sadness we hold when others seem
so happy around us, and the emotions we conceal

We light this candle for ourselves and for one another that we
might find joy in the small things again, knowing that God gives
us strength to face a new day.

We light our fourth candle for love

We light this candle that your light always shine.

As we enter this holiday season
and share this night of remembrance
with you family and friends.

We cherish the special place in our hearts
that will always be reserved for you.

We thank you for the gift
your living brought to each of us.

We love you.

We remember you

Unknown Author

Read by Andy Barton, Rowcroft Hospice Spiritual Care Specialist

We Remember Them

**In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.**

Reflection: When I look above and see the images of the clouds and when I am comforted by the sun that shines down on me, I remember them.

**In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.**

From the time in which I feel the cool, crisp breeze and see the colours of the leaves, I remember them.

**In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.**

On the frigid days of winter and the moments I breathe the cold air, I warm myself with their embrace, and remember them.

**When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.**

As I am faced with challenges that enter my life, I remember all that they taught me, and remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When I have gone astray and feel uncomfortable, I ask for help and remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

Reflection: From those times of celebration, love and happiness, I remember them.

**In the rising of the sun, and at its setting,
we remember them.**

From the moment I wake till I fall asleep, all that I do is to remember them.

**So long as they live, we, too, shall live, for they are now a part of
us, as we remember them.**

*On every day, and in every way,
I know that they are with me and I remember them.*

*Adapted from the Yizkor Service
Jewish Prayer Book*

*Read by various Rowcroft Hospice staff, volunteers and
members of the community*

Lighting of the Tree

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Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Performed by Matilda Whates, Harpist

Trust

We trust that beyond absence there is a presence.

That beyond the pain there can be healing.

That beyond the brokenness there can be wholeness.

That beyond the anger there may be peace.

That beyond hurting there may be forgiveness.

That beyond silence there may be words.

That beyond words there may be understanding.

That through understanding there is love.

Unknown Author

Read by Gerry Gillespie, Rowcroft Hospice Support Specialist

Conclusion

Andy Barton, Rowcroft Hospice Spiritual Care Specialist

Donations to Light Up A Life

As an independent charity, more than 75% of its funding comes from the incredible generosity of local people, without whom Rowcroft would not be able to fund its work.

Rowcroft is determined to make sure every penny raised from people's donations continues to help patients and their loved ones make the most of every moment they have together.

If you would like to help to provide care and support to over 2000 patients and their families each year please visit www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/light or telephone 01803 217450

You make a real difference to people's lives. Thank you!

Although our specialist care is provided free of charge, it is not free to provide. 75% of our care is funded in the main thanks to the voluntary donations and gifts in Wills.

Other ways to remember a loved one...

The Meadow of Memories is planted each year within the arboretum in the hospice grounds and a flower can be dedicated in memory of a loved one.

The Memory Tree is located in Rowcroft's chapel next to the Inpatient Unit. This is an all year round opportunity to remember a loved one by having their name and special date inscribed on a stainless steel plaque.

The plaque is then secured to a unique, hand moulded glass leaf and will be placed on the Memory Tree in their honour.

For more details about the Meadow and the Memory Tree, get in touch with Rebecca Cogger on 01803 217405 or via email rebecca.cogger@rowcrofthospice.org.uk

To keep up to date with all our latest news visit www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/keep-in-touch

Monthly Donations

No matter how large or small, monthly donations are critical to providing ongoing specialist care. For more information or to request a donation form, please visit [www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/monthly donation](http://www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/monthly%20donation)

Gifts in Wills

Once your loved ones have been provided for, a gift in your Will would enable patients and their families to continue to receive our care and support in the future.

For more information call Rebecca Cogger
on 01803 217405 or visit
www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/legacies

Events and Challenges

This is a great opportunity to have some fun and support the work that takes place at the hospice.

Information about specific events and challenges can be found on our website at www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/events

Lottery

Join the lottery in memory of a loved one and support local families whilst being in with a chance of winning one of our weekly prizes ranging from £10 to £3,000. Did you know that for the same cost of a weekly entry into our Lottery for a year, a Rowcroft Hospice at Home nurse can visit a person living with a life-limiting illness in South Devon in their own home; helping to provide reassurance, support and care.

Call our Lottery team on 01803 210842
or visit www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk/lottery.

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