

A time for remembering and reflecting

Meadow of memories

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Welcome to Rowcroft's Meadow of Memories 2025

Introduction by Katie Evans,
Rowcroft's Spiritual Care Specialist

Talking To Grief

By Denise Levertov

Ah, Grief, I should not treat you
like a homeless dog
who comes to the back door
for a crust, for a meatless bone.
I should trust you.

I should coax you
into the house and give you
your own corner,
a worn mat to lie on,
your own water dish.

You think I don't know you've been living
under my porch.
You long for your real place to be readied
before winter comes. You need
your name,
your collar and tag. You need
the right to warn off intruders,
to consider
my house your own
and me your person
and yourself
my own dog.

Read by Kieron George, Healthcare Assistant



Music from
Anastasia Somerville,
Bereavement and Support Co-ordinator
and David Holmes, Music Therapist

Green Fields by Kate Rusby

We Remember Them

*Adapted from poem by Sylvan Kamens
and Rabbi Jack Riemer*

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring

We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn

We remember them.

At the rising of the sun and at its going down
At the beginning of the year and when it ends

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength
When we have decisions that are difficult to make

We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share
When we have achievements that are based on theirs

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live;
for they are now a part of us
as **We remember them.**

Read by Victoria Bartlett, Director of Patient Care

A Moment for Reflection

Music

David Holmes, Music Therapist

I Heard Your Voice in the Wind Today

Author unknown

I heard your voice in the wind today
and I turned to see your face.
The warmth of the wind caressed me
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today
as its warmth filled the sky.
I closed my eyes for your embrace
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the windowpane
as I watched the falling rain.
It seemed as each raindrop fell
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today
it made me feel complete.
You may have died.... but you are not gone
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...
the wind blows...
the rain falls...
You will live on inside of me forever
for that is all my heart knows.

Read by Mamie Holman, Registered Nurse

Music from Rowcroft Choir

Fields of Gold by Sting

Beannacht (blessing)

By John O'Donohue

On the day when
the weight deadens
on your shoulders
and you stumble,
may the clay dance
to balance you.

And when your eyes
freeze behind
the grey window
and the ghost of loss
gets into you,
may a flock of colours,
indigo, red, green
and azure blue,
come to awaken in you
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
in the currach of thought
and a stain of ocean
blackens beneath you,
may there come across the waters
a path of yellow moonlight
to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
may the clarity of light be yours,
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
wind work these words
of love around you,
an invisible cloak
to mind your life.

From: Benedictus (2007). Bantam Press

Read by Patricia Goss, Chair of the Friends of Rowcroft

Closing words

Delivered by Katie Evans, Spiritual Care Specialist

We hope you have enjoyed this service of
remembrance, celebration and thanksgiving;
remembering our loved ones; reflecting and giving
thanks for their lives and our memories.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Thank you!

Rowcroft's care is provided free of charge and 75% of our work is funded directly by the kindness and compassion of amazing people.

Here are some other ways in which you can support Rowcroft in memory of a loved one:



Regular Giving

The reliable income from a monthly donation – no matter how large or small – enables Rowcroft to plan our care for the long term, and helps secure the future of the hospice.



Gifts in your Will

Leaving a gift to Rowcroft in your Will, no matter the size, is a powerful way to support local families for years to come.

We've partnered with Accord Legal Services to offer you a free, simple Will-writing service. Once your loved ones have been provided for, it would be wonderful if you are able to leave a donation to Rowcroft Hospice.

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.



Volunteering – The gift of time

By volunteering at Rowcroft Hospice you'll be joining a team of over 400 dedicated people who give their time freely to help our charity.

No matter what ability, experience, interests or reason for volunteering, we're sure to have an opportunity to suit your individual needs.

It's a great way to meet new friends and learn different skills. If you have some spare time, join the team!



If you would like to know more about the different ways you can support Rowcroft, please call 01803 217450 or visit www.rowcrofthospice.org.uk

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