

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Roy Lawrence Stafford

23rd February 1928 - 9th November 2022

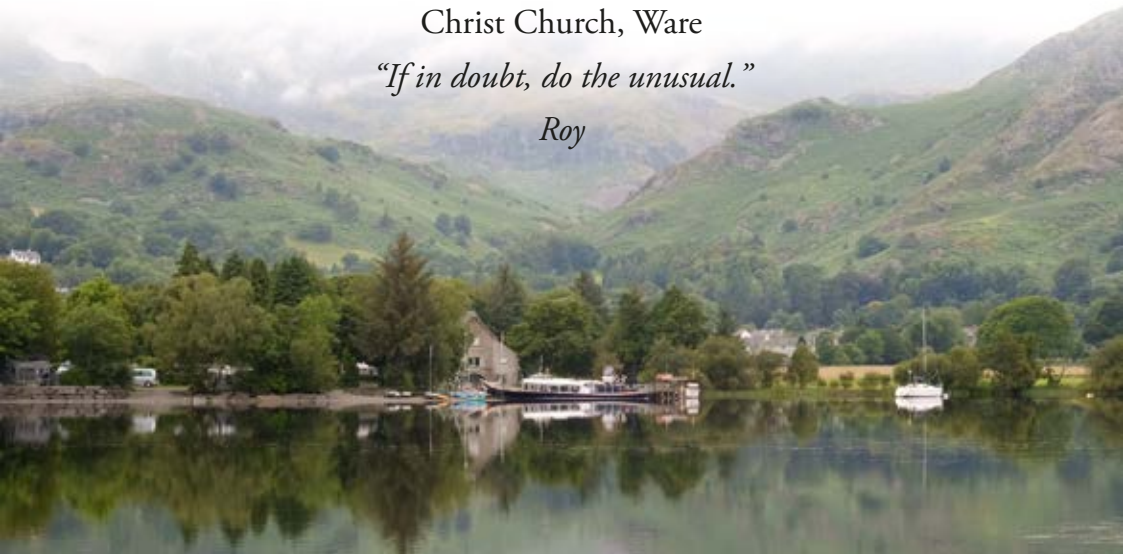



Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 12.00 noon

Christ Church, Ware

"If in doubt, do the unusual."

Roy



A scenic view of a lake with mountains in the background and a boat on the water. The image is a soft-focus landscape with a lake in the foreground, a white boat on the right, and green mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Order of Service

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mary Salter

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.

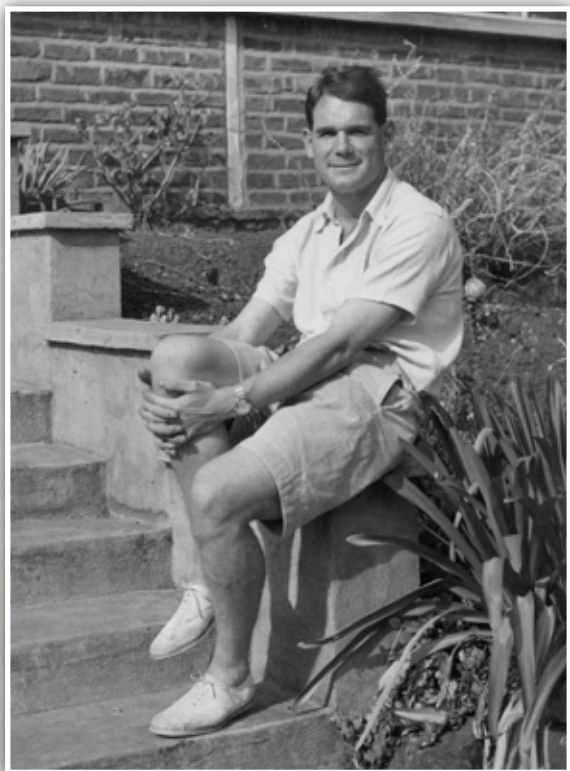
Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our 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.

TRIBUTES

Family and friends



HYMN

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing;
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, how great thou art!



A scenic view of a lake with mountains in the background and a house on the shore. The scene is misty and serene, with the water reflecting the surrounding landscape.

REFLECTION

Canon Francis Wainaina

PRAYERS

concluding with

Our Father, which 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.

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.

HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

BLESSING

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

1928: Born in Beckenham, Kent.

Sevenoaks School.

1946: Gap year with A. Reyrolle and Company, an engineering firm in Tyne and Wear.

1947: Electrical Engineering degree at Imperial College London.

1950: Back to A. Reyrolle and Company in Tyneside.

1951: RAF Pilot Officer, working on radar (national service).

1953: Mission training with CMS.

1954: Moved to Kenya, teaching at Maseno School.

1955: Married Patricia 'Paddy' Phillips, Namirembe Cathedral, Kampala.

1956: Elizabeth born.

1958: John and Susan (twins) born.

1960: Peter born.

Translating the Bible into Luo with

CMS and the Bible Society, Ng'iya, Kenya.

1967: *An Elementary Luo Grammar*, by R. L. Stafford, published by OUP.

1973: Paddy died.

1976: Return to UK.

1977: Marriage to Jan Fraser (who had also been widowed in Kenya), and adoption of Jan's children, Quentin and Simon.

Secondary school teaching in Harlow and Hertfordshire (Physics).

Teaching Physics at Ware College.

Counselling and therapy training (WPF).

1991: All Nations Christian College; Roy and Jan lead Pastoral Studies course.

Tearfund work in Ethiopia.

Invitations to work with leadership groups in India.

Seminars in Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines at invitation of OMF.

Leading marriage seminars in many British theological colleges and churches.





The family would like to thank the staff and members of Christ Church, and all those who have called, sent cards or emails, and in other ways shown such care, kindness and support at this time.

Please join us for refreshments, after the service, in the Church Centre.

The family have asked for any donations to be made to **All Nations Christian College**, where Roy and Jan taught, or to **Bible Society**, who published the Luo edition of the Bible that Roy and his team translated.

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