

## A warm welcome to our

# SPRING SERVICE



"An occasion to honour our special babies"





## Order of Service

 $Opening \ Song: \ \textit{`Somewhere Over The Rainbow'} - A \textit{riana Grande}$ 

Welcome & Housekeeping: Christine Lunt

Choir: Bromley Heath WI Community Choir

Reading: 'Look For Me In Rainbows'

Author Unknown

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky In the morning sunrise when all the world is new Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky In the evening sunset, when all the world is through Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky Every waking moment, and all your whole life through Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Reading: 'Little Butterfly'

by Amy Farquhar

I lived my life inside you Cocooned in all your love So Mama, Papa please don't cry I'm still with you, just up above.

I felt your every heartbeat It's my sweetest melody And for every heavenly bedtime The angels play it back to me.



I know how much that I am wanted I feel so very blessed Of all the mummy's in the world I got the very best!

You think of me in all your waking hours And on those sleepless nights Just look out the window and you'll find me The brightest star, the most dazzling light.

I'm that little breeze in the summer
And I'm that unexpected white feather
I plucked it from my downy wings
So that you remember we are always together.

I know how much it hurt your soul When we had to say goodbye But I'm not gone, I'm always here I'm your sweet little butterfly.





#### Act of Remembrance: Roll Call of Babies Names

During the Roll Call, families are invited to light a candle when you hear your baby/babies' name.

#### Time for Personal Reflection

Song: 'Once Upon A Dream'- Holly Henry

## Reading: 'My Child Did Exist'

Author Unknown

I've lost a child, I hear myself say

And the person I'm talking to just turns away

Now why did I tell them, I don't understand

It wasn't for sympathy or to get a helping hand

I just wanted them to know, I've lost something dear

I want them to know that my child was here.



My child left something behind which no one can see My child made just one person into a family So, if I've upset you, I'm sorry as can be You'll have to forgive me, I could not resist I just want you to know that my child did exist.

## Reading: 'Spring'

by Julie Nichols

There's a soft springtime breeze gently blowing I can just hear it calling your name It tickles the leaves
And it kisses the flowers
And it feels like we're playing a game.

There's a soft springtime breeze loudly burbling I can just hear it now in my ear It tells me you're safe And it gives me some peace And it helps me to manage my fear.

There's a warm springtime breeze wrapped around me I can feel it, it's making me glad It shows me our baby is safe and is here In the heart of this mum and dad.





#### Information and Support

#### Telephone Helpline - 07970 930 513

Bereaved parents take it in turns to have the mobile phone. If somebody does not answer your call immediately, please leave a message and somebody will call you back as soon as they can, usually within 24 hours.

#### **Monthly Support Meetings**

Our Monthly Support Meetings provide an opportunity for parents to talk and you are welcome to bring along a friend or relative. It may help you and your partner to meet with others who have lost a baby and to share experiences. Books and leaflets will be available for you to borrow.

Our support meetings take place in a single central Bristol venue on the same day and time every month. It provides an opportunity for the same faces to come along several months in a row and to allow people to build up friendships over several meetings.

These informal meetings are run by bereaved parents from Bristol Sands who know how devastating the death of a baby can be. We offer support to anyone whose baby or babies have died during pregnancy, birth or after birth or anyone who has been affected by the death of a baby. This may be recently or some time ago. Whenever or wherever your baby died we are here to offer support, understanding, comfort and a listening ear.

Monthly Support Meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month at:

**Bedminster Library** 4 St Peter's Court, Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4AQ from 8pm – 10pm.

**Please note:** Due to current Covid restrictions, these meetings are taking place online and not face to face. Please see our website or social media for more details.

#### **Pregnant Again Support Meetings**

The next pregnancy can be a difficult and worrying time for some parents. We recognise that this can be a time when parents may need more support and guidance. Being able to draw on the experiences of other parents who have gone through a subsequent pregnancy may be helpful, we understand how you are feeling and may be able to offer practical help as well. It can also be an opportunity to meet other parents who are pregnant again at the same time and to form supportive friendships.

If you are pregnant again please feel welcome to come along to these meetings. You may wish to bring your partner or a friend or family member along. These meetings are for you and we will welcome your input into what you would like to discuss and what information you would like to receive. Due to feedback we've received these sessions are now monthly, with midwife led sessions every other month.

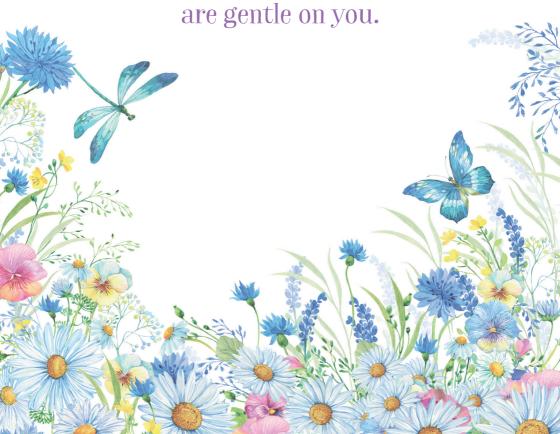
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Thank you for joining us - we hope the coming months



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