

# **Alice in Wonderland Festival service**

**The Church of the Epiphany, Austwick, 26 May 2019**



Welcome and introduction

Opening Prayer

**Hymn 237 Morning has broken**

Table I *White Rabbit* by Joan Robson

Table 9 *Who stole the Tarts* by Carol Wilkinson

**Hymn 466 Thou, whose almighty word**

Table 2 *Alice meets the Caterpillar* by Molly Preston

Table 8 *Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum* by Marilyn Eaton

**Hymn All the wonder that surrounds us  
springs from God's care:  
all that marvels or confounds us,  
raw, rich or rare;  
touch and texture, sights and voices,  
nature's countless forms and choices:  
all for which the heart rejoices  
springs from God's care.**

**Every creature, every human  
lives by God's grace:  
every family, man and woman,  
culture and race;  
those whom fortune seems to favour,  
those exploited for their labour,  
those who need to know a neighbour  
live by God's grace.**

**How can we revere God's goodness  
meant for all time?  
How ensure that each uniqueness  
keeps in its prime?  
How shall we revere with pleasure  
all God gives for life and leisure,  
how preserve that earthly treasure  
meant for all time?**

**God has willed that peace and justice  
walk hand in hand.**

**These, with love, shall build foundations  
on which we'll stand:**

**love for lover, friend and stranger,**

**love defying death and danger,**

**love as first born in a manger:**

**heaven close at hand.**

By the Door    *The Looking Glass* by Susan Fairhurst and  
Table 6        *Through the Looking Glass* by Carol Wilkinson

### **A 'nonsense' creed?**

**Some might all it nonsense but we believe in  
God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**Some may think it a fantasy but we believe in  
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**Who he rose again on the third day;  
who ascended into heaven,  
who is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Some just cannot see but we believe in the  
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Table I *Eat Me Drink Me* by Catherine Menday

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Notices

Coda: Who stole the Tarts again

**Hymn 239 Lord of all hopefulness**

Blessing

**Dismissal**

Minister Go into this wondrous world in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen**



*Service devised by Revd John Davies based on the tremendous artworks on display around the church this weekend. With thanks to all the artists, sponsors, and everyone who helped in any way to make this event possible.*