



ROYAL NAVY

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER COOK

DAVE AVERY BEM



ORDER OF SERVICE

Thanksgiving and Celebration of Life



ST LAURENCE CHURCH, SURFLEET

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2026

Conducted by Geoff Barham







Welcome and Opening Words

Hymn

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Composer: David J. Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place



*CPO. D. AVERY B.E.M.
SHORE BASES*



OPENING PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
we gather today to give thanks for the life of Dave Avery –
a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather,
friend, and shipmate.*

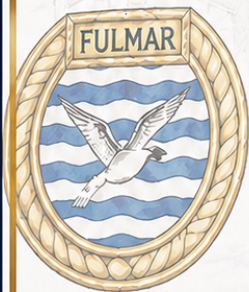
*We thank you for his life of service,
for the love he gave so freely,
and for the strength, humour, and kindness
that touched so many around him.*

*As we come together in sadness and remembrance,
bring us comfort and peace.*

*Steady our hearts, calm our thoughts,
and help us to remember not only our loss today,
but the blessing of having known and loved him.*

*Be with us throughout this service,
and guide us with your presence and your peace.*

Amen.





EULOGY

Given by Bryan Avery

BIBLE READING

Psalm 107:23-30

Read by Thomas Avery

PRAYER

Prayer for a Sailor's Passing

*Heavenly Father,
we give thanks for the life of Dave Avery,
a sailor, a father, and a man deeply loved.*

*He knew the call of the sea
and the quiet strength it brings.
You were with him through every tide of his life,
and you are with him now.*

*As he has crossed his final horizon,
receive him into your care.
Grant him rest where there is no more storm,
only peace and stillness.*

*Be near to his family,
steady them in their sorrow,
and remind them that love does not end.*

Amen.





THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who 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.
And 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.*





NAVAL HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Also known as: For Those in Peril on the Sea

*Lyricist: William Whiting
Composer: John Bacchus Dykes
Tune: Melita*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.





SONG

Bring Him Home

Sung by Peter Baldwin

COMMENDATION

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Response:

We will remember them.

THE LAST POST

Played by James Parrott

CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

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Crossing the Bar





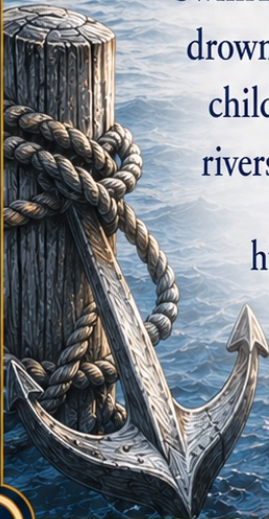
Dave's family would like to thank you all
for coming today and for all your
kind words and messages.

Please come and join us afterwards at
Spalding Golf Club, A16, Surfleet,
Spalding PE11 4EA

Donations, if desired, in Dave's memory,
are for

SwimTayka, who provide free swimming lessons and
drowning prevention education to underprivileged
children who live along the earth's open waters:
rivers, lakes and oceans, and meant a lot to Dave.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/daveavery>





— “Crossing the Bar” —





30217 sunrises.

A life of love, loyalty,
quiet strength.



A husband.

A dad.

A granddad.

A great-granddad.

A legend.



*And every year,
when the bluebells return,
we'll walk there again.
And remember him.*