Ali Fishlock RIP

Ali's funeral will take place on Friday 15th June 2018 at 11.00am.

Her body will be received into the church the evening before [14th June] at 6.30pm for a simple Vigil and to rest the night in the church. The timing of that sometimes enables those to attend the Vigil who are not free to attend the actual Requiem in daytime work hours.

A Reflection

Alleluia!
May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.
Remember me, O lord, when you come into your kingdom.
Give rest, O Lord, to your handmaid, who has fallen asleep.
The choirs of saints have found the well-spring of life,
and door of Paradise.
Like a shadow and a dream,
Weeping at the grave creates the song: Alleluia!
Come, enjoy rewards and crowns I have prepared for you.

John Tavener

Ali did her teacher training at the LSU College in Southampton. On graduating, her first job was as a teacher at Corpus Christi school in Weston Super Mare. When St Mary's, the new Catholic primary opened in Bradley Stoke in Bristol she joined as a teacher there. She remained there becoming Deputy Head before moving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wincanton as Headteacher.

Ali started helping at the Combe Down Cub pack holiday when she was twelve. She helped every summer for the next twelve years. In 2004 she became Beaver Leader at the Combe Down Scout group, then helping with the Scout troop, and the Explorer unit. Ali went to Switzerland with the Explorer Scouts twice, in the summer of 2009 and winter of 2010.

Around that time Ali started to help at the Bathampton Scouts and attended many camps with them. Ali was awarded the Chief Scout's personal award in April 2018 for her dedication to Scouting despite her illness.

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I have awarded the

Chief Scout's Personal Award

to

Alison Fishlock

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'In recognition of her commitment to Scouting despite suffering from a serious health condition, she is a true inspiration to others'

1st March 2018

Chief Scout

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Dear Alison

I just wanted to write to offer you my personal congratulations following your award of the Chief Scout's Personal Award.

Your story is an inspiration to so many, and personifies all that is best about Scouting. You are a shining example and your contribution and devotion to Scouting is such an inspiration to me and many others. You should be rightly proud.

Yours sincerely

Bear Grylls
Chief Scout

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'Let us not ignore the silence of the dead,
the silence that is the most ardent word of their love.
This their most ardent word accompanies us today and every day,
for they have gone away from us in order that their love,
having gone into God, may be all the closer to us'.

Fr Karl Rahner SJ

In the Parish Ali spent many years as a Catechist and Leader for the Childrens' Sunday Liturgy of the Word and Coordinator of the Rota of Leaders until her illness. She led Confirmation Groups at Ss Peter & Paul Parish, Combe Down and helped to arrange the Childrens Vigil service on Christmas Eve many times. Ali was a Reader at the Liturgy and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. She was a much loved, respected and admired Parishioner of Ss Peter & Paul, Combe Down and a friend to so many and her loss is already deeply felt in our Parish and beyond.

Our profound sympathy and love to her Mother, Mrs Kristine Fishlock and Ali's brothers James and Jonathan and their families.

Alison – known to us all as Ali - chose this poem following to express her own mind about her illness and sad passing. Not simply an expression of resignation but a courageous embracing of the path God laid for her when he called her home.

The Final Flight

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Father Bill M., O.S.M. offers the Parish Community's and his own personal sympathies to all who knew Ali who was so inspirational and was a friend to so many.

May she rest in Peace.