

Gervase Markham Thanksgiving Service – Further Information

2pm, Loughborough Baptist Church on Saturday 6th April 2019

Format

We are delighted that you would like to join Gerv's family in celebrating his life in this service of thanksgiving to God. As Gerv had a strong Christian faith, this will be a service of Christian worship and will include Bible reading, hymns and prayers, as well as remembering Gerv's life together. You are welcome to participate in hymns and prayers as much as you feel is appropriate for you.

Children

Children are welcome to join in and we are happy to see and hear them. There will be an area with a few toys where you may take young children out if they are getting restless. There will be a space to park buggies and prams.

Refreshments

Everyone who attends is invited to stay for tea, coffee and cake. This is an opportunity to enjoy sharing memories of Gerv with one another. If the family haven't met you before, please introduce yourself to us. We would love to hear how you knew and remember Gerv.

Replies and Extending the Invitation

You don't need to reply in order to come. You may forward this invitation to others who remember Gerv and may be interested in coming. If you would like to let us know you are coming, or have any other questions, please email thanksgiving@gerv.net or ask the person who gave you this invitation.

Dress Code

Gerv's life touched people from a wide range of backgrounds. Wear what you would like to wear to celebrate Gerv's life on this occasion – suits, geek t-shirts and exotic national dress are all acceptable. Please keep the mood cheerful, and don't take offence at anyone else's choice of clothing for the occasion – Gerv wouldn't have!

Collection

There will be a collection in aid of Hospice at Home (Carlisle and North Lakeland), the excellent charity who provided Gerv's overnight nursing care at his mother's home in his last days. For more information or to donate via their website, see <https://www.hospiceathome.co.uk/>.

Lunch Beforehand

Loughborough Town Centre has a lot of cafés, restaurants and other places to get food. Even a market. Enjoy.

Videography and Photography

We intend to film elements of this service and make them available publicly via Gerv's website <https://blog.gerv.net/> for those who were unable to attend in person. Otherwise, **all photos/videos must be for personal use only and cannot be shared on any social media platforms.** This is for the security of all our guests and we thank you for respecting this request.

Venue, Getting There and Car Parking

The event is at Loughborough Baptist Church, Baxter Gate, Loughborough. LE11 1TG. You can see it marked on the map linked here: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/?mlat=52.7725&mlon=-1.2051#map=16/52.7725/-1.2051>

This venue is in the town centre and has very restricted parking. You can drop people off on Baxter Gate but please note it is a one way street and for access only. Let us know if you have a particular need for parking adjacent to the venue (e.g. a disability).

Loughborough has several town centre car parks, but these can get very busy on a Saturday. I recommend parking in Beehive Lane Car Park (LE11 2TS). It's marked on the map between Southfield Road and Woodgate, and is less than 10 minutes' walk from the church. Please allow sufficient time once you arrive in Loughborough for parking and locating the church building – I would think 30 minutes is wise, or plan to arrive early and get lunch in town.

Loughborough Train Station is around 15 minutes' walk away, or there are buses from there to Baxter Gate, very near the church.