# Celebrating the Life & Times of Sandy Tittershill at the Blue Coat School





Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm In the Blue Coat Chapel

Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions. Anon

Canon Janet Eastwood Chaplain to the Blue Coat School

# **Opening Hymn**

One more step along the world I go, One more step along the world I go, From the old things to the new Keep me travelling along with you. And it's from the old I travel to the new, Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn, More and more about the world I learn. And the new things that I see You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good Keep me travelling the way I should. Where I see no way to go You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough, Keep me loving though the world is tough. Leap and sing in all I do, Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be You are younger than the life in me. Ever old and ever new, Keep me travelling along with you.

Introduction & opening prayer

Please sit

We have come here today

To give thanks for Sandy,
His years here at the Blue Coat School,
All he has given and all he has achieved.
First we hear a little of his life before and beyond the school . . .

### Let us pray

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

And to give thanks for Sandy's time with us at Blue Coat Help us to listen with grace, pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Reading

Proverbs 3: 1-5

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.

Then you will win favour and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

Musical Item: Flute Solo

Hai Lin Leung

Prelude from Suite Antique for Flute and piano by John Rutter

The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate "apparently ordinary" people to unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people.

K. Patricia Cross

Sandy the teacher

Mr Rees

The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book. Anon

Sandy, the Deputy Head

Mr Jamieson

Musical Item: Violin Solo:

**Louise Goodwin** 

Second movement from Sonata in A major, by Handel

If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home.

Anonymous Teacher

Sandy, the Headmaster

**Mrs Silcock** 

Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools.

The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task.

Haim G. Ginott

Sandy and the Trustees Sandy and the Governors

Mr Jolliffe Mr Hallows

Hymn

We stand to sing

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. Let us give thanks for the years of Sandy's time at the Blue Coat School: for the things learnt with him and by him, for the enjoyment we have had, for the skills we have gained, for the help we have had, and for the friends we have made, in thanksgiving, let us bless the Lord

# ALL Thanks be to God

Let us pray for all those leaving school at the end of this year. For Heads and teachers, for pupil and helpers; for their new beginnings and for their well-being, let us pray to the Lord:

# ALL Lord, hear our prayer

Let us pray for ourselves and for the future.
For Sandy and Jane in the new life which lies ahead,
For the school moving into the next period of its existence
for help and guidance and for continuing growth in faith, hope and
love, let us pray to the Lord:

### ALL Lord, hear our prayer

Hear us, heavenly Father, as we offer our prayers to you: the prayers we have spoken, and the silent prayers of our hearts, through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### Blessing

May God give you light to guide you, courage to support you and love to unite you; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation; All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth: Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee: Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from his people again: Gladly, for ay we adore him.

### Dismissal

Go in the peace and love of Christ

ALL Thanks be to God

A retiring collection will be taken for the school's 300 years Special Appeal



Sandy has been a teacher at the Blue Coat School since 1966. In 1995 he became Deputy Head Teacher, and in 2001 he was appointed Headmaster

Though retiring in 2008, his connection with the Blue Coat School remains strong as he continues as President of the Brotherly Society

There are three good reasons to be a teacher:
June, July, and August. Anon