



light
up a life

Hold your own
Service of Light 2025



WELCOME & INTRO

OPENING REFLECTION: LEADER

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Let us be silent together:

to celebrate the lives of all who are remembered here this day,
to celebrate the lives of those whom we love and who have died,
to celebrate the lives of those who are receiving support from

Dorothy House right now,

to celebrate that life and death are closely linked and
to celebrate the eternal light that keeps love alive in our hearts and
in our lives and may our angels guard us this night.

CAROL (Optional)

Angels we have heard on high

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Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
sing with us our Saviour's birth.

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!

POEM

You are my sunshine by Yvonne Eve

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You are my sunshine.
You brighten my day.
And the light you project.
Helps to show me the way.
You are my moon that shines at night.
Lighting the sky and keeping it bright.
You are my star that helps me through it all.
And I hope and pray you never fall.
You are the air I breathe each night and day.
That keeps me alive in a special way.
You are my sky so beautiful and blue.
These are some of the reasons I love you.
You are the music that soothes my soul,
Makes me happy and keeps me whole!!

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Leader: Let us take a moment now as we call to mind the person or people that we are here in this place to remember.

Let us recall their voice, their laughter, their smile, their life and all its challenges alongside all the joys. We gather to remember and to give thanks.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LIGHT A CANDLE

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LEADER: The flame of the candle that shines for us now
symbolizes remembrance and gratitude.

It is lit in memory of your loved one or loved ones. Light it with
gratitude and remember that they lived and that you shared your
own life alongside them.

**I invite you to join with me in an act of remembering together.
Please respond by saying the words in bold type.**

All say: WE REMEMBER THEM

Leader: At the rising of the sun and at its going down. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter. At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring. At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer. At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.

All say: WE REMEMBER THEM

Leader: At the beginning of the year and when it ends. As long as we live, they too will live; or they are now a part of us as we remember them.

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Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength. When we are lost and sick at heart. When we have joy we crave to share. When we have decisions that are difficult to make. When we have achievements that are based on theirs.

***All say: WE REMEMBER THEM
As long as we live, they too will live;
For they are now a part of us
As we remember them.***

*An excerpt from "We Remember Them"
by Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer*

Leader: When you choose, perhaps on a birthday or anniversary, or maybe on Christmas Day, you can re-light the candle in memory of your loved one. Light it with gratitude and remember that they lived and that you shared your own life alongside them.

CAROL (Optional)

Silent Night

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Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

READING

Letting go

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Letting go does not
always look how you think it will.

Sometimes it happens all at once.

Sometimes it is in phases.

Oftentimes it requires a few tries
and heartfelt goodbyes.

Even when it is good for you,
letting go is hard on a heart.
But like the changing seasons,
we will learn to change too.
In time, in time,
In time...

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By Liz Newman

BLESSING
The Blessing of Light

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May the blessing of Light be upon us
Light without and light within;

May the light of the sun shine upon us
Warming us with a fire of gold;

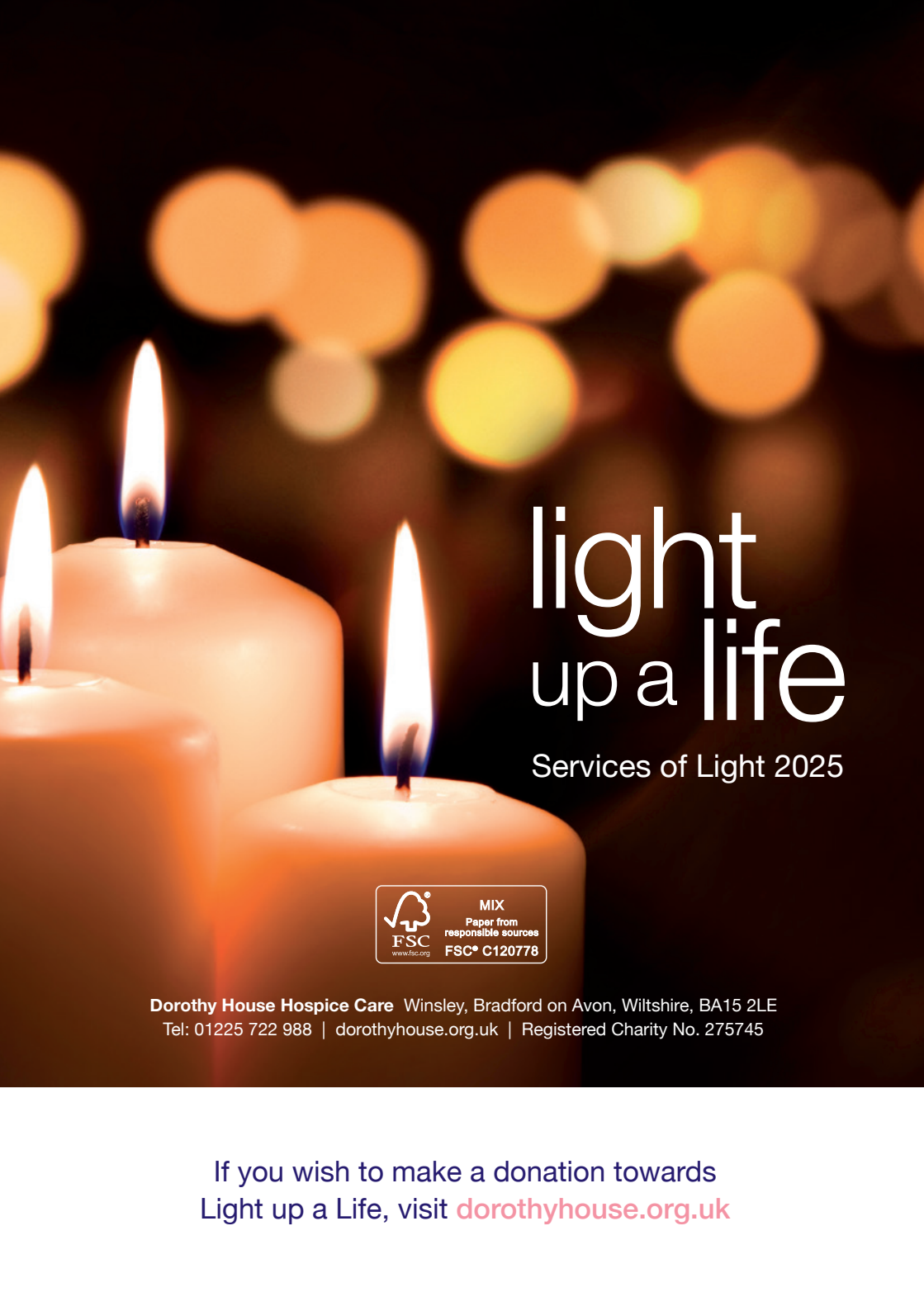
May the light of the moon caress us -
Calming our minds in a sleep of dreams;

May the light of the stars shine upon us -
Lifting our hearts to thoughts beyond;

May the light in our souls speak gently -
Guiding our feet in the ways of love;

May the blessing of Light be upon us -
Light without and light within.

Amen.



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