



**An Invitation**

Ollie's family thank you for being here today and for the love and support they have received. Following the service they warmly invite you to share in some light refreshments in the gallery.

Please remember to sign the register prior to leaving.  
Thank You



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Ollie*

OLIVER JAMES ADAMS

8 DECEMBER 1988 - 1 DECEMBER 2023

**A celebration of Ollie's life  
held in The Courtyard, Fairfield House, Nelson  
on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 2.00pm**

**Led by:** *Alison Locke*

**Pallbearers:** *Gabriel, Dominic, Gary, John, John (JJ), David*

## *Order of Service*

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Eulogy**

**Family Tributes**

**Tributes from Friends**

**Reflection Time**

**Poem**

*Desiderata*

**Floral Tribute**

**Words of Farewell**

**Committal**

**Recessional Song**

## *Desiderata*

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,  
even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.  
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;  
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.  
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.  
Neither be cynical about love;  
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment  
it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.  
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.  
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.  
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.  
Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,  
and whatever your labours and aspirations,  
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

