A celebration of John's life will be held when meeting is possible.

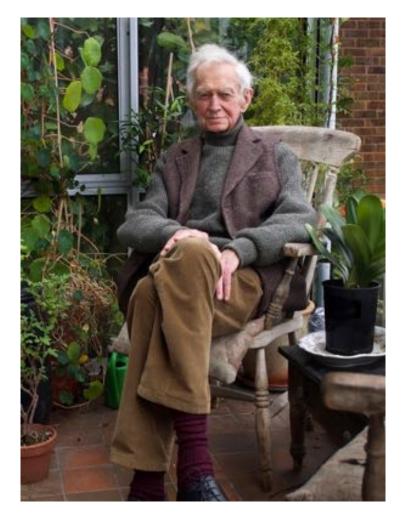




John with neighbour's bantam, London, August 2020

If you would like to make a donation in memory of John please leave to **Friends of Hlekweni**, a UK based charity whose purpose is to support education and peace-building work in Zimbabwe. It also helps with school-based food schemes and cases of hardship.

Please make cheques out to: Friends of Hlekweni, and send to Roger Moore, FOH treasurer, The Quaker Centre, Oakley Gardens, Milton Keynes, MK15 9BH. Or Bank Transfer to Cooperative Bank, Sort code: 08 92 99, Acc No: 65319891



John Michael Gibbs

8th March 1929 – 1st October 2020

Almeley Wootton Friends Meeting House Monday 12th October 2020 at 1:00pm

MUSIC

Guitar and saxophone

WELCOME

READING

William Penn

POEM

THE BRIGHT FIELD R.S. Thomas

I have seen the sun break through to illuminate a small field for a while, and gone my way and forgotten it. But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had treasure in it. I realise now that I must give all that I have to possess it. Life is not hurrying

on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you. How discrete these dead are Keeping their long silence In reticent lines Beneath the grass I mow No tributes or trite rhymes on their stones. When my mower stops The silence is absolute Save for the shush of the wind In the tall cypresses Witnesses of many internments. I stand and look at the hills From whence cometh my help And know this is a good place To be convinced in.

Written by John Mike 40 years ago when we first came to Logaston.

PRAYER OF COMMITTAL

Into the darkness and warmth of the earth We lay you down. Into the sadness and smiles of our memories We lay you down. Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again We lay you down. May you rest in peace, in fulfilment, in loving. May you run straight home in God's embrace.





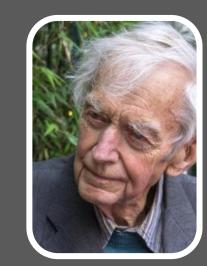


















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