Thank you for being with us this evening and for dedicating a light on our trees. Your support ensures that St Gemma's continues to be here for other local families when they need us most.

Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to help make this evening possible: Our wonderful volunteers Our staff for speaking this evening The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds Jacob Newson St Gemma's Choir Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School St Paul's Catholic Primary School Drighlington Brass Band. Lee Mitchell Heart Medical **Sunbelt Rentals** Premier Traffic Management West Yorkshire Police

And Lady Ogden for supporting the event this evening .

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Welcome from Chief Executive of St Gemma's Hospice, Kerry Jackson OBE

Children's Choirs

Pupils and staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic Primary School singing, *It was on a Starry Night* and *Love Shone Down*.

Native American Poem Read by Gill Thurgood, Spiritual Care Coordinator

I give you this one thought to keep. I am with you still. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on the snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone. I am with you still in each new dawn.

St Gemma's Choir They Live In You by Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin and Lebo M.

The Book by Paul Meadows Read by Heather McClelland, Chief Nurse

Go to that place we loved, our secret place. Close your eyes and you'll see my face. Play that tune, the tune we loved to hear. Close your eyes and you'll see me clear. Walk on the beach or climb to the top of the hill. Close your eyes and you'll see me still. Take a sip of wine, of dark red wine. Close your eyes and you'll see me fine. At night go out and look at the brightest star. Close your eyes and you'll see me far. On a day when the sky is blue and cold and clear, Close your eyes and you'll see me near. Take down a book that would have been my choice. Open the book. Close your eyes. You'll hear my voice.

Reflection led by St Gemma's Hospice Patron, The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Switching on of the lights with Kerry Jackson OBE and Jacob Newson

Closing remarks by Kerry Jackson OBE

Roll of Honour

As the brass band play and the names of each of our loved ones are displayed on our Roll of Honour, we would like to invite you to add your candle to our memory table as we bring together the lights of everyone we are remembering. If you would like to take a small candle home with you to light in memory of your loved one, please see one of our wonderful volunteers by the exit.