

## **Sir Richard Thomas Williams-Bulkeley**

25<sup>th</sup> May 1939 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

The funeral of Sir Richard, 14<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Penrhyn, took place at the church of St Mary and St Nicholas in Beaumaris on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, a sunny early Spring day. The church, dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries, packed with friends and relatives from Wales and much further



afield, has been part of the Williams-Bulkeley family for hundreds of years. Indeed, Sir Richard was baptised in its ancient font. Sadly, Lady Sarah, his wife of 62 years, was not well enough to attend.

There are in the church many family memorials and items recovered from the nearby and now-ruined Priory of Llanfaes, including handsome misericords and memorial plaques. The private interment at St Catherine's Church Llanfaes took place after the church service.

Sir Richard (Liveryman No. 388, admitted in 2008, had specifically indicated that he wanted no eulogy but we learned of his distinguished career in the Welsh Guards and, for example of his Presidency of the Beaumaris lifeboat station. RNLI personnel and serving members of the Royal Navy served as a guard of honour. The music in the service was enhanced by superb trumpet solos including Albinonis' Adagio. On behalf of the Master, four Liverymen of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales were able to attend the service: Dr Libby Andrews (451), Mr Andrew Richards (387) accompanied by Mrs Hilary Richards, Dr Rosie Solbé (444) and Prof John Solbé (385).