

*In loving memory of*  
***Alwynne Nell Bayley***

*15<sup>th</sup> September 1936 – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024*



*St Luke's Church, Ekibin  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Please stand as you are able to sing the opening hymn.*

*Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters **flow**:  
let the **fiery**, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
**be thou still my strength and shield,**  
**be thou still my strength and shield.**

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside:  
**death of death, and hell's destruction,**  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791)*

*tr. Peter Williams (1723-1796) alt.*

*Music: 'Cwm Rhondda', John Hughes (1873-1932)*

*A welcome is offered by the Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson*

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
(Response) And also with you.

*Sentences of scripture.*

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

'Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet will they live.'

*John 11.25*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Let us pray.

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.  
May your life-giving Spirit **flow** through us,  
and **fill** us with compassion, one for another.  
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace;  
kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## EULOGIES AND TRIBUTES

*Eulogies: Lewis Verdon  
Joy Dale  
Gary Whitby*

*Photographic Tribute.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.*

*Hymn: Nearer my God to thee*

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
**Still all my song would be, nearer, my God, to Thee;**  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!  
Though like the wan-der-er, the sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be, nearer, my God, to Thee;  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

There let the way ap-pear, steps un-to Heav'n;  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;  
Angels to beckon me, nearer, my God, to Thee;  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Then, with my wak-ing thoughts, bright with Thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be, nearer, my God, to Thee;  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Or, if on joy-ful wing cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,  
**Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee;**  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Saviour's love, perfectly blest;  
Age af-ter age to be, nearer, my God, to Thee;  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

*Words: Sarah Adams (1805-1848) (vv. 1-5) and Edward Bickersteth (1825-1906) (v. 6)  
Music: 'Bethany', Lowell Mason (1792-1872)*

*Please be seated.*

### *Psalm 139:1-11,17-18*

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.

Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

If I spread out my wings towards the morning:  
**or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**  
Even there your hand shall lead me:  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:  
and the night will enclose me',  
The darkness is no darkness with you,  
but the night is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and the light are both alike.  
How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
and how great is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
they are more in number than the sand:  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

*Bible reading read by June Nicholson*

A reading from the gospel of John

Jesus said, "do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

*John 14:1-7*

Hear the Word of the Lord:

*(Response)* Thanks be to God.

*The Homily*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers are offered by the minister,  
concluding with the Lord's Prayer, said together:*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn.*

*Hymn: To God be the glory*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life in atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in,  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*  
*Let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*  
*and give him the glory! great things he has done!*

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,**  
to every believer the promise of God!  
and every offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Words: Frances Jane van Alstyne (1820-1915) alt.*

*Music: 'To God be the glory', William Howard Doane (1832-1916)*

## THE PRAYER OF FAREWELL

*Please remain standing.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Alwynne  
by water and the Spirit.

Grant that her death may recall to us  
your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us  
to renew our trust in your Father's love.

Give us, we pray, the faith to follow  
where you have led the way,  
to live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let us entrust our sister Alwynne to the mercy of God.

Holy and loving Father,  
by your mighty power you gave us life,  
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.  
We entrust Alwynne to your merciful keeping:  
in the faith of Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again to save us,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
in glory for ever. Amen.



## THE COMMITTAL

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have given us a sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.

We here commit the body of our dear sister Alwynne to be cremated  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,  
and who shall change our mortal body  
that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen.

*Please join us after the service for tea and coffee  
at the back of church*



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