

*In loving memory of*  
***James Stephen Mendham***

*4 July 1950—14 July 2023*



*St Luke's Church, Ekibin*  
*Friday 28 July 2023 at 11am*



WHEN WE LOSE *someone* WE

*love*

WE MUST LEARN

*not to live without them,*

BUT TO LIVE WITH THE LOVE

*they left*

*behind.*

- ANONYMOUS

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Music before the service: 'Smile', Nat King Cole*

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

*Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
**and staff me comfort still.**

My table Thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Words: Francis Rous  
Tune: Crimond, Jessie Seymour Irvine*

*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 **f**low through us,  
and **f**ill 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: Margaret Mendham and Pam Jensen*

*Poem: 'When tomorrow starts without me', David Romano*

*Photographic tribute*

*'There you'll be', Faith Hill*

*'Unforgettable', Natalie Cole and Nat King Cole*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*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.

*John 14:1-6*

Hear the Word of the Lord:

*(Response)* Thanks be to God.

*The Sermon*

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn*

Hymn: How great thou art

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
the power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
**when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,**  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul . . .*

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation**  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
**Then shall I bow in humble adoration**  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul...*

*Based on Carl Gustaf Boberg  
tr. from a Russian version by Stuart Wesnel Keene Hine  
Tune: O Store Gud, Swedish folk melody*



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## INTERMENT OF ASHES

*Please follow the minister and family as we move to the Memorial Garden.*

*Music: 'My way', Elvis Presley*

*When all are assembled, the minister offers a greeting:*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.

Though we are dust and ashes,  
God has prepared for those who love him a heavenly dwelling place.  
As we prepare to commit the ashes of James to the earth,  
we entrust ourselves and all who love God to his loving care.

*Sentence of Scripture*

The eternal God is our refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*cf Deuteronomy 33:27 AV*

*As the ashes are interred, the minister says*

God our Father,  
in loving care your hand has created us,  
and as the potter fashions the clay  
you have formed us in your image.  
Through the Holy Spirit  
you have breathed into us the gift of life.

In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge of you  
and of one another.

We claim your love today,  
as we commit these remains of James Stephen Mendham  
to their resting place,  
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,  
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

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

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!  
We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.  
For the trumpet will sound,  
and the dead will be raised imperishable,  
and we will be changed.

For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable,  
and this mortal body must put on immortality. *1 Corinthians 15:51–53*

*Prayers are offered*

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for all those whom we love but see no longer.  
As we remember James in this place,  
hold before us our beginning and our ending,  
the dust from which we come  
and the death to which we move,  
with a firm hope in your eternal love and purposes for us,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of hope,  
grant that we, with all who have believed in you,  
may be united in the full knowledge of your love  
and the unclouded vision of your glory;  
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

Go in peace in the name of Christ. Amen

*Life can never stay the same, no matter how much we want it to*

*Our hands can never stop the clock of life from ticking by*

*But love remains, unchanged in the ear of sorrowful hearts*

*For as the love of this life surrenders, the the love of memory starts*



*Catherine Turner, alt.*



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