

In loving memory of
Nancy Melba Capern
(née Plant)

15th March 1935 – 23rd December 2025



St Luke's Church, Ekibin
Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 10am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Music: "You raise me up," by Josh Groban.

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: Julie Brownrigg
Murray Capern*

Photographic Tribute

Music: "Remember when," by Alan Jackson.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn: Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847

Tune: Eventide, William Henry Monk 1823-89

Please be seated.

Bible reading read by Nancy's grand-daughter, Emily Capern

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Thessalonians 4:13-18, NIV

Hear the Word of the Lord:

(Response) Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev'd George Marktotsis.



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.

THE PRAYER OF FAREWELL

Please stand as you are able

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our sister Nancy
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 Nancy 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 Nancy 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 Nancy 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.

Music as the coffin is carried from the church: "Supermarket Flowers," by Ed Sheeran.

*Please join us for tea and coffee on the church deck
to continue to share memories of Nancy.*



Nancy and Bevan Capern



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