

*In loving memory of*

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*St Luke's Church, Ekibin  
Friday 21 January 2022 at 10am*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Music before the service:* Chorale on "Alle Menschen Müssen sterben" (Hark, a voice saith, all are mortal). J. S. Bach BWV 643

*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*

*A greeting 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

*Eulogy: Jen Irwin*

*Recollections of Robin at St Luke's: Brian Wood*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*A reading from the book of Psalms read by Janette Hagerty*

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
    from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
    who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
    he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
    the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
    he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
    from this time on and forevermore.

*Psalms 121*

Hear the Word of the Lord:

*(Response)* Thanks be to God.

*A reading from the Gospel of John read by Christine Bromwich*

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 (The Rev'd Denis Galloway)*

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

*Hymn: And can it be*

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more.

**He left His Father's throne above** –  
so free, so infinite His grace –  
**emptied Himself of all but love,**  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray –

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free.  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

**No condemnation now I dread;**  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

## 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.

## THE PRAYER OF FAREWELL

*Please stand as you are able.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother Robin  
by water and the Spirit.  
Grant that his 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 brother Robin 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 Robin 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 INTERMENT OF ASHES

Largo from "Serse", G. F. Handel, arr. N. Rawsthorne *is played. Please follow the minister and family outside the church to gather round the Memorial Garden.*

*Sentence of scripture.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

*1 Peter 1:3-4*

*The minister prays:*

God our creator, giver of life and all that is good and true,  
we thank you for the life of your servant, Robin.  
Preserve among us the good of his example,  
and keep us in the way of truth,  
until we come to your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Interment of ashes*

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 Robin 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!

*As the ashes are interred in the prepared place, "Nearer, my God to thee", Sarah Flower Adams, the Tabernacle Choir is played*

*The minster continues:*

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*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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 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

*Please join us on the parish lawn to share  
refreshments and memories after the service*



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