

In loving memory of
Barbara Mary Utting

26 May 1931 – 16 June 2026



St Luke's Ekibin
Wednesday 16th September at 11am

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand as you are able when the bell is rung

Hymn: The King of Love my shepherd is

The king of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

TIS 145

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

based on Psalm 23

Tune: Dominus Regit Me, John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76

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

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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

Eulogies offered by Lynette Bennett and the family

Photographic Tribute

Music: Stranger in Paradise – Mantovani - His Orchestra – Cascading Strings.

Please stand as you are able for the hymn

Hymn: May the mind

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.

TIS 609, vv.1-4

Katie Barclay Wilkinson 1859-1928 alt.

Tune: St Leonard, Arthur Cyril Barham Gould 1891-1953

*Poem: Death is nothing at all by Henry Scott-Holland
read by Janet Utting*

Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.

All is well.
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the gospel of John, chapter 14, read by Alison Utting

“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: Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
Lord, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:

the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
who ever was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

TIS 106

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.

Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott, later form of melody by Johann Crüger 1598-1662

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister will offer prayers, 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.

Valediction, read by Dianne Martin

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year:
'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied:
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand
into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way.'
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God,
trod gladly into the night
And He led me toward the hills and the
breaking of day in the lone East.

God Knows

Minnie Louise Haskings

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!*

TIS 147, v.1

Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915 alt.

Tune: To God be the Glory, William Howard Doane 1832-1916

THE INTERMENT OF ASHES

As the Organist, Brian Wood, plays a recessional, please follow the minister and family outside the church and 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, Barbara.
Preserve among us the good of her example,
and keep us in the way of truth,
until we come to your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the ashes are interred in the prepared place, 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 Barbara 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

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

*You are thanked most sincerely for your kind and comforting
expressions of sympathy
and invited to join Barbara's family after the service
for light refreshments in the church hall.*





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