

*In loving memory of*  
***Ronald Paul Spencer***

*2 January 1936 – 14 April 2026*



*St Luke's Church, Ekibin*  
*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11am*



## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*Opening Music: Amazing Grace*

*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

*Eulogies: Teresa Vant, Debra Walsh*

*Photographic tribute*



## 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 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*

## 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.

*"Hallelujah" (Mark Vincent), played by Ella Walsh*

## POPPY SERVICE

*Led by Paul Jackson, National Serviceman's Association*

## THE PRAYER OF FAREWELL

*Please stand as you are able.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave new birth to our brother Ronald  
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 Ronald 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 Ronald 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

*As "My Way" (Mark Vincent) is played, 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, Ronald.  
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 Ronald 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

*Please join us on the church deck to share  
refreshments and memories after the service*



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