

Gathering of the Community The Christian Symbols

Words of Promise

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22-23

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart
conceived, God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2.9

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come to seek your strength and comfort. We have heavy hearts, for we have lost someone who has been a special part of our lives. We know that we will miss Shirley because we have loved her and she has loved us. Surround us with your care and compassion as we seek to come to terms with what that will mean for us. Hold us as we remember and celebrate the length and richness of Shirley's life. Be with us O God, as we share this time together to pay tribute to her and to share her story. **Amen.**

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore I can lack nothing.
2 He will make me lie down in green pastures, and lead me beside still waters.
3 He will refresh my soul, and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me

5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me. You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely your goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Readings: *Proverbs 31; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8;
Romans 8:37-39*

Eulogy: *James, Stuart and Claire*

Pictorial Tribute

Reading: *Farewell My Friends - Rabindranath Tagore: Duncan*

Hymn: 'Onward, Christian Soldiers'

Saying thank You for Shirley's Life

Prayers of thanksgiving for Shirley's life, and for her family and friends.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Reading: *John 14:1-6,27*

The Farewell: We entrust Shirley to God's loving mercy
Eternal God, your love embraces all people;
to you we entrust Shirley, whom we have lost in death. May
death be for her the gateway to your eternal presence. Grant us
a firm faith in your loving purpose, and the comfort of your
presence, now and always. **Amen**

Go now, Shirley, on your journey from this world;
in the love of God the Life-giver who created you;
in the mercy of Jesus the Redeemer who suffered death for you;
in the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.
May your rest this day be in peace and your dwelling in the city
of God.

BLESSING

May the special memories of Shirley live on in the quiet spaces
of our hearts, and may God, Life giver, Pain bearer and Love
maker, be everywhere and always present with us. **Amen**

SONG: *'Country road, take me home' -John Denver*



In Loving Memory of Shirley Elaine Wilson

who travelled with us from

11 February 1936 to 23 August 2021



**A Service of Thanksgiving and
Commendation to God's Care.**

**St James Anglican Church Traralgon
Tuesday 31 August 2021**

Reverend Marilyn Obersby

The Committal at Gippsland Memorial Park

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the
Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills:
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from God:
the maker of heaven and earth.

God will not allow your foot to slip:
your guardian will not sleep.

See, the one who watches over Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep

It is God who is your keeper:

God is your shelter on your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day:
neither shall the moon by night

God shall preserve you from all evil:
it is God who shall guard your life.

God shall watch over your going out and your coming in:
both now and for evermore.

God alone is holy and just and good. In that confidence we have
commended you, Shirley, to God's judgement and mercy, God's
forgiveness and love.

So now we commit your body to be buried,
earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes,
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

Into the darkness and warmth of the earth
We lay you down
Into the sadness and smiles of our memories
We lay you down
Into the cycle of living and dying and rising again
We lay you down
We love you, we will miss you. Be at peace.

Support us, O God, all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work
is done.

Then, in your mercy, give us safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen**

Blessing

The peace of this ancient earth to you, of the high blue heavens
which embrace it, and the winds which blow freely over it. The
peace of splintered light sparkling on gum leaves, and gentle rain
falling on parched earth. The peace of star-jewelled skies and
full-orbed moons, of breathless dawns and splendid dying suns.
And the peace of the God of Peace to you. **Amen**