

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joan Marjorie McNair Holten

16th March 1925 – 28th November 2025



Friday 14th November 2025

12.00 noon



Stonnington Community Uniting Church

59 Burke Rd, Malvern East VIC 3145

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Introduction: Rev John Power

Prayer of thanksgiving: Rev John Power

Hymn: Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12; Rev John Power

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

Reflections from the grandchildren: Sam Holten, Millie Holten, Briona Holten, Georgina Connell and Catherine Connell

Eulogies: Virginia Connell, Ian Holten, Andrew Holten, Sue Hope

The Prayer: Stephen Coutts

Photo presentation to remember Joan's life accompanied by Cheryl Jenkins, organist.

Poem: Kate Kaegi, James Hope and Gordon Hope

All is Well, Henry Scott-Holland (1847-1918)

All is well.

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.

The Lords Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever. Amen.

Farewell: Stephen Coutts

Con te partirò (Time to say Goodbye, first performed by Andrea Bocelli in 1995)

After the service, the family would be delighted if were able to join them for refreshments and to further celebrate Joan's life, in the Stonnington Community Uniting Church Hall.

THANK YOU

The family would like to pay tribute and say thank you to the staff of Kardinia Parkside Community Care for their outstanding and compassionate care. Their end-of-life care gave the family great comfort.

Rev John Power and Stonnington Community Uniting Church

Cheryl Jenkins, organist

Stephen Coutts, soloist

Adrian Wilson, Selwyn and Allen, Funeral Directors

Melanie, Imagineering

Tally Ho Catering

***Sue, Ian, Andrew and Virginia would like to thank you all for being here today
and for all your support and expressions of sympathy.***

Joan's legendary Lamingtons

Block Cake:

1.5 cups SR flour & pinch of salt (sifted)
4 oz melted butter (not hot)
2 eggs fill cup with milk
Zest of 1 orange
1 cup sugar
Beat for 2 minutes
Bake in 350° oven for 35-45minutes

Chocolate glaze:

4 cups of soft icing sugar
1 tbsp butter
½ cup cocoa powder
2 cups boiling water
Sift icing sugar, add cocoa powder, add butter
and boiling water
Should be runny

Cut cake into lamington size squares

Coat with chocolate glaze and roll in coconut. Place on wire rack to dry



90th Birthday, 2015



Wedding Day 16th April 1949



Royal Ascot



100th Birthday Celebrations, 16th March 2025