

A Service in Celebration of the life of

*Jill Alexandra Williams*

16 October 1940 – 16 February 2026



St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris

Thursday 26 February 2026

Reverend Canon Glenn Loughrey



# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Aria from Concerto Grosso No 12  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Greeting

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Opening Prayers

We have come together  
to thank God for the life of Jill,  
to mourn and honour her,  
to lay to rest her mortal body,  
and to support one another in grief.  
We face the certainty of our own death and judgement.  
Yet Christians believe that those who die in Christ  
share eternal life with him.  
Therefore, in faith and hope we turn to God,  
who created and sustains us all.

‘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

Loving God, you alone are the source of life.  
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us.  
Grant us your 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.

**Hymn**                      Love Divine TIS 217

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## Eulogies

Peter, David & Lisa Williams

## Photo Montage

Prepared by Steven Bain to  
'Love, Oh Love' (1992)  
– Lionel Richie

## Reading

Psalm 23

Read by Helen Rehn

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## Hymn

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is TIS 145

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.

## Reading

### 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13

Read by James and Annika Williams

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

## Address

Rev. Canon Glenn Loughrey

# The Prayers

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we thank you that you received Jill by baptism  
into the family of your Church on earth,  
and granted her the gift of eternal life.  
He ate with us the bread of life  
and drank from the cup of salvation.  
We thank you for all your goodness to Jill,  
in Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer for those who mourn

God of all mercy, giver of all comfort:  
look graciously, we pray, on those who mourn,  
especially Jill's family and friends,  
and those who will feel her loss most closely.  
Casting all their cares on you,  
may they know the consolation of your love; **Amen.**

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this 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, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

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 forever. Amen.

Let us entrust Jill 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 Jill 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 Committal

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have given us a sure and certain hope  
of the resurrection to eternal life.  
In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ.  
We here commit the body of our dear Sister Jill  
to be cremated  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died, and was buried, and rose again for us,  
and who shall change our mortal body  
that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Choir**                      **The Lord Bless You and Keep You – John Rutter**

## The Blessing

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your  
hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Recessional

**Largo from Xerxes**  
G.F Handel (1685 – 1759)

*As the family leaves the church, please remain seated.*



You are warmly invited to join the family  
for refreshments in the Church Hall  
immediately following the Service.

A donation in lieu of flowers to the  
Cancer Council in memory of Jill is welcome.

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