



John's family would like to thank you for sharing the celebration of his life today.
Please join the family for refreshments in the hall
after the service as we continue to share memories of John together.

Thank you for your love and support.

We would like to thank the staff at
Mercy Place Templestowe for their loving care of John.



In Loving Memory of

JOHN MICHAEL LESTER

31 October 1934 – 23 June 2026



St Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris

Tuesday 4 August 2026, 2.00 pm

Officiant: The Rev Kirsty Brown

Organists: John Mallinson OAM & David Agg

Cantor: Georgia Wilkinson

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the tempests still obey
his voice, who ruled them once on Galilee.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can restore
the trust and hope that strengthened you before.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Words: Katharina von Schlegel
Tune: Finlandia*

Eulogies

Cindy Munyard, Leeson Brook,
Kim Lester, Karen Lester

Photo tribute

Requiem, Op. 48: V. Pie Jesu
by Gabriel Fauré

Bible Reading

Psalm 23 read by Kerry Ennis

Reflection

Prayers

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.

Hymn

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.

*Words: Charles Wesley
Tune: Hyfrydol*

Farewell and Committal

Blessing

The Lord Bless You And Keep You
by John Rutter

Dismissal Prayers

Organ Postlude

Fugue In E Flat Major, BWV 552,
"St. Anne" by J S Bach