

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



JOHN KENNEDY STEPHEN

26 APRIL 1938 - 27 AUGUST 2025



A Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of

John Kennedy Stephen

26 April 1938 ~ 27 August 2025



Christ Church Anglican Church
South Yarra

Thursday 4 September 2025
11.00 am

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

HYMN

Praise my soul

EULOGY

David Stephen (nephew)

Brian Harris

Peter Stephen, Katrina Milton, Sonya Stephen

Lachlan Stephen and Thomas Milton

A LIFE IN PHOTOS

READINGS

‘Afterglow’ – read by David Stephen (brother)

Psalm 23

Gospel of St. John

THE HOMILY

Fr. John Baldock

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

THE COMMITTAL

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

Jerusalem

PARTING

PRAISE MY SOUL

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

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye 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.

READINGS

Afterglow

Read by David Stephen (brother)

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

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

The Gospel of Saint John

Jesus said to his friends, “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.

THE LORD'S 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.
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.

JERUSALEM

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me by bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.



With thanks to

Fr. John Baldock *Celebrant*

Michael Fulcher *Organist*





'If you have found the way to your heart
you have found the way to heaven.'

St John Chrysostom 347-407



Ingrid, Peter, Katrina and Sonya and their families
would like to thank everyone for their love and support.

Following the service, you are warmly invited
to remain and join the family for light refreshments
here at Christ Church, South Yarra.

