



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of
MICHAEL JOBLING (PRIEST)

4th June 1939 – 4th July 2026

Holy Trinity Williamstown Anglican Church

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Guided by the Light (Song for Michael and Heather)

Words and Music by Scott Phillips (2026)

When Michael met Heather, they knew there and then:
That they'd be together, until their life's end.
And that's the way it proved to be.

Now Michael asked Heather, "Come with me to church?"
And from that day onwards, they stepped out in faith.
They lived their lives abundantly.

Chorus

*Come what may, their love stayed strong,
Through their whole lives long.*

*They kept the faith; they fought the fight;
Guided by the light.
Guided by the Light.*

Michael and Heather, through all of their days
Helped so many people, in so many ways
They even helped folks with Parkinsons sing

Michael left Heather, when he peacefully died.
His family had gathered; they hugged and they cried.
And Heather thanked the Lord for him

Chorus

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*A warm welcome to Holy Trinity Williamstown. |
Please join in the prayers, responses and songs in bold print.
Any direction to stand or sit are as you feel comfortable and able.
If you need the toilet facilities, they are located at the south end of the Parish
Centre.*

Please stand when invited

Hymn *‘Be thou my vision’ (TIS 547)*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
thou my soul’s shelter and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven ward, O Power of my power.

Riches I scorn and the world’s empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*Gaelic c.8th cent. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880–1931 versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull
1860–1935 alt. Words from The Poem Book of the Gael*

Welcome & Introductory Rite

The Reverend Elizabeth Murray, vicar Holy Trinity Williamstown.

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Placing of Symbols

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sentences of Scripture

Let us pray.

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

Song

Dr Scott Phillips

Eulogies & Tributes

Photo Tribute

Bible Readings

Psalm 46 – said together

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
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.

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

The Second Letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verses 6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel according to John 14:1-7.

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms. 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

The is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Jim Pilmer, PSM OAM

Chant

'Jesus, remember me' (TIS 730)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom
(repeated)

The Prayers

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever.
Amen.

Hymn

'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' (TIS 607).

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek so
much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

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It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Based on an anonymous prayer (?French) c.1900

This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff ('Sebastian Temple') 1928–

The Farewell

Let us entrust our brother in Christ, Mike, to the mercy of God.

Silence may be kept.

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 Mike 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

The congregation joins with the minister, saying

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

The Blessing

The coffin is lead out of the church. Please follow the family out of the church. Final words of farewell can be said at the hearse.

Holy Trinity Anglican Church is on Bunurong Country,
the sovereign land, water and sky of the people of the Kulin Nation. We
recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians with responsibility and
connection to this land over generations and today, and pay respect to all
Elders past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of respect,
truth-telling, justice and healing.

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ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Growing with God

We thank you most sincerely
for your attendance here today.
Your expressions of sympathy and support
have been a great comfort to them at this time.

You are invited by the family to join us
in the Parish Centre for refreshments
following the Funeral Service.



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