

"If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living has not been in vain"



On Doris's departure from the church, her family invite you to stay and share more stories over refreshments, in the adjoining hall.





In Loving Memory of

Doris Ratcliffe

9 September 1918 – 23 February 2025

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Doris

Friday 28 February, 2025 St John's Methodist Church, Hamilton East

Minister: Rev Alisa Lasi

Organist: John Parker

Pallbearers

Brian (Doris's Friend) • Ben Walsh • Kate Walsh • Kathy Walsh Nikau Walsh • Maddie Herapath • Diaz Herapath



Order of Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Eulogy

Kathy Walsh & Brian Cassidy

Family Tributes

Ben Walsh and Kate Walsh (Grandchildren)

Open Tributes

Song: 'Make Me a Channel of your Peace'

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, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace: 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.

Scripture: Psalm 23

Words of Comfort

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: 'Abide with Me'

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see – O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness; Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Committal & Blessing

Recessional: 'Now is the Hour'