

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration



Michelle Louise Booth

Born 1st December 1965 - 18th September 2021

St. Peter's Anglican Church Ganmain

Friday 1st October 2021

The Reverend Dr Edwin Byford



Opening Song “Beautiful Day” U2

Welcome Reverend Dr Edwin Byford

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

We have come together to thank God for the life of Michelle Booth, 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.

*Sentences of Scripture are said by the Minister
Then the people join the Minister in saying*

**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.**

Eulogy: Read by Mary Peck



Hymn “In Christ Alone” sung by Adrienne Liesching

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song; This
cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What
heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears
are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my
all in all—

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift
of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on
that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid— Here in
the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of
the world by darkness slain; Then bursting
forth in glorious day, Up from the grave
He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
His and He is mine—

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow’r of Christ in
me; From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my
destiny.

No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

“Love is the Greatest” Read by Katelyn Booth

If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way.

Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Love will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will all disappear. Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear.

It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now.

There are three things that will endure – faith, hope and love—and the greatest of these is love.

The Address

Photo Presentation ‘The Best’, Tina Turner
‘I'm Still Standing’ Elton John

Poem "Don't Quit" Read by Georgia Booth

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse, that you must not quit.

by Edgar Guest



The Prayer

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.**

Commendation and Final Blessing

Closing Song 'Your Song', Elton John

Graveside Committal Service

Poem

“Do Not Stand”

read by Geoff Wild

“Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle Autumn’s rain.
When you awaken in the morning’s
hush
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet
birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die.”

by Clare Harner Lyon

Reflection Music ‘Dancing O’ The Ceiling’ Lionel Richie

Pall Bearers Geoff Wild - David Booth - Albert Booth
William Olson - Samuel Booth - Sean Phillips







The family of Michelle Booth would like to thank you very much for the kind expressions of sympathy shown following Michelle's passing. Your support at this difficult time is very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family.



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