

John's family would like to express their sincere thanks for the kind messages of sympathy, love and support received at this sad time and for joining them today.

Donations in memory of John may be made to one of his favourite charities – WaterAid, bringing life-saving water to communities across the world.

If you wish to donate, click on [wateraid.org/uk](http://wateraid.org/uk).

After the service you are warmly invited for refreshments and to share happy memories of John and Olive at the Wood Norton Hotel, Worcester Road, WR11 4YB.



*'Reunited at last'*

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

## John Gordon Clarke

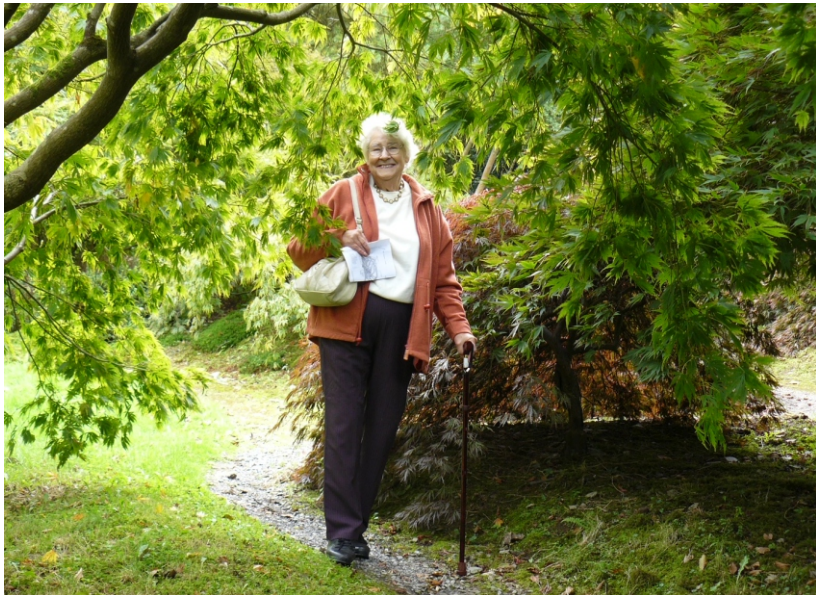
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1934 – March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023



Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Evesham Baptist Church

12 noon

Service conducted by Reverend Dr Edward Pillar



### Hymn – O Jesus I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me; the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
I dare not trust my judgement: Thy way shall be my will;  
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
Oh, speak, and help me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end –  
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Oh, let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone;  
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
And then in Heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

### Commendation and Blessing

The LORD bless you  
and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

### Welcome and Opening Prayers

#### Bible Verses

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. – 2 Timothy 4 v7-8

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. – Joshua 1 v5

#### Hymn: Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not,  
As Thou hast been, Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**Tribute**  
by Chris

**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, O abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
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.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**Bible Reading**  
by Elaine

**Tribute**  
by Graham

**Address**

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.