

Opening Music

'On the street where you live' by Alfie Boe

Welcome

We are here today to give thanks to God for the life of June Tooke, and to affirm the Christian conviction that while death is the end of human life, it marks a new beginning in our relationship with God. We are also here to share the sorrow of those who mourn, and to offer them our love and support. Let us hear the word of Scripture, that we may all face the future with hope.

Scripture Sentences

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." - John 11:25-26.

When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death. After Jesus had finished speaking, one of the guests said, "The greatest blessing of all is to be at the banquet in God's kingdom!" - Luke 14:13-15

Opening Prayer Rev Amelia Koh-Butler

Lord, we thank you for enabling us to gather here today so that we can celebrate a life well-lived. In this moment of stillness and reflection, we ask for the your Spirit's presence in this place.

May you bring comfort to every one of us so that we can be able to share both the tears of loss and the hope of resurrection.

Take this set aside time and make it sacred.

Give us grace even as we face the reality of death, so that we can appreciate the beauty and wonder and delight in life... and most especially, in June's life.

Transform grief in the blessing of shared stories of love and appreciation.

Give courage and strength for today and hope and peace for tomorrow.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sharing memories of June's life in pictures

Music: 'Unforgettable' by Nat King Cole

Eulogy- Sharing about June's life- Claire and Ben

Bible Readings: Philippians 2:1-11 Karen

Christ encourages you, and his love comforts you.

God's Spirit unites you, and you are concerned for others.

Now make me completely happy!

Live in harmony by showing love for each other.

Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person.

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.

Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God.

Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us.

Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross.

Then God gave Christ the highest place and honoured his name above all others.

So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Words of Comfort and Hope Rev. Amelia Koh-Butler

I sometimes wonder why the Author of Life would allow suffering in life and the parting of death. The whole life-death thing remains a mystery.

We don't really know. We haven't been there.

Sometimes, deep sacred truth cannot be expressed in words of logic – but we get more of a hint in poetry and in song. Asking among friends, these verses seemed fitting:

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

How we live after facing death tells us a lot about a person. After her beloved Arthur died, June continued to live to her capacity. Even during COVID, she would drop down to the church to speak through the window to Michelle. She would still be offering an encouraging word.

In the Denistone/Eastwood Church Community, June was known for jams and pickles. She was a behind-the-scenes person, always willing to help. I think her ongoing attitude of generous encouragement was a great mark of her faith.

It is not hard to believe that THEN she believed that NOW she will be banqueting with Arthur in a new and delightful life, freed from the pains and sorrows of this world, separated for a time from her loved ones, but with the promise of complete healing and wholeness. She was a woman of both faithfulness (in how she behaved to others) and faith (in how she related to God).

I only met June a few times this year, but she obviously appreciated hymns and she lived so positively.

When you are a widow, you can't really help but consider what is beyond. June's attitude makes me think the last two verses of that Charles Wesley hymn are even more fitting:

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayers. Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the gifts of your providence and grace. You have promised that out of darkness light shall shine, light that is the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

We thank you that his light dawns upon us daily, and brings us a grateful heart and a will to love and serve you to the end of our days. We thank you for your gift to us of human love; for the first love we know at our birth,

a mother's love and a father's care;
for the love of parents and children, and the family circle.

If there have been moments of regret,
we ask you to work your healing – both for June and for us.
When moments of sadness come, as they should – we ask you to
remind us of shared joys.
Gracious God, sustain and support those
whose love for June was dearest, whose loss is greatest.

May they find beyond their tears unclouded visions of your love,
and may they see beyond their darkness the clear shining of your
light. Set troubled hearts at rest.

Comfort us all now with the assurance
of the life that is beyond this life,
and of a reunion with those
we have loved long since
and who wait for us in your heavenly presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Together)

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.

Commendation

Holy God, by your creative power you gave us life,
and in your redeeming love you have given us new life in Christ.

We commend June to your merciful care
in the faith of Christ our Lord,
who died and rose again to save us,
and who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Committal

We have entrusted June to the hands of God.
We now commit her body to be cremated,
ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died, was buried, and rose again for us.
To God be glory forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all. **Amen.**

Farewell Music

Georgy Girl by The Seekers

*May the hands of kindness
upon you fall,
May love be your
shining light,
May laughter be your
morning call,
May peace be your
goodnight.*



Memories in the Heart

Feel no guilt in laughter,
he knows how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile that
he's not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever;
he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you can carry on,
the way you always do.
So talk about the good times
and the ways you showed you cared.
The days you spent together,
all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you.
A word someone may say will suddenly
recapture a time,
an hour, a day that brings him back
as clearly as though he were still here.
And fills you with the feelings
that he is always near.
For if you keep these moments,
you will never be apart
And he will live forever
locked safe within your heart.



A Service To

Celebrate the Life of

June Toake



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Camellia Chapel

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