



A Requiem Eucharist
with the interment of ashes
to give thanks for the life of



Clive Kensett-Smith

11th April 1935 ~ 22nd November 2023

Aged 88 years

The Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr, Griffith
Thursday 14th December | 11:00am

Clive Kensett-Smith

Adored husband of
Pam Kensett-Smith

Much loved father and father-in-law of
Dimity & Adrian Mathews and Trent & Kelly Kensett-Smith

Cherished grandfather of
his 6 grandchildren

Acknowledgement of Country

*The Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Wiradjuri people
as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we gather.
We pay our respects to First Nations elders: past, and present.
May our shared journey forward lead to greater reconciliation and hope.*



*Please make sure before the service that all mobile telephones
and other devices are switched off or on silent.*

*Throughout the service the congregation are encouraged to join in
with the words marked in **bold type**.*

Please use the time before the service for silent prayer or meditation.

*Officiant: The Very Reverend Thomas Leslie,
Dean of St Alban's and Rector of Griffith*

*Deacon: The Reverend Louise Osborne,
Honorary Associate Priest, Anglican Parish of Griffith*

*Assisting: The Reverends Gemma and Frederik Le Mesurier
Assistant Curates, Anglican Parish of Griffith*



THE ENTRANCE

A bell is rung. Please stand for the entrance of the clergy.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come As You Are

TIS 693

1. **Come as you are, that's how I want you,
come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven,
come as you are, why stand alone?**
2. **No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again**
3. **I came to call sinners, not just the righteous,
I came to bring peace, not to condemn
each time you fail to live by my promise
why do you think, I'd love you the less?**
4. **Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Fr Thomas: + Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
Today we come together to remember before God our brother Clive
to give thanks for his life, to mourn and honour him,
to lay to rest his mortal remains, and to support one another in our grief.

Fr Frederik: Hear what comforting words St Paul says:
this is a true saying, and worthy of our reflection:

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead.

- *Romans 14.8-9*

Let us pray.

**God of all consolation,
your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears
at the grave of Lazarus his friend.
Hear our prayers and comfort us;
send your help to all mourn this day,
and all who will hold Clive in their memories for years to come.
Give to troubled hearts the light of hope
and strengthen in us anew the gift of faith,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Placing of Symbols of Life and Faith: Charlie, Benjamin, Mitch and Nate

The Eulogy: Dimity and Trent

A Tribute: tribute from the Rugby Fraternity – Brian Sainty

Photographic Tribute: a slideshow of images celebrating Clive's life.

Music during the slideshow: 'String of Pearls' – Glenn Miller

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Mother Louise: The death of someone can cast a gloom or a shadow of doubt over our lives.

As believers, the only thing we can do is to turn to the Scriptures for consolation.

There we see that, when Christ died, the apostles felt exactly as we may feel now. But, as the Easter mysteries remind us, the risen Christ joined them, opened their eyes, and turned their sorrow into joy.

Christ is with us as we celebrate this Eucharist, and will turn sorrow into joy, if not today, then perhaps tomorrow.

So, with hearts full of sorrow, uncertainty or doubt, let us confess our troubles to the Lord, confident that he will bring light, even out of the darkness of death.

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution (God's forgiveness of sins) is pronounced.

Let us pray.

The Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with Clive and all the faithful departed
the hope of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection:
so that, at the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises
as we are raised to life eternal.

This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15. 35-38, & 42-49.

Read by Jack Kensett-Smith

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: “The first man, Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

GRADUAL HYMM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

TIS 145

1. **The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.**

2. **Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

3. **Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

4. **In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

5. **Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

6. **And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Acclamation

*Mother Louise: Alleluia! **Alleluia!***

I go and prepare a place for you,
and I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also. **Alleluia!**

John 14.3

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

+ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Please be seated.

The Homily: *Fr Thomas*

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Fr Frederik: God of mercy, Lord of life,

you have made us in your image

to reflect your truth and light:

As we celebrate this Eucharist for Clive

we give you thanks for the gift of his life:

for his quiet and gentleness, his generosity to others,

for the grace and mercy he received from you,

for his faithful service to the Church through so many years,

for all that was good and loving and true in him,

and for the memories which shall be treasured for years to come.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for Clive's great love for Pam,
for the long and happy life they shared,
the family they were so proud of, and the joys they discovered.
May the memory of that joy lighten the darkness of present sorrow,
and encourage us to seek joy and love in all our undertakings.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are tender towards your children
and your mercy is over all your works.
We pray for Pam, Dimity and Adrian, Trent and Kelly,
For Charlie, Benjamin, Maddi, Jack, Mitchell, Nate,
and all whose sense of loss is so keen.
Teach us not to grieve as those without hope,
but to trust in your never-failing promise
that you work all things for life and light.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.
Remember your promise now for Clive
and for all those who have journeyed before us
along the road through death to life.
Bring all who rest through Christ
into the fullness of your kingdom
where life is restored anew,
and grief, sickness and sorrow are no more.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence, let us bring our own private prayers to the Lord.

Silence is kept.

Fr Frederik: Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may by your grace receive. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand.

Fr Thomas: Christ came and stood amongst his disciples, and said, 'Peace be with you'.

Then were the disciples glad when they knew their risen Lord.

The Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

Please share a greeting of peace with those around you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

TIS 585

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life, and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.

In him who rose from the dead
our hope of resurrection dawned.
The sting of death has been removed
by the glorious promise of his risen life.

And so we give you thanks that, although death comes to us all,
yet we may rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for, to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, and souls return to you,
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with saints and angels, with Clive,
the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban the Martyr,
the living, the departed, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God,
we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup.

and again giving you thanks

He gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Mother Louise: Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again!

Therefore, with thanksgiving for the gift of your Son
we here proclaim his passion and death,
and his resurrected victory over the grave.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit
unite us in the body of your Son
and bring us with Clive and all your faithful people
into the joys of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever, Amen!**

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 forever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant him rest.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant him rest.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant him rest eternal.**

THE COMMUNION

Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven:
those who eat of this bread, shall live for ever.
Amen, Lord, give us this bread always!

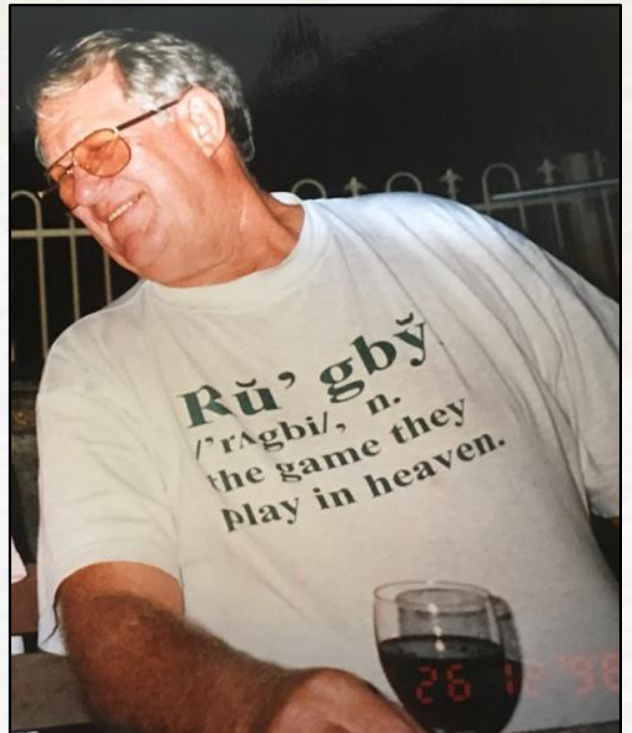
*Communion is administered at the Chancel Step.
All who wish to receive communion here today are most welcome:
the Lord's table is open to all.*

THE POST COMMUNION

Please stand.

Gracious God,
we thank you that in your great love you have fed us
with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet
prepared for Clive, and all your beloved children.
Grant that this sacrament may be to us
a comfort in affliction, and a seal of our trust
in Christ's victory over death.

**Strengthen this faith and hope within us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



1. The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your request;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank you that your Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day or night.
3. Across each continent and island
as dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our friends beneath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord! Your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands and grows forever
'till all your creatures own your sway.

THE PROCESSION

Please stand, as the clergy prepare to take Clive's ashes to the Memorial Garden.

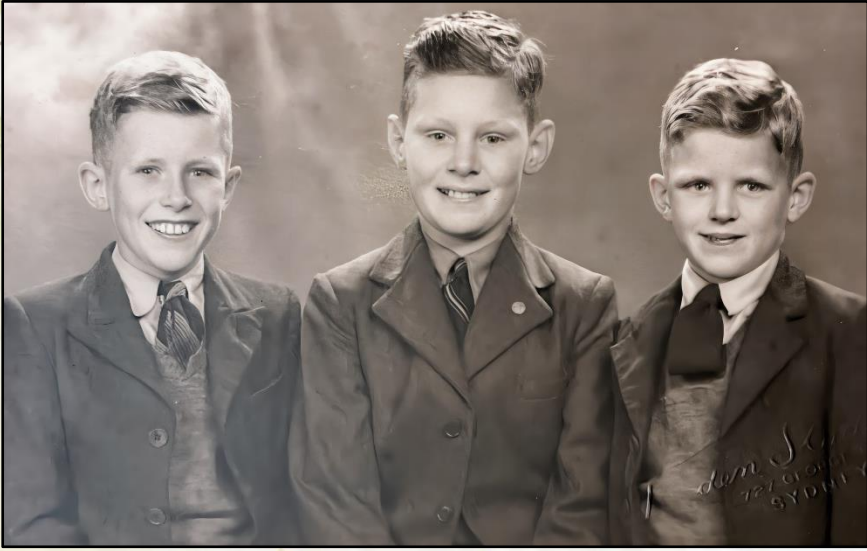
Let us proceed in peace.

+In the name of Christ. Amen.

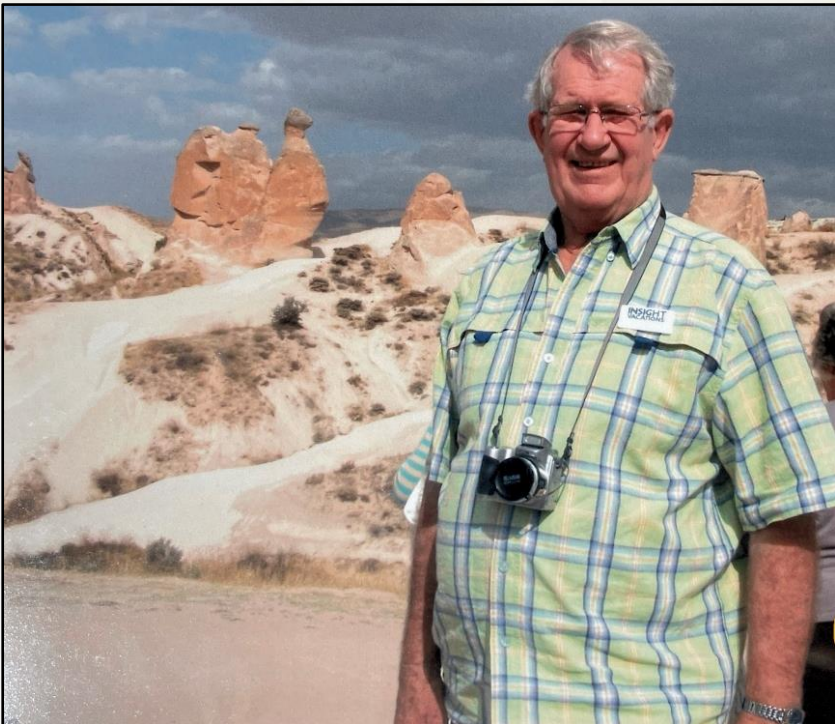
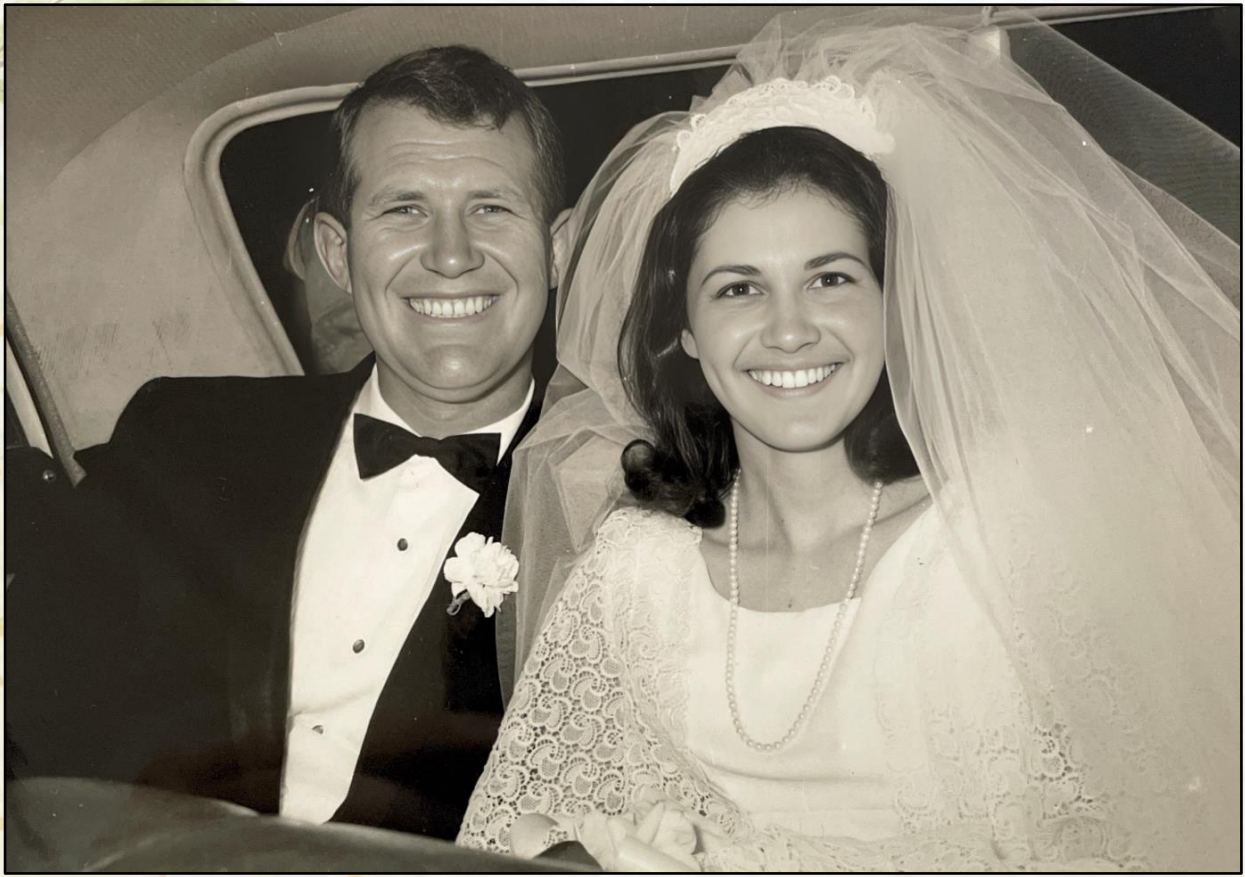
Please follow the family and clergy as they process to the Memorial Garden.

*Your life was a blessing,
and your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure....*









THE INTERMENT OF ASHES

The Sentence

Mother Louise: Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Romans 6.9–10

Fr Thomas: Though we are but dust and ashes,
God has prepared for those who love him a heavenly dwelling place.

At his funeral we commended Clive into the hands of almighty God.
As we prepare to commit his mortal remains to the earth,
we entrust ourselves and all who love God to his loving care.

**God our creator, giver of life and all that is good and true,
we thank you for the life of your servant, Clive.
Preserve among us the good of his example,
and keep us in the way of truth,
until we come to your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Interment.

God our Father,

in loving care your hand has created us,
and as the potter fashions the clay
you have formed us in your image.

Through the Holy Spirit
you have breathed into us the gift of life.

In the sharing of love you have enriched our knowledge
of you and of one another.

We claim your love today,
as we commit these remains
of Clive to their final resting place,
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

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

The ashes are reverently placed in the garden.

After the ashes have been covered with a layer of soil, Fr Thomas offers a final blessing.

Christ, the Resurrection and the Life of all who believe,
give you strength and hope to follow on the path to eternal life

and the blessing of God Almighty:

+ The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

Mother Louise; Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God, Amen.



Thank You



Clive's family thank you for your presence today
and for your offers of sympathy, love and
support during this difficult time.

Please join with them at the Ex-Servicemen's Sports Club
for some light refreshments following the service.



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