

In Loving Memory of
Keith W. Walter A.M.



5 January 1930 – 30 January 2018

Croydon Uniting Church

Friday February 9, 2018

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Welcome to:

Allison, Keith's wife of 64 years

Keith's sisters: Joyce and Ruth

Keith and Allison's children: Richard, David, Jenny,
Robyn and Andrew and their families

Keith's other relatives

and to all who knew Keith.

Purpose

We are here today to celebrate and to give thanks to God for the life of Keith Wesley Walter and to affirm the Christian conviction that while death is the end of human life, it marks a new relationship with God.

We are also here to share the sorrow of those who mourn, and to offer each other our love and support.

Prayer

Eternal God, our gracious Creator, your love for us is everlasting. You alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of morning life.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, come to us in our sorrow with the light and peace of your presence. Speak to us now through your holy word, that our faith may be strengthened and our hope sustained; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that God gave us his Son,
who yielded his life in atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God!
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! ...

Great things he has taught us, great things he has
done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! ...

A reading from John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said: "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Poems and reflections

*I shall pass through the world but once.
Any good thing, therefore, that I can do
or any kindness that I can show any human being,
let me do it now.*

*But let me not defer or neglect it:
For I shall not pass this way again.*

*Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, That, we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put
no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you. For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near. Just around the corner.
All is well.*

Henry Scott Holland

Eulogies by Keith's family

Early life – Ruth

Later life – prepared by Keith's children

Images of Keith's life

Tributes from Keith's Colleagues

Boroondara Council (Michael Kennedy)

Croydon Rotary (Kevin Francis)

Cricket Club (Mike Bullock)



Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou are with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Word of hope

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Commendation

(All stand)

Lord, you renew the face of the earth;
Receive Keith whom you have loved,
and grant him those things
that eye has not seen,
nor ear heard,
nor the human heart imagined;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour in life and death,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Committal

We have entrusted Keith to the hands of God.
We now commit his body to the elements,
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 for ever.

Amen.

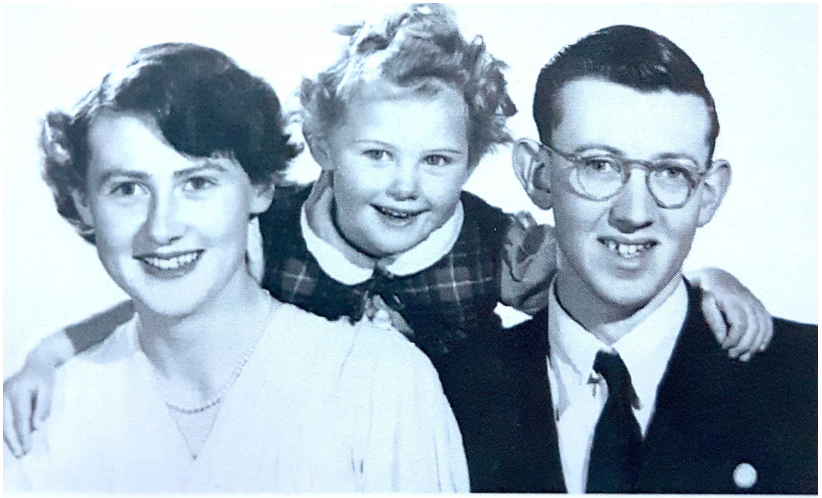
Benediction

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you,
Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid."

And the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

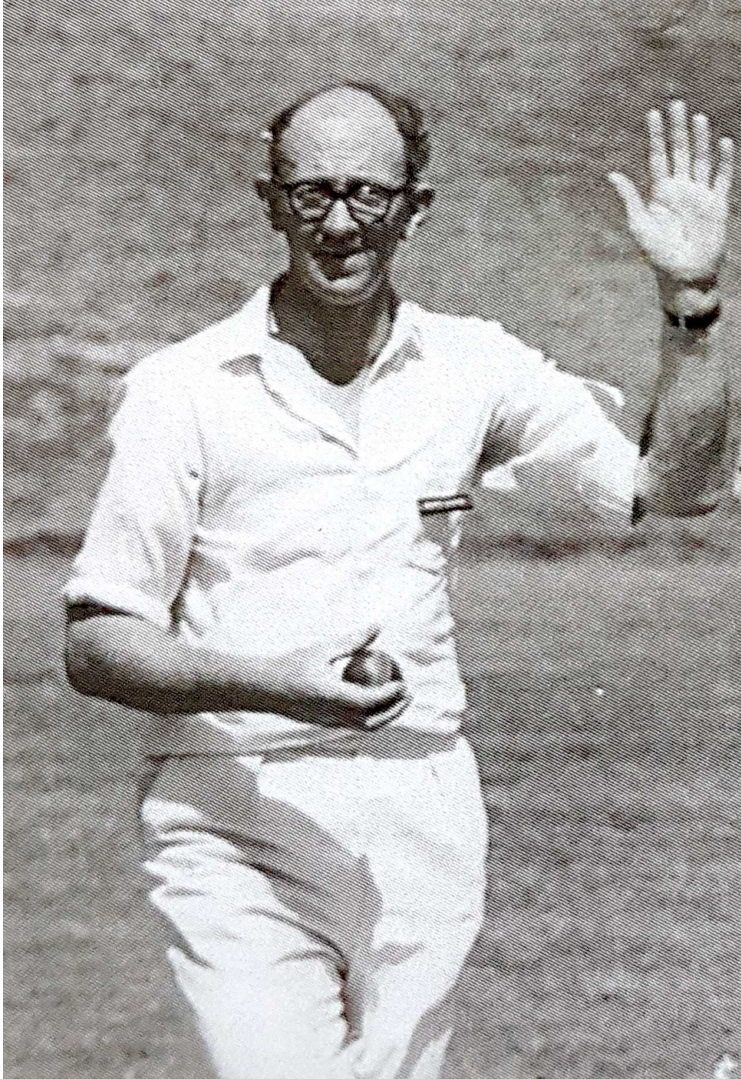
Extroit "Great is thy Faithfulness"



Keith's family thank you for being here.

**You are invited to refreshments in the hall
immediately after the service.**

Keith will be privately cremated.



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