

Celebrating the life of

Ian Cecil Austin



30th September 1940 - 26th July 2023

Service held at Watton Methodist Church

Wednesday 16th August 2023 - 1pm

Committal - Threxton Church yard

Service lead by Deacon Jen Woodfin

Introduction and Welcome

***Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
Thomas Obediah Chisholm***

*“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 forever 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!*

2

*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.*

3

*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!*

Reading John 14:1-4

“1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Memories of Ian's Life (Daniel Mather)

Reading Deuteronomy 11:13-15

13 So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— 14 then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. 15 I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

Address by Jen Woodfin

We Plough the fields and Scatter
Jane Montgomery Campbell

*We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.*

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.*

*You only are the Maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. [Refrain]*

*We thank you, then, Creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time, and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts. [Refrain]*

Blessing and Closing prayer

Appreciation

*The family would like to thank you all for your
kind support during this time of sadness.*

Refreshments will be served after the committal at:

Watton Methodist Church, 57 High St, Watton, Thetford IP25 6EJ

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