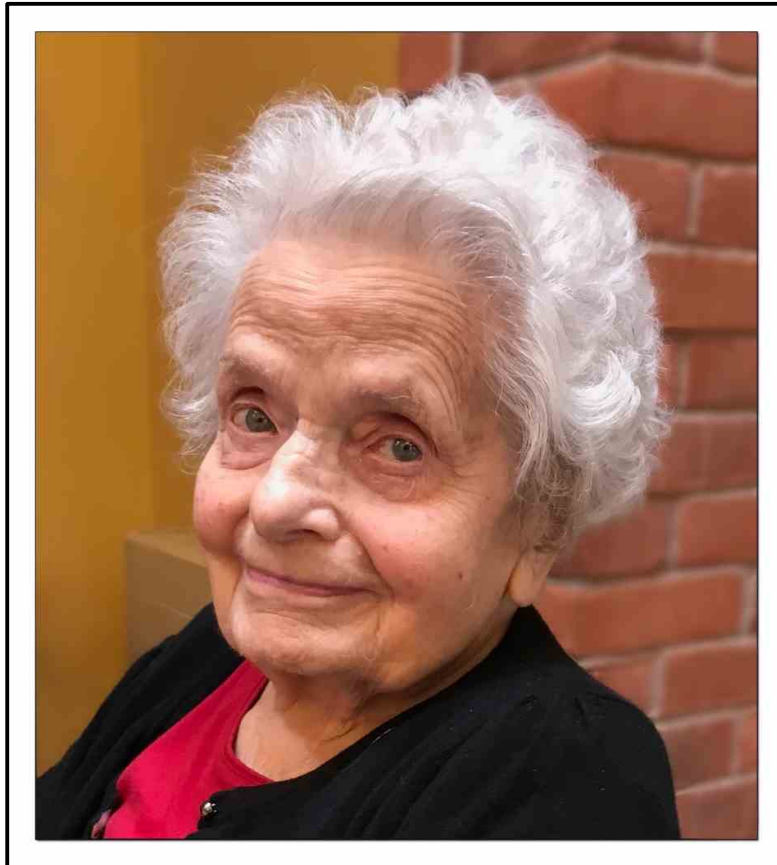


To Celebrate the Life of

*'Janet'*



*Janet Eva Bass*

25<sup>th</sup> July 1923 – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017



St Andrew's Church  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
12.00noon





*Order of Service*



*Air (from Water Music): G.F. Handel*

## **FUNERAL SENTENCES**

'I am the resurrection and the life', says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' *John 11.25,26*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.

*Lamentations 3.22,23*

## **WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER,**

*The Reverend Imogen Nay*

Almighty God,  
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice  
and love everything you have made.  
In your mercy turn the darkness of death  
into the dawn of new life,  
and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

## **CHOIR**

Lead me Lord: *S.S. Wesley*

## **OPENING HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father - No 621



# PSALM 121

A song of ascents

*Read by Karen, one of Janet's grand-daughters*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

## EULOGY

*Given by John, Jo's partner*

## READING

John 14:1-6, 27-29 - Jesus Comforts His Disciples

*Read by Gareth, Children and Families Minister and ex- Care worker  
at Bilton House*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.



## REFLECTION

*by The Reverend Pamela Gould,  
Janet's friend and Coventry Diocesan Chaplain to the Mothers' Union*

## HYMN

It is a thing most wonderful - No 145

## POEM

'Up-Hill'

*by Christina Rossetti,  
Read by Judith, – one of Janet's nieces*

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?

Yes, to the very end.

Will the day's journey take the whole long day?

From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?

A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.

May not the darkness hide it from my face?

You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?

Those who have gone before.

Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?

They will not keep you standing at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?

Of labour you shall find the sum.

Will there be beds for me and all who seek?

Yea, beds for all who come.



## INTERCESSIONS

*Led by: Sue Goddard, Lay Minister and friend of Janet  
and Richard, one of Janet's godsons*

God of mercy, Lord of life,  
you have made us in your image  
to reflect your truth and light:  
we give you thanks for Janet,  
for the grace and mercy she received from you,  
for all that was good in her life,  
for the memories we treasure today.

Lord, in your mercy  
All: hear our prayer.

You promised eternal life to those who believe.  
Remember for good this your servant Janet  
as we also remember her.  
Bring all who rest in Christ  
into the fullness of your kingdom  
where sins have been forgiven  
and death is no more.

Lord, in your mercy  
All: hear our prayer.

Your mighty power brings joy out of grief and life out of death.  
Look in mercy on all who mourn, in particular for Janet's family and friends.  
Give them patient faith in times of darkness.  
Strengthen them with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy  
All: hear our prayer.



You are tender towards your children  
and your mercy is over all your works.  
Heal the memories of hurt and failure and  
Give us the wisdom and grace to use aright;  
the time that is left to us here on earth,  
to turn to Christ and follow in his steps in the way;  
that leads to everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy  
All: hear our prayer.

God of mercy,  
entrusting into your hands all that you have made  
and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people,  
we make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that 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





## THE COMMENDATION & FAREWELL

Let us commend Janet to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Family and friends are invited to stand round the coffin and we all say:*

You shared your life with us: God give eternal life to you.

You gave your love to us: God give his deep love to you.

You gave your time to us: God give his eternity to you.

You gave your light to us: God give his everlasting light to you.

Go forth upon your journey from this world, to love, light and life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God our creator and redeemer,  
by your power Christ conquered death  
and entered into glory.

Confident of his victory  
and claiming his promises,  
we entrust Janet to your mercy  
in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who died and is alive  
and reigns with you,  
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

## HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness - No 650

*Offertory collection for Bilton House and St Andrew's Church*



## THE DISMISSAL

Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen

## CHOIR

'God be in my Head': *H. Walford Davies*

## FINAL BLESSING

*The Reverend Imogen Nay*

*I know that my redeemer liveth: G.F. Handel*

*Soprano – Christine O'Rourke*



With thanks to:

St Andrew's Church Choir

Director of Music: *Dr Richard Dunster-Sigtermans*

*The church service is followed by a Committal at Rainsbrook  
Crematorium (Avon Room), Ashlawn Road, Rugby, CV22 5ET at  
1pm. Close friends and family are welcome to attend this short  
committal service.*





*The family would like to thank everyone for attending the service today and for all your thoughts, prayers and support.*

*You are all warmly invited to The Arnold House (Rugby Masonic Centre), Church Walk, Elsee Road, Rugby CV21 3BA for refreshments from 12.45.*



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