



# In loving memory

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We fondly remember those who have left us for better things at this time of remembrance. As we recall those who have gone before us, if you need someone to speak to please email Rev Steve Carpenter in the first instance at [steve.carpenter@methodist.org.uk](mailto:steve.carpenter@methodist.org.uk) and he will give you a call back. Jesus offers us hope beyond the present through His glorious resurrection from the dead.

## **Vera Boulton**

In loving memory of Vera Boulton - devoted wife to Rodney, adored mother and beloved sister. You looked for the joy in life and helped everyone to do the same. With you our house was our home, our family complete. We miss you every moment of every day. Always in our hearts. Vera passed away Monday 16th March 2020 and her funeral service was held on 2nd April 2020.

## **Keith and Cynthia Broome**

Keith and Cynthia passed away within 12 days of each other (24 March & 6 April) and shared a joint service of thanksgiving at Landican on 24 April 2020, and now rest in peace for eternity with their son Andrew who passed away some time ago. Both Cynthia and Keith were well known and loved by their many friends at Heswall Methodist. Their daughters, Sian and Catherine were devastated by their loss, yet so thankful for the love their mum and dad shared with each other and with them.

## **Robert Cain**

Or Rob to his friends. Born and bred in Liverpool with a family of strong Liverpool Football supporters, having left school at 15 and working as an apprentice engineer for Wright Brothers, he spent the rest of his working life at Spillers. He was quickly promoted after gaining many qualifications to chief engineer, factory manager and then director. He met his first wife Joyce whilst at Wright's and married in his early twenties. Joyce sadly died in 1993 as Rob was preparing to retire. Two years later he met Joan and married in 1995, travelling the world. Family was always important to Rob and he is greatly missed. He had a strong Christian faith, and he was a dedicated member of Heswall Methodist Church. His last few years had been difficult for him and the family before going to be with his Lord on 16 July 2020, with his funeral at Blacon Crematorium on 29 July 2020.

### **Christopher Francis Gitsham**

Christopher grew up in Crosby where he and his wife Pat attended the local Methodist Church. He passed away on 8 December 2019. Pat very much wanted Christopher's Thanksgiving Service to be held in Heswall Methodist Church, but sadly because of Covid-19 his family and friends celebrated his life at his funeral on 19 December 2019.

### **Pauline Hull**

Pauline was a very experienced and talented musician, and the organist at Heswall for many years. Pauline had a great sense of humour and was a devoted wife to Derek with whom she travelled widely. A much loved mother and grandmother she is sadly missed by family and friends. She went to be with her Lord on 20 December 2019 and we said farewell on 16 January 2020.

### **Isabella Hamilton McLean**

She was very proud of her Scottish heritage, devoted to her husband Robert who along with her family- Neil, Denise, Alexis and Douglas will miss her dreadfully. She passed away on 27 April 2020 and her funeral was held on 29 May 2020.

### **Elsie Mary Nicolson**

"Our mam" was much loved by her two sons and the family including three grandchildren. She provided safety and security for those in her care. Born in Stanley, County Durham, she led a busy life as a police officer and headteacher. She was a committed Christian who prayed daily and served her Lord as Church Treasurer in a Methodist Church. At the funeral on 25 June she was fondly remembered and will continue to be so by family and friends.

### **Enid Rowlands**

Member of Heswall Methodist Church for some years went to glory on 2 January 2020. She was born in south Liverpool and worked as a secretary at a teacher's centre in the city. She used to frequently join the church holidays to various destinations and was a keen member of Mondays at 2. She is fondly remembered by family and friends, including the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We said our farewells on 27 January 2020 Landican and at church.

### **James Ian Rutter**

Known and loved by his many friends at Heswall, Ian was given the name James at birth and went to glory on 15 March 2020. Some of you will know how much Ian loved walking and on some of those walks he may have looked up to the hills. It seemed so appropriate to read Psalm 121 and listen to "Lark Ascending" at his Thanksgiving Service, on 26 March 2020. We hold Ian's widow Doreen and his wider family in our thoughts as they remember Ian with love and thanksgiving.

## **Bill Webb**

Bill Webb, a former long-standing member of Heswall Methodist Church, sadly passed away on 26 July 2020, aged 94 years of age. He was a telecommunications engineer by profession and worked for Plessey in Liverpool. Bill worshipped for many years initially at Thingwall and then at Heswall from the mid-1970s with his wife, Jean, until 2017, when they moved to be cared for in a residential home in Marple near one of their daughters. In the latter part of his life Bill slowly suffered from the effects of dementia. He died peacefully in the care home, where Jean also lived. They had been married for 63 years and for much of that time Heswall Methodist Church was an important part of their life. Bill had contributed to and served in many areas of church life. Whether it was giving lifts, helping as a communion steward, printing the newsletter or collecting for the Leprosy Mission, Bill carried out his duties with enthusiasm and commitment. His strong Christian faith had a significant impact on his own and others' lives.

## **Jean Webb**

Jean was born and grew up in Liverpool. After she left school she went to Ripon College to train as a teacher, and worked in Liverpool as an infant teacher. Then she met and married Bill through their shared faith and moved to live here on the Wirral. She taught in the 'Puddydale' school in Heswall, until she left to start a family. Jean was a very dedicated member of Heswall Methodist Church. Amongst many roles, she was a hard-working brownie leader. She helped lead 'Centre Group' and also other House Groups along with being a committed member of many rotas, such as the coffee team or the flower rota and would always willingly give her time to help others. She suffered a stroke in 2017 after which she and Bill struggled with life before moving to a care home in Marple. Jean attended Bill's funeral on 25 August 2020 in a wheel-chair accompanied by carers and surrounded by her family. Less than 3 weeks later she joined Bill in the glorious company of The Lord on 4 September 2020.