

Anglican Parish of Gisborne
St Paul's Gisborne

A Celebration of the Life of



John Edward Freeman

29 October, 1953 – 27 August, 2019

September 4th, 2019

2 pm

Fr Dennis Webster
officiating

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
the courage to change
the things that I can,
and the wisdom to know the
difference.

Gathering and Welcome

Music: Boz Scaggs, *We're All Alone*.

Opening Prayer

Loving God,
you alone are the source of life.
May your life-giving Spirit flow through us.
Grant us your compassion, one for another.
In our sorrow give us the calm of your peace.
Kindle our hope, and let our grief give way to joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 23

Performed by the late Sir Harry Secombe

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,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art 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 forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

*tune: Jessie Seymour Irvine
(1836 - 1887)*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians,
chapter 13.
read by Annalies Crowe

Homily

Fr Dennis Webster

Tributes

Dennis White

Aaron, Rowan and Oliver Freeman

Presentation

Music during Presentation

Phil Colins, *Two Hearts*;
Billy Joel, *Just The Way You Are*;
Carol King, *You've Got a Friend*.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who 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.

Prayer of Farewell

Holy and loving Father,
by your mighty power you gave us life,
and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.
We entrust John to your merciful keeping:
in the faith of Jesus Christ,
who died and rose again to save us,
and now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit
in glory for ever. Amen.

The Blessing and Recessional

Music: Acker Bilk, *My Way*

✠ Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

The cortège will move to the Riddells Creek Cemetery,
Royal Parade, Riddells Creek.

At the conclusion of the graveside service,
Kathy, together with Aaron, Rowan and Oliver,
and their families,
invite you to join them in continued celebration of John's life,
and to enjoy the gift of hospitality at
Seasons, Station Street, Riddells Creek.

Music at Riddells Creek Cemetery

Carpenters, (*They Long To Be*) *Close To You*;
followed by Melbourne Cup call.



In lieu of flowers, donations to Western Health in John's memory would be appreciated. Envelopes are available at the Church, or visit

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4695575>



Liturgy based on A Prayer Book for Australia which is published under the imprint of Broughton Books by EJ Dwyer Australia Pty Ltd, which is copyright © 1995 and used by permission.



To view the Visual Tribute, to share a memory or leave a message for John's family, please visit: tjscottandson.com.au and go to our eTributes page or type in the following link:
[//tjscott.etributes.com.au/etributes/john-freeman](https://tjscott.etributes.com.au/etributes/john-freeman)



*Take care, love ya,
John*