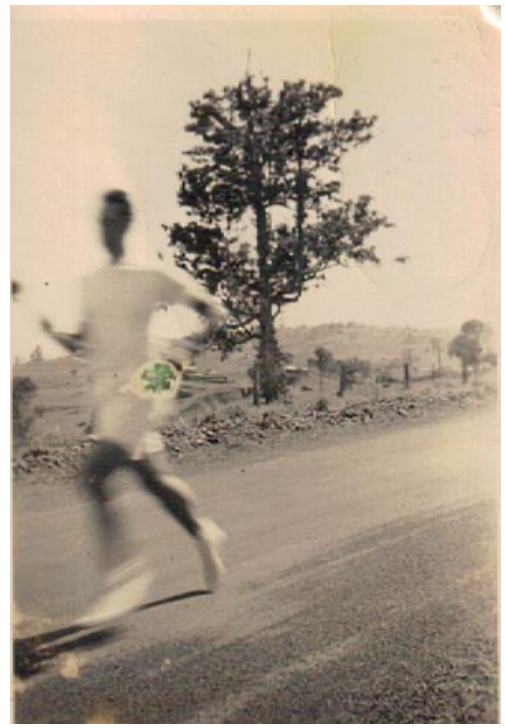


In loving memory of

Vivian Johnston

BURNHAM

17 OCTOBER 1929 - 1 NOVEMBER 2024



Order of Service

11am, 14 November 2024, St Andrew's Lismore
Officiated by Father Lyndon Sulzberger

A funeral reception with refreshments will be held in the church hall after the service, followed by a private family burial.

The Reception of the Body

We receive the body of our dear brother Vivian with confidence in God, the giver of life, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

Let us pray.

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death,
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

As we remember before you our brother Vivian,
so we ask your help for all who gather in his memory.

Grant us the assurance of your presence and grace,
by the Spirit you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Welcome by Father Lyndon Sulzberger

Hymn - Come As You Are

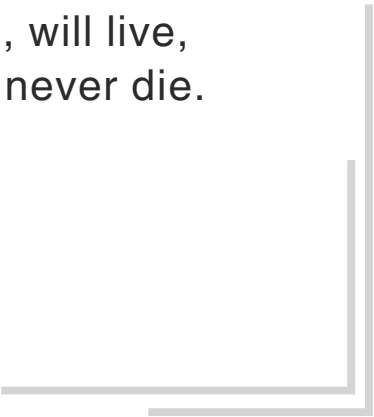
Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed as disheartened.

Rest in my love, trust me again.
I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.





Eulogy by Anthony Burnham

Followed by a video in memory of Viv's unforgettable life.

Song: Unforgettable by Natalie Cole & Nat King Cole.

The Collect for the Day

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith that Vivian and all who have died in the
love of Christ will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you, now and forever.

All: Amen

The First Reading

Matthew 11: 28-30: Read by Alexandria Burnham

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy
burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you.
Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to
bear, and the burden I give you is light.

Psalm 23: Read by Blake Burnham

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows; leads me beside
peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be
afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the
days of my life and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Hymn - Abide With Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts
flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow
dim, its glories pass away. Change and decay in all around I
see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour. What but thy grace
can foil the tempter's power? Who like thyself my guide and
strength can be? Through cloud and sunshine,
O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the
gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks
and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me.

The Second Reading

1 John 14: 1-3: Read by Emily Frisby

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.

Address by Father Lyndon Sulzberger

The Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving Prayer: Read by Sebastian Sherry

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life and has given to our brother Vivian his span of years and gifts of character.

God our Father, we thank you now for all his life, for every memory of love and joy, for every good deed done by him, and every sorrow shared with us.

We thank you for his life and for his death, we thank you for the rest in Christ he now enjoys, we thank you for giving him to us, we thank you for the glory we shall share together.

Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Mourning Prayer: Read by Nicholas Frisby

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the family of Vivian with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

*Readiness to Live in the Light of Eternity Prayer:
Read by Benjamin Sherry*

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer: Led by Luke Davies

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, forever and ever.

All: Amen



The Farewell

Let us entrust Vivian to the mercy of God.

All: Heavenly Father, by your mighty power you gave us life, and in your love you have given us new life in Christ Jesus.

We entrust Vivian 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 forever.

All: Amen

The Commendation

Vivian, go forth upon your journey from this world,
Christian soul, in the name of God the Father who created you;
in the name of God the Son who suffered for you;
in the name of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you.

In communion with the blessed saints and aided by angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, may your portion this day be in peace and your dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem.

All: Amen

Hymn - Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked,
come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

The Committal

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

In your keeping are all who have departed in Christ. We here commit the body of our dear brother Vivian to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who shall change our mortal body that it may be like his glorious body.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Rest eternal grant unto Vivian, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

All: Amen

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the love and mercy of God, rest in peace.

All: Amen

Pallbearers

Song: We'll Meet Again, Vera Lynn

Anthony Burnham Ryan Burnham
David Burnham Mark Davies
Trent Burnham Peter Sherry



Thank You

The Burnham family thank you for joining us today as we celebrate the unforgettable life of Viv.

We are grateful for your love and support at this time. Please join us for refreshments in the church hall following the service.



Bye for now...