

A member of our team would plan to call with you in the weeks following the funeral to provide ongoing support if necessary. Of course, at any time you may contact Rev McAuley directly, tel.9182 8361

---- *The Future* ----

*Help me Lord Jesus to put my trust in you,
to know the guidance of your Holy Spirit,
to hear your quiet voice of encouragement
saying, 'This is the Way.'*

*Lord, help me to cope with self-pity,
Give me wisdom to make right decisions,
Give me courage to discover and learn new ways.
Thank you Lord for your promise
of a good future. Amen*

*Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life"*



GREENWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At

this

time of

loss . . .

. . . we in the Pastoral Care Team would like to offer you, on behalf of Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church, our sincere condolences on the passing of your loved one. We commend you and the family circle to God and assure you of our prayers at this sad time.

At times like this, many feelings play on the emotions. With the pain of separation there may also be the relief that a time of waiting is over.

There may be bitterness; worry about the future. Sadly, there may be guilt at words said and things not done.

To you, in the loneliness of grief, come words of invitation and comfort.

----- An invitation -----

*Jesus Christ says,
"Come to me all you who are
weary and burdened
and I will give you rest."
Matt.11v28*

In Jesus Christ we have one who knows all about our sorrow. He not only wept by the graveside of his dear friend, Lazarus, but he himself tasted death for us, dying a cruel death on Calvary's cross. Yet, death could not hold him, for he arose victorious over death and so gives hope to all those who will trust in him.

*Jesus said,
"I am the resurrection and the life. Who ever believes
in me will live even though he dies, and whoever
lives and believes me in shall never die."*

We trust that in the midst of the loss you have suffered, you might seek the presence and help of Jesus Christ who is not only able to comfort you in your sorrows, but to give you hope both for now and forever. He alone is the giver of eternal life.

----- A Prayer -----

*Lord Jesus Christ,
from the loneliness of my grief
I reach out to you.
I come just as I am
with my fears and worries;
not putting a brave face on it
not pretending any more.
Lord - it's all like a dream, a nightmare,
and yet I know what's happened is real.
I'm confused and lonely
and a bit frightened.
Lord Jesus, to you I pour out all my grief,
my tears, my pain, my confusion.
Please bear with me
and give me your peace. Amen*