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A Memorial for Russell

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Russell Clareburt died on Sunday 14 April at 3 am. For the past twelve months or so he had courageously lived with the knowledge that he had an inoperable and growing cancerous tumour in his brain. The increased growth over the past four weeks and the onset of pneumonia twenty-four hours before his death resulted in a mercifully swift demise.

Russell had been associated with Auckland Community Church for some ten years or so, including a time of service as a member of the Board. His ready wit, his generous heart, his outrageous style, and his wonderful stories will be sorely missed. His life was an abundant extravagance, the memory of which will linger long with us.

Your prayers are asked for Russell's family, friends and carers. In particular we pray for John Bishop and Alastair Anderson who have nursed him so much during the past twelve months, and the staff of St Joseph's Hospice and Lynton Lodge, who provided him with necessary comfort over the last weeks of his short life.

On behalf of Russell's family, his sister Heather wishes to thank all those who have supported Russell in many ways over the past months. She prays that the Shalom of Christ will fill our hearts.

Rev Anne Moody writes:

"I will be thinking of you all tomorrow as you farewell Russell. I am sorry that I cannot be there. My memories of Russell go back to the Sisters house in Carlton Gore Road and Russell coming to the Tuesday evening Eucharist.

Sr Maureen left to go back to England today and was sorry, but relieved to hear that he is no longer suffering.

God bless and love to all Anne Moody"

Rev Theresa Angert-Quilter writes:

We were deeply saddened at the death of Russell, Bruce Paul and I were remembering him just last week at Morpeth. I send my sympathy to his dear friends and supporters in the community. Another saint to join, Sergius and Baccus, as joy in heaven mirrors our loss. He is united with Christ.