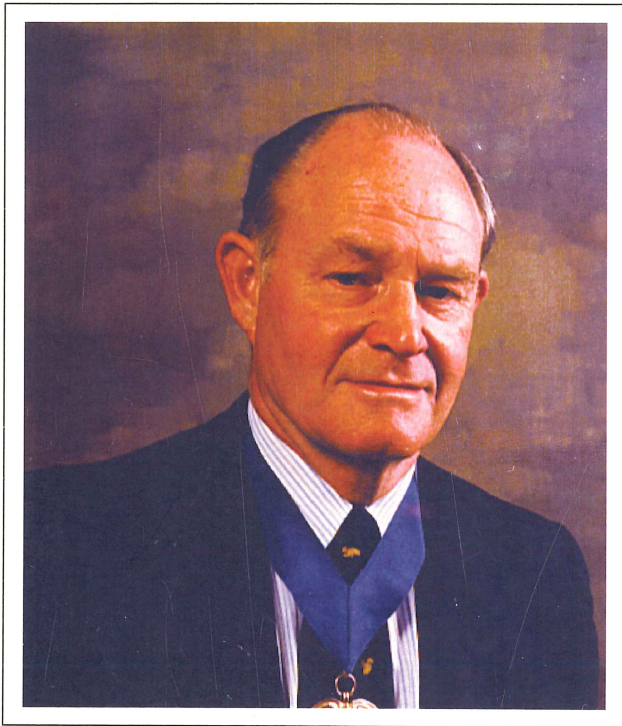


*A Service of Thanksgiving  
for the Life of*  
**Harry Reginald Summers**



**1925 – 2007**

The Blue Coat School Chapel,  
Wavertree.

*Monday 22nd October 2007  
at 10.15am*

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

### ***John 11:25***

## **Welcome**

We have come together to remember Harry,  
to celebrate his life, to commend him to his merciful Redeemer,  
to commit his body to God's keeping,  
and to console one another in the loss he is  
to all who love him in the hope that is ours  
through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore we welcome you into this Chapel,  
and pray that you may know the peace of Christ  
through communion with him and all his saints,  
living and departed.

## **Opening Prayer**

Eternal God and heavenly Father,  
you love us with an everlasting love,  
and you can turn the shadow of death into the morning;  
In the quiet of this moment speak to us of eternal things,  
that through patience and the comfort of your Word,  
we may have hope,  
and be lifted above our darkness and distress  
into the light and peace of your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation;  
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen How thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,  
If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen! Sound from his people again:  
Gladly, for ay we adore him.

Reflection

Mr. M.G. Tittershill

*The Headmaster, The Blue Coat School*

Reflection

Mr Brian Shorter

Reading

from Ecclesiastes 3

*To everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

*What gain have the workers from their toil?  
I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.  
yet he has made everything beautiful in his time*

## Address

## Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy  
Whose trust ever child like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts. Lord at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the  
lathe;  
Be there at our labours and give us we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the  
day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace;  
Be there at our homing and give us we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Prayers

Thank you, Lord, for Harry  
for all the memories we have of him  
for the many good qualities which make him  
such a loss to those who love him  
We thank you that he is safe in your keeping  
and we ask that in your perfect time,  
we may be reunited with him and all whom we love  
in Jesus name, **Amen.**

God of all consolation  
in your unending love and mercy for us,  
You turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.  
Show compassion on your people in their sorrow.  
We remember Harry's family and friends:  
be their refuge and strength  
to lift them from the darkness of grief  
to the light and peace of your presence.  
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ in dying for us,  
conquered death, and by rising again restored life  
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,  
and after our life on earth be reunited with those we love  
throughout eternity. **Amen.**

O Lord support us all the day long  
of this troublous life,  
until the shades 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 safe lodging, holy rest,  
and peace at the last,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

*As our Saviour taught us, so together we pray:*

**ALL**

**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.**

## Hymn

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you;  
Put His arms unfailing round you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Strike death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

## *The Commendation*

## *Please remain standing*

Go forth dear soul, from this world.  
In the name of God the almighty Father who created you,  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God who died for you,  
In the name of the Holy Spirit who was poured out on you,  
Go forth from this world

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection  
to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ  
we commend to Almighty God our brother Harry

The Lord bless him and keep him,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon him  
and be gracious unto him,  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon him  
and give him peace. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the love of God  
and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
bless and console you,  
and gently wipe every tear from your eyes.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father Son and Holy Spirit  
be with you and remain with you always, **Amen.**

## *The Service concludes at Springwood Crematorium*

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor  
anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.

***Romans 8:31***

## The Committal

We have entrusted Harry to God's merciful keeping,  
and now commit his body to the elements  
confident that he is with you in glory  
and that we will be reunited with him  
in your perfect time. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus Christ  
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.  
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,  
that we may live as those who believe  
in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
and the resurrection to eternal life;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

*Harry's family will be pleased if you can join them  
for refreshments at the Palmerston Tennis Club on Elm Hall Drive.*