



A service of reflection on the life of
ANDREW JAMES COOPER
1986 - 2025

Springwood Baptist Church
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INTRODUCTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Rev. Nathan Thackray
Senior Pastor
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WELCOME AND PRAYER

Rev. Alexandra Lilley
Vicar of St George's Tufnell Park, London -
Andrew's home church.

SONG: Come thou Fount; come thou King

verse 1

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness 'til you came and rescued me;
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

chorus (sing twice)

Come, thou Fount; come, thou King;
come, thou precious Prince of Peace!
Hear your bride, to you we sing,
come, thou fount of our blessing!

verse 3

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Chorus (sing twice)

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Original 'Come thou fount of every blessing'—Robert Robinson 1758

Thomas Miller (arrangement) John Wyeth (associated tune)

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BIBLE READING - read by Rosemary Andison

Psalm 23



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

REFLECTIONS

Overview of Andrew's life (*visual presentation*)

Andrew's early life - Ben Ricketts

Poem: 'AMPHORA' - Philip Wilcox

Andrew's academic life - Nathan Lyons

BIBLE READING - read by Peter Kaldor

Romans 8:31-32, 35-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;

 we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Andrew's London life - Alexandra Lilley

Poem: 'The Peace of Wild Things' (Wendell Berry) - Kellie Beatty

Andrew's family life - Melinda Cooper

SONG: My Song is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman 1624-1684

verse 7

Here might I stay and sing -
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.



BIBLE READING

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27 - read by Sharon Seach

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

PRAYER OF THANKS TO GOD - Steve Cooper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

SONG OF REFLECTION: *Meet Me in the Middle of the Air*

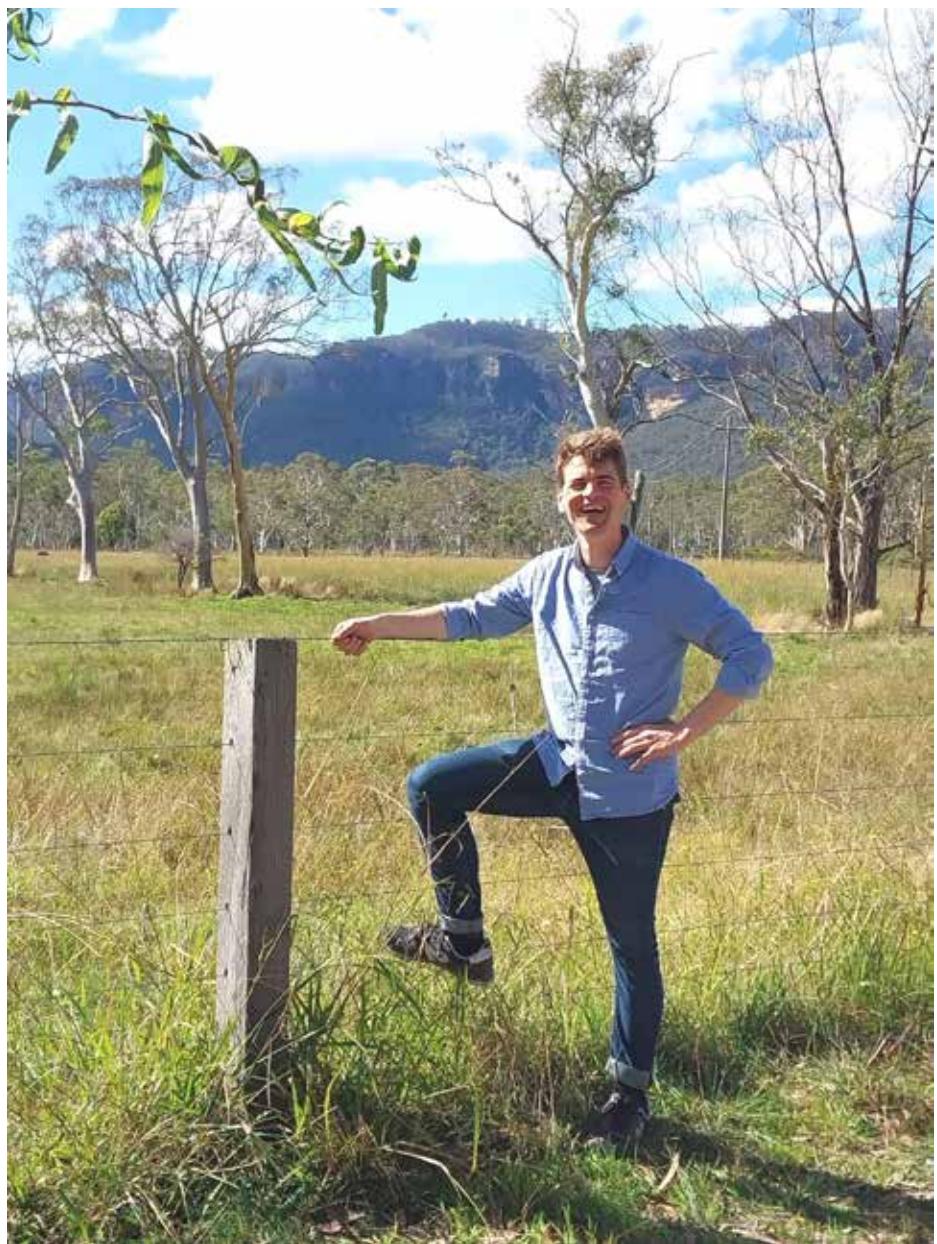
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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

BLESSING

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<https://memorials.foreverinourhearts.com.au/memorials/692644db5145b02fa9803137>



Service recording: https://youtube.com/live/_Wc4frDUnHk



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with family and friends.

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Lifeline - 13 11 14 (24 hour crisis support).

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or helping hand.