



*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

And He replied:

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand
in the Hand of God. That shall be to you
better than light and safer than a known way."*

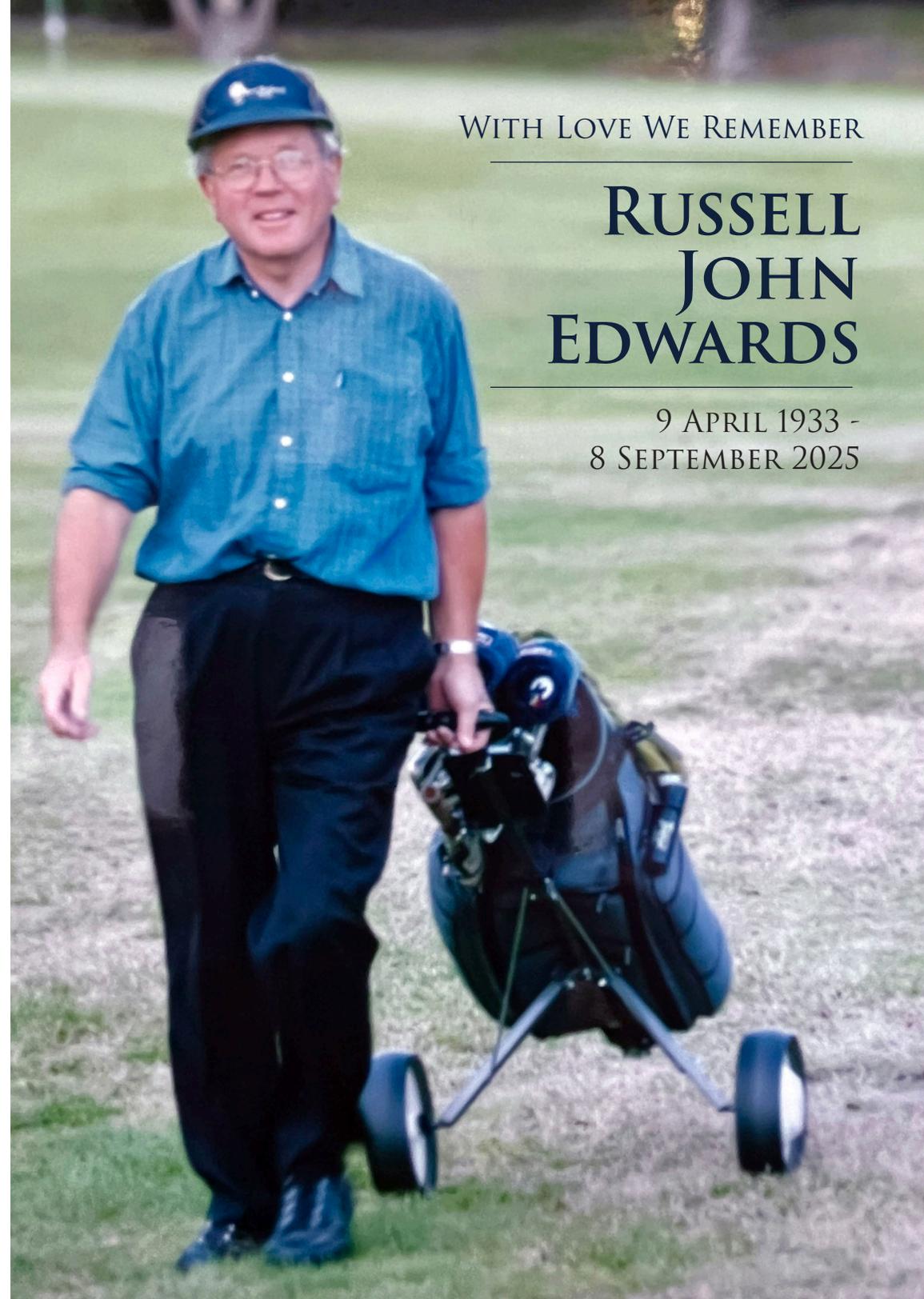
- Minnie Louise Haskins

An Invitation

Russell's family thank you for your presence today and for your kind words of comfort and support.

Following this service, you are warmly invited to join the family in the Church Lounge for fellowship and refreshments.

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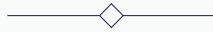
WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

RUSSELL JOHN EDWARDS

9 APRIL 1933 -
8 SEPTEMBER 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH, LOWER HUTT
WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10:30AM



Officiating: Reverend Father Sunil Nagothu & Reverend Father John Sang Le



Entrance Hymn
Gentle As Silence

Oh the Love of My Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see He has given to me
And his giving is gentle as silence

Every day, every hour, every moment
Has been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide
He is there at my side
And his touch is as gentle as silence

There've been times when I've strayed from his presence
And I've walked other paths, other ways

But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence (x2)

Opening Blessing

Family Tribute

Reading

2 Timothy 4 : 6 - 8

Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Gospel

John 14 : 1 - 6

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: Lord, Hear our Prayer

Communion Hymn

Here I Am Lord

A Life in Images

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Final Blessing

Recessional

Going Home - Andre Rieu

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

