



*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."*

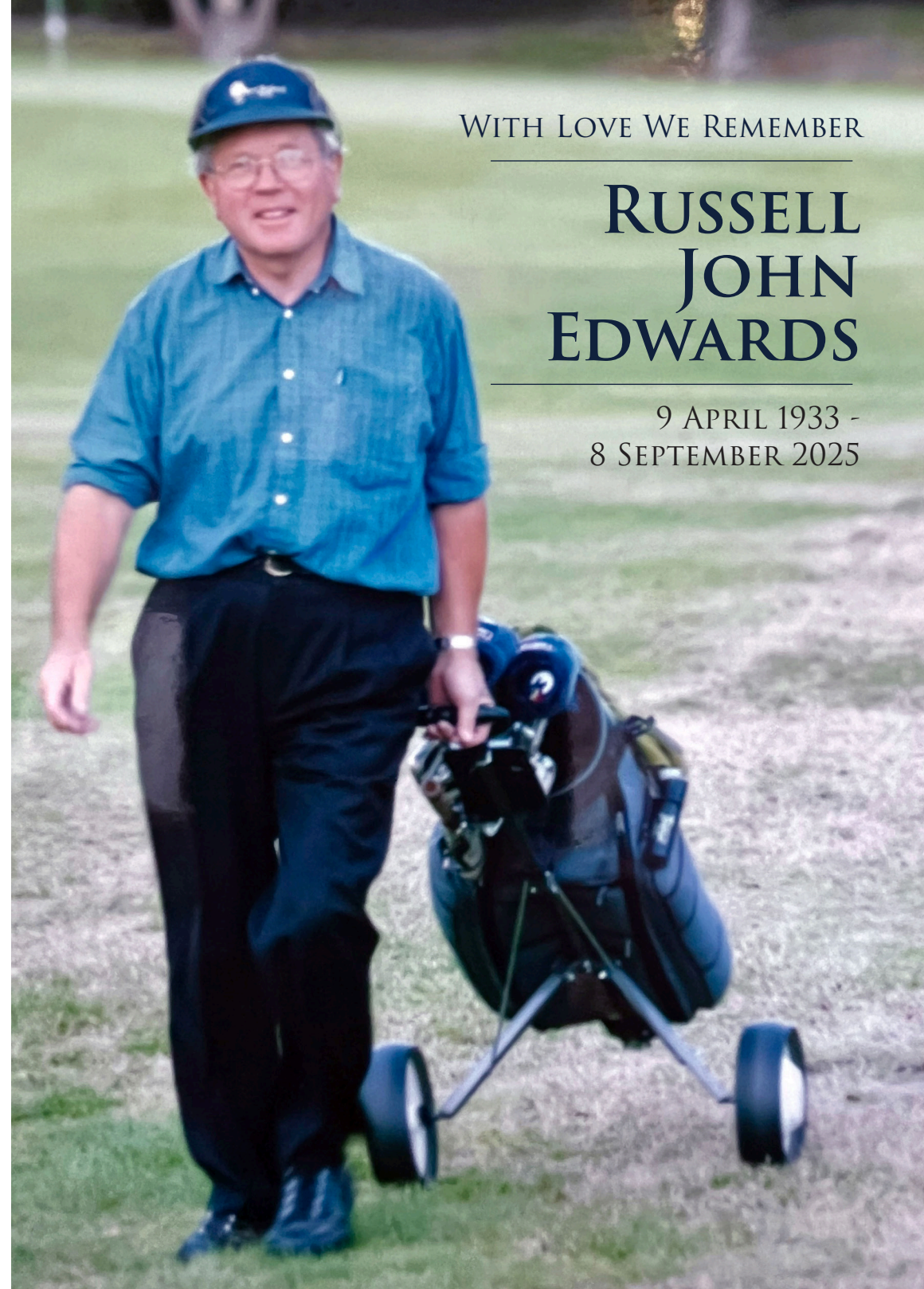
- Minnie Louise Haskins

#### **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 -  
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# 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**

