

*Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Elliot Malcolm Duthie
‘Malcolm’

4th April 1931 - 10th December 2024

St Barnabas' Church, Derby
Friday 24th January 2025 at 1.30 pm



Malcolm

On Easter Saturday, 4th April 1931, in Nottingham, Elliot Malcolm Duthie was born. He was the youngest son of William and Hilda Duthie, and a little brother for John.

When Malcolm was two years old, the family moved to the Hampstead Heath area of London and from here, at the age of eight, Malcolm started as a boarder at Swanbourne House School in Buckinghamshire. In 1944, he continued his education at The Nautical College, Pangbourne, where he excelled at shooting, fencing (being taught by the same coach who trained King George VI) and Gilbert and Sullivan operas!

At the end of his time at Pangbourne, Malcolm decided he had two paths to choose from: either continue into the Royal Navy, or study for a Law degree, with a view to becoming a barrister.

Malcolm officially joined the Royal Navy on the 1st January 1949, and the next 14 years saw him training at The Royal Naval Colleges in Dartmouth and Greenwich, and travelling the world whilst serving on various sized ships, including HMS Devonshire, HMS Kenya, HMS Vanguard, HMS Tyne and HMS Ceylon.

Whilst serving in Singapore in 1961, Malcolm's life was changed forever. He was invited to an Easter house party, run by the Officers' Christian Union, at Port Dickson. He gave his life to Christ on 3rd April, (Easter Monday) 1961, the day before his 30th birthday. Isaac Watts wrote in his hymn, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all", and Malcolm felt as though he couldn't give "his all" in the Royal Navy as much as he could if he were to be ordained.

Lieutenant Commander Duthie began his training for the ministry in October 1963, at Clifton Theological College, Bristol, and from there served his curacy in the parish of St Helens, Lancashire, having been ordained in Liverpool Cathedral on the 25th September 1967.

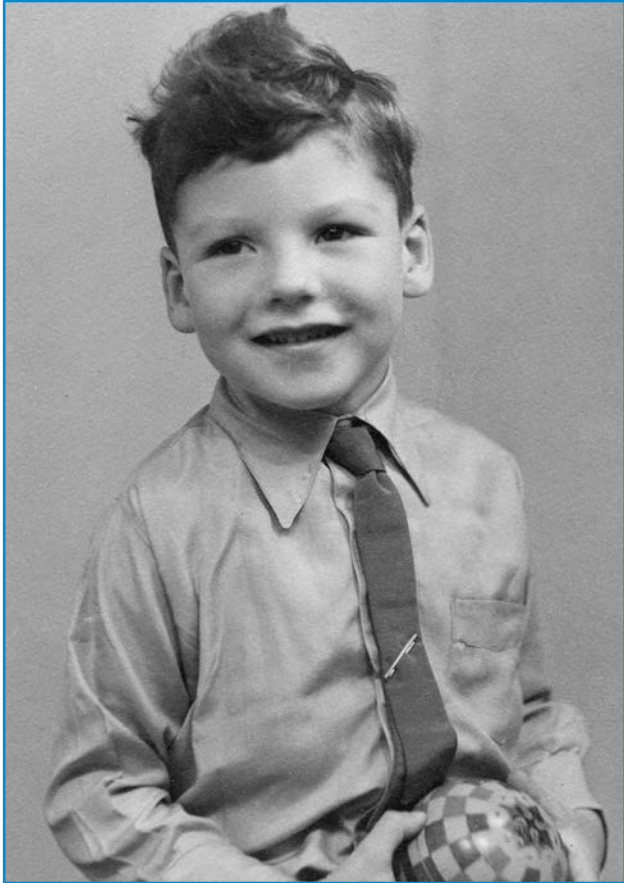


In 1969, Malcolm offered himself to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) to serve in an Anglican church in Malaysia. Whilst on the OMF candidates' course in Newington Green, London, Malcolm found himself becoming 'increasingly attracted' to another candidate, by the name of Sheila Jackson! Malcolm and Sheila became engaged at the end of the candidates' course, 9th January 1970, and were married on the 15th August 1970, at The Church of The Good Shepherd, Singapore.

Malcolm, with Sheila at his side, lead the church family of St Paul's, Penang, for the next four years. If it had been the Lord's plan they would have happily spent the rest of their days there! However, in 1974, when they were unable to renew their visas, they were first called to St Leonard's Church, Bootle (where Anne arrived in 1977) and then in 1981, to Holy Apostles Church, Cheltenham, from where Malcolm and Sheila officially retired in 1994.

Malcolm and Sheila enjoyed spending their retirement first in Gloucester, then Exeter, and finally Derbyshire, Malcolm particularly appreciating the many opportunities to continue the preaching and pastoral side of ministry, without all the other 'demands' of parish life. This he did until 2022, 56 years after his ordination.





Order of Service

Led by Reverend Derek Honour

Welcome

Opening Prayers
(Derek Honour)



Hymn

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Readings

(Andrew Battie)

Philippians 4: 4-9

My conversion

Isaiah 61: 1-3

My ministry

2 Timothy 4: 7-8

My hope

Revelation 7: 9-17

Where I will be when you are hearing this!



Hymn

In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found

Malcolm's Journey

(Anne Beard)

Hymn

I Stand Amazed In The Presence

Readings

(Liz Lunn)

1 Corinthians 15: 51-56

John 11: 17-26

1 John 5: 9-12

1 Peter 1: 3-9



Address
(Derek Honour)

Music
God So Loved The World
(J Stainer)

Prayers
(Derek Honour)



Hymn

Thine Be The Glory

Blessing

(Derek Honour)

Music while we remain seated

Hallelujah

(G F Handel)

'I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.'

(Psalm 23: 6b)





Extracts from messages to the family

“Always he has been God’s man ... so gentle, faithful, compassionate and dedicated ... He was also most skilled with words.

His letters were wonderfully crafted.”

“He was a wonderfully humble, kind, generous and godly man.”

“A lovely, gentle man.”

“Happy memories of his welcoming friendship.”

“I know how prayerful he was for me and my family. He was amazingly consistent in remembering me at birthdays and Christmas!”

“I am thankful to the Lord that he used your dad to bring me back to faith.”

“Your dad and mum loved and nurtured us in St Paul’s Church in Penang, and have impacted many of our lives for the Lord.”



“Together with his dearly loved Sheila, they were the first people to teach us/me the word of God, something so precious that I am ever grateful to God for them. All our youth fellowship members still cherish their memories.”

“Both he and your mum had the most welcoming smiles.”

“He was a lovely man and a great vicar for St Leonard’s and, along with your mum, made a great difference to many lives.”

“Both your parents were very special people in my life.”

“A very, very special man ... He, with Sheila at his side, sowed the seeds of positive change at Holy Apostles.”



“His directness was the stuff of legend!! We appreciated the prayer, the teaching and what I would call ‘the fellowship of the call to spread the gospel together’, which bound us into a loving church family.”

“Malcolm and Sheila were always a source of great encouragement, and I am so thankful for their faith and ministry.”

“They were such a wonderful couple that brought so much light and love.”

“I always think of your dad as we move into the Christmas season and hear carols... He encouraged me to really look at the words and meanings in many of them... Your dad and mum were such a lovely, caring couple.”

“He was the kind of ordained minister we still desperately need today...”

“Your parents will always be remembered, by all of us, for their kindness and support when we first moved to Fairisle Close.”



“His example of trusting Jesus, his wisdom, his knowledge of the Bible and his graciousness.”

“His quietly authoritative presence, his wisdom rooted in his faith, his clarity of purpose, thought and expression ... He was an engine of prayer! His positive influence on the Body of Christ incalculable – when you think how many of us he has blessed or taught or gently corrected!”

“A wise and calming presence in every situation.”

“He has been such a blessing to so many people. I have learned so much from his wisdom and experience.”

“Truly a great man, and one who honoured God!”

“It has been an absolute privilege to have known him.”







We would like to thank everyone for their prayers,
kind words and support.

All are warmly invited to stay for tea and cake after the service.

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