

## Prunus Autumnalis

This ornamental tree boasts rosy pink flowers that open from dark pink buds and fade slightly to a soft pink as they age. The semi-double blooms appear intermittently from November to March creating a long lasting, delightful, display in the chilly, grey winter months. The flowers are followed by small fruit.

**It could be said** that this tree, resembles **our** lives in some ways.  
**It grows**, and as the seasons pass it matures with age.  
**It flowers at times**, portraying **our** periods of happiness and joy.  
**Its blossoms die and fall**, illustrating **our** times of loss and sadness.  
**Its winter fruit**, a favourite with birds, typifying our love and care for others.

The choice of this particular type of tree as a memorial was made because its blossoms appear at this time of the year, coinciding with the anniversary of the Tsunami which hit Sri Lanka's shores ten years ago. It swept away many lives. David's father and sister among them. In its wake, the Tsunami left a trail of destruction and devastation beyond our wildest imaginings. David was the minister here at North Camp and at Aldershot at that sad time and while he continued to carry out his duties; supported by Jenet, Derrina and Deronee, we saw how deeply they grieved, a grief that they suffer to this day. The prayers and support for David and his family extended, not only from his Churches, but across the wider Circuit. This was a great comfort to them. Some of those who held the Jebb's in their prayers at that time are have come again today, to join in prayer. A mark of the love and affection in which they are held.

### **Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4**

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance.

## Welcome

**New Plaque**            The Reverend David Jebb receives from Debbie Walker the new plaque which is placed at the foot of the memorial tree.

**The Tree**             Prunus Autumnalis

**Hymn**                 Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Prayers

### One Minute Silence

**Reading**            Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

**Hymn**                Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more,  
My dwelling place shall be.

## The Close

The Reverend David Jebb will add his own words of thanks and remembrance and will close the Service with a Blessing and request all to share in The Grace.

### 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.

## Yellow Ribbons

As an act of personal remembrance, you may wish to take this opportunity to tie a yellow ribbon on to the tree.

Retire to the Welcome Area for light refreshments.

## Prayers and Remembrance Of Loved Ones Lost in the The Tsunami 26/12/2004

### Order of Service

