

KINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH ONLINE NOTICE BOARD - 5

Our dear friend and sister Mary Whittall

Many of us may already have heard that Mary died peacefully in her sleep at home last night. We assure her loving brother John and her friends and family of our prayerful support.

There is something so appropriate that our dear friend was called home on Maundy Thursday.

We knew Mary as a faithful disciple of Jesus, one who consistently exemplified a Christ-like spirit of love and kindness.

For many years Mary was part of our little group which visited Kington Court and the Garth; bringing with her her keyboard, to be able to share with the residents the good news of Jesus.

I personally have known Mary for over 40 yrs and always held her in the highest regard.

It is so fitting that she should leave us today, to be absent from us in the body but still to be present with us in the Lord.

Mary often put me in mind of the women who followed Jesus, especially in the days of his passion. For many years Mary joined us to share in our Maundy Thursday communion service, often accompanying our singing on the piano. Mary would also often lead the KCT Good Friday service at Kington Court; always her deep sincerity helped us to fix our minds on the Cross and its deep significance for us.

Mary has now known for herself that glorious transformation of being gently led into the presence of the risen Lord Jesus, who loved her and gave himself for her, and who she, in turn, loved and trusted – *forever with the Lord!*

We shall miss her deeply – her glowing smile, her gentle voice and her always cheerful presence.

Richard