Jane
Coates

Jane Margaret Coates

15 July 1950 - 28 April 2025




We remember and honour a loving
wife, mother, grandmother
and a faithful friend and helper to many
at home and around the world

Service of Thanksgiving for Jane Coates

Thursday 22nd May 2025
Moortown Baptist Church,
204 King Lane, Leeds, LS17 6AA

10.45 Video tribute

11.00 Cortège arrives
The Fathers Song

Welcome & Introduction & Prayer
Shelley Dring

Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Music led by Andy Berry (Moortown Baptist Church)

Bible Reading - the Way, the Truth and the Life
John 14 v 1-7

Jane - a lifetime of adventures
Laura Izzard & Phil Coates

Appreciation - close friends, and life
Wally Bamford (mentor and close friend, Leeds)
Carol Pike (close friend, Cambridge)
Helen Eagles(California)

Prayer
John Coates

Song
The Lord's My Shepherd

Bible Reading - the Great Exchange

Isaiah 61 v 1-3

Appreciation - people who Jane impacted

Dr Sharon Walsh (Dr Esther Shirin)
Ann Holt (Moortown Baptist Church)
Michelle Oliver (Moortown Baptist Church)

Bible Reading - the forward look of faith

1 Peter 1 v 3-9

Appreciation - pastoral and international

Roger Robson (Moortown Baptist Church/ Baptist Missionary Society)
Academician Professor Qi Wang (Sichuan University, video)
Academician Professor Liqun Zhang (Xian Jiaotong University, video)

Songs

Yet not I but through Christ in me
My Jesus, my Saviour

Prayer and Reflection

Shelley Dring

Appreciation - family

John Coates
Sam Joyce
Phil Coates

silk banner designed and made by Jane, with work by young people



Bible Reading - faith under pressure
James 1 v 2-4

Song
Goodness of God

Address
Commendation
Blessing
Shelley Dring

Song
Amazing Grace

12.30 Cortège exits
Reflect - Sam Joyce & Metruth
When I survey the wondrous cross

Video tribute

1.00 Lunch together, and time to meet each other

3.15 Cortege leaves for Rawdon Crematorium

4.00 Cremation service at Rawdon

The dragonfly symbolises this transformation



Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus:
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone …

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Songwriters: Keith Gordon Green / Melody Green
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Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
“Yet not I, but through Christ in me”.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
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“Yet not I, but through Christ in me”
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Songwriters: Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Jonny Robinson

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me lyrics © Farren Love And War Publishing, Integrity’s Alleluia! Music, Cityalight Music

My Jesus, My Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Songwriters: Daniel Jacobi / P. Eltermann / Darlene Joyce Zschech

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful,
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Brian Johnson / Edward Martin Cash / Jason Ingram / Jenn Johnson; lyrics © Bethel Music Publishing, Capitol CMG Publishing, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Amazing Grace

How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh And heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, Within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton, 1779

Bible Readings

John 14 v 1-7 the Way, the Truth and the Life

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him! *NLT*

Isaiah 61 v 1-3 - The great exchange

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
because the LORD hath anointed me
to preach good tidings unto the meek;
to bind up the broken hearted,
liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
comfort for all that mourn;
beauty for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
they will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour. *21CKJV*

1 Peter 1 v 3-9 - the forward look of faith

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a

priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So, when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honour on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. *NLT*

James 1 v 2-4 - Faith Under Pressure

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.
The Message

Some more key scriptures:

these reflect the gracious heart of God, love - expressed in service - transcends power. Jane sought to follow Jesus in this way.

Mark 10 v 42-45

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". *EHV*

Matthew 11v 28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble* in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. *NIV*

* humble, or lowly - the Greek indicates 'the lowest in the room'. A clear message from the Creator of the universe, that humilty is higher than power: the 'upside down' God, as also reflected in the Isaiah 61 passage, which Jesus used when he first spoke in public in the synagogue.

Jane particularly loved the Message version:
Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. *Learn the unforced rhythms of grace*. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

Galatians 5 v 22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. *NIV*

Lectio 365 Prayer loved by Jane and Phil

Father, help me to live this day to the full, being true to you in every way.
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

Jane - a lifetime of adventures

Jane Coates was married to Phil for almost fifty-four years and they have four adult children and seven grandchildren. They have always lived in Leeds which is their hometown also.

Jane was born at home in Beeston, Leeds and had a happy childhood. She had one older brother and attended Cross Flatts Primary School, then Thoresby Girls High School in central Leeds. A significant feature of her late teens was her group of friends at school; they formed a key part of a youth group at Hunslet Baptist Church.

Jane obtained a degree in Psychology (with Theology) in 1971 and 3 postgraduate qualifications. She was a qualified and experienced Social Worker (CQSW) with an additional qualification in Psychiatric Social Work (Cert PSW) She worked as a Child Protection Worker for the NSPCC, the Family Therapy Team at St. James's University Hospital, Leeds and as a generic Social Worker also in Leeds.

It was difficult to continue a career in social work with four young children in the family and so Jane completed a P.G.C.E. Primary in 1990 and was a primary school teacher in Leeds for the next 27 years, teaching in several 'central' Leeds Primary schools. Most of Jane's teaching was with challenging children, many of whom had behavioural, social, family, and emotional difficulties, in addition to learning difficulties, and many with English as an additional language (EAL). She had Leadership and Senior Management responsibilities at her last school, a challenging inner-city school, for six and a half years. After leaving full time paid employment, Jane volunteered at a local school, Meanwood Cof E Primary, for a further 5 years which was a joy. This was a teaching post with all the enjoyment of teaching and supporting

small children but without the extra pressures of assessment, planning, and the many other additional burdens that seem to surround today's teachers.

Jane gained CELTA and TEFL qualifications which enabled her to teach English to adults whose first language is not English. Jane went on to teach in Bangladesh, and Kolkotta, India, on short volunteer projects with BMS World Mission. Jane spent three months working in Luanda, Angola, West Africa also with BMS World Mission, supporting and developing pre-school education projects. Jane taught with Amity, a Chinese Christian Organisation in China, on their intensive Summer English Courses, for eleven consecutive summers, supporting groups of Chinese Teachers of English with their English language and teaching skills. These 3- and 4-week Amity programmes were always based in rural and remote areas of China where the support of native English speakers with a qualified teacher and an excellent volunteer team was greatly valued. Jane has led teams of volunteer teachers to several Provinces in China-Sichuan, Hebei, Jiangsu, Anhui, Gansu, Inner Mongolia, and Guanxi Autonomous Region.

After retiring from teaching, Jane did not retire but became the Pastoral Care Coordinator, a volunteer role, at her local church, Moortown Baptist Church, where she has been a member for the past 45 years, leading a team of Pastoral Care Workers.

Jane was a wife, a mother of four, a grandmother of seven, a homemaker, a volunteer abroad, and fulfilled lots of other essential roles, not least continuing parenting for our grandson Sam Joyce, after both his father Richard and mother (our daughter) Charlotte died in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Jane's encounter with Jesus began when she was a teenager. She became a Christian age 16 going forward at a Billy Graham crusade streamed to Leeds in 1966, and was baptised at Hunslet Baptist Church in 1967. Phil came to this church in early 1967 and they began 'courting' in December 1967. They became engaged and got married on 3 July 1971, just after Jane finished her degree final exams. Jane was 21 on honeymoon. Their first home was in Rothwell, Leeds. Both Jane and Phil were much involved in sharing the love of Jesus with all ages, and formed a duo singing at a range of events around the country - even singing for a beach mission on their honeymoon in Llandudno! They were heavily involved in Hunslet, running together - a key word -

open air children's meetings, Bible clubs, Jane teaching Sunday School.

Their first two children, Emma and Charlotte were born in 1975 and 1977. Around 1980 they moved across the city for schools for the children, and began attending Moortown Baptist Church. Again, Jane was much involved in mother and children groups, Sunday School teaching and linking people. She co-lead a housegroup, which nurtured many people central to our church and the wider world mission. After a difficult time due to miscarriages, Laura was born (1984) then John (1986).

Jane's pastoral skills have been much used in coordinating pastoral care in the church in more recent years, and she both led and undertook much care of any who had needs. This was particularly challenging through the pandemic years and in associated difficult times for the church, but Jane held fast, with great grace, committed to what God had called her to. She began a ministry initially to encourage our pastoral team, with a Monday Thoughts and Prayers delivered to the team every Monday from April 2020. Jane sought the heart of God for these encouraging writings, often with a theme occuring to her during the night. Many were directly linked to real life experiences, particularly in our family or community. Her first book, 'Encounters and Journeys' covers the period from April 2020 to March 2023. This book, given away to anyone but initially asking for support for Wheatfields Hospice (where Charlotte was a palliative care nurse), has helped many people all around the world. It has been called a 'spiritual hug'! The sequel book was just finished before Jane died - indeed on the day she died, Monday 28 April, she had Phil send out her last item (on caring for teenagers with cancer). This completes the book, which is currently in production, and poignantly includes a chapter of some 15 posts on the cancer journey.

Jane was diagnosed with a rare breast cancer in April/May 2024. She had aggressive chemotherapy, causing many debilitating side effects. She had successful surgery in November 2024 - scans following that (and a course of radiotherapy) all showed clear in the period up to April 2025, when it became clear that the tumour had spread. In mid-April the prognosis was for several months, but in later April Jane's health declined very rapidly from 26 April, and she died in St James's Hospital late on Monday 28 April. She had told us that she knew where she was going, and was not afraid of death.

Jane wrote in the 'about the author' section in her first book : "God's faithfulness, grace and love has been with her, her husband, and their family throughout these many years. The journey has not always been easy and there have been challenges, and unexpected twists and turns in the road.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.
Proverbs 3 v 5-6 TLT
You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest.
Every moment you know where I am. You both precede and follow me.
Psalm 139 v 3 and 5 TLB. "

A note from Phil:
This is not the end! I can't express how precious Jane is to me (to us), how much I love her and how greatly I respect her, and I will do all in my power to honour her. She is at rest now after a very difficult year, but a year where she continued to be as focussed as ever on family and others in our church and community. I could not stop her – and would not want to, it was her life. Jane continued every day to follow Jesus, her Lord, and to give herself away to others, being kind to all she met often despite her own pain. I am humbled by such devotion, which I hope encourages all of us to do the same. Her journey here is finished – but the impact of her life will most certainly continue, and grow. We are on a mission to honour Jane! One way you can join us is to do what Jane did, showing the observable love of Jesus.

Jane referred to the difficulties of the past year as her own 'journey' which we know was in God's hands, and she was so aware of and thankful for the love and prayers of so many. It also made us so much more empathetic to the journeys for so many who are suffering from cancer.

I am so thankful to God for almost 54 years of happy marriage (yet with many challenges – we know that life is not simple) to this remarkable, special, totally dedicated, ultra-organised and most precious person, doing the many things we felt God called us to (which will continue) at home and worldwide, and having many special times together and with family. We were utterly *together* in our hearts and minds - even though both of us have travelled separately to many parts of the world.

As I look over pictures and think about the impact of Jane's life, I realise that I have fallen in love with her all over again! Also, even though we were extremely committed evangelical Christians at the start of our walk with Jesus, the last several years have seen us find a simpler and deeper faith in him, sharing his love in what we do.

Jane (& I) loved, amongst many scriptures, the description Jesus gives us of his heart, a heart of complete humility despite being the Lord of all - 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (see Matthew 11: 28-30 above).



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a lifetime of adventures

JANE COATES
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A lifetime of Adventures, made by Lucy and Laura



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Chen Jing

Jane's Chinese name, given to her on one of her visits
= "calm, still, quiet"
- a very apt description!







Jane with her first book, Encounters and Journeys















together





with the grandchildren





hospitality!



that smile...


the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness
and self-control
Jane & Charlotte