Archdeacon Brian William Richardson

1926 – June 14, 2022

Archdeacon Brian Richardson was born in 1926 and attended Queens College until 1943 when he enlisted in the Navy. Brian served on HMAS Quiberon, the ship, which was part of the Pacific Fleet which took part in the mopping up stages of the end of the war after the Hiroshima bombing, and as part of the occupation forces.

Upon returning to Adelaide Brian became a parishioner at Holy Trinity Adelaide, and this ultimately led to full time theological study, ordination, and a life of ministry.

He attended Moore College in Sydney and then became curate at St Matthew's Manly, by the age of 29 he was in charge of the Parish of Pittwater with the churches of Mona Vale, Newport, Avalon and Palm Beach.

From Pittwater, the move was made to Penola and then to the Parish of St Paul's Carlingford, a little stone church in the Dundas Valley. In 1966 he returned with his family to St Matthew's Manly and enjoyed eleven happy years before moving to the Ministry at St James Turramurra and Christ Church, Lavender Bay followed. He was then appointed Archdeacon of North Sydney.

Brian's funeral book, where his favourite hymns and readings were recorded, showed a lot of changes, where over the years one hymn was replaced with another but not so the words that he wanted printed on the front of the order of service.

They were penned in his distinctive hand and remained unchanged – "A service of thanksgiving to the Lord for his grace and loving mercy in the life of Brian William Richardson".