

Obituary: Reverend Wallace Falcon Marriott 1929-2014

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. (Hebrews 11.1)



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Wal was converted in 1946 under the ministry of Carl Tanner at St. James, Lower Riccarton, where he attended Bible Class & taught Sunday School. Two years later he became a Stipendiary Lay Reader in Nelson parishes before going to Moore College. After ordination in 1954 he ministered in Nelson Diocese; while he was Vicar of Reefton in 1958 a number of people were converted.

Wal went with his wife Rose and son John to Malaysia and Singapore in 1958, but returned to New Zealand in 1963 with John who had symptoms of brain cancer from which he died after a year. During this time Wal assisted in Spreydon/Hoon Hay parish. In 1967 they returned to Singapore where he led an English congregation until 1971, when he became Vicar of St Matthews, Dunedin with a vibrant student ministry, from which clergy and missionaries came.

From 1980-85 Wal was Warden of Latimer House in Christchurch. The Latimer Journal of December 1979 introduced him:

During his ministry Wal served under nine bishops and for 22 years of his ministry was under someone else, working their programme. If curates want an ear to talk to or a shoulder to cry on, he has long experience in this field. His involvement with the Charismatic Movement goes back to 1950. Since then he has been reading and seeking to deepen his understanding of the faith.

Wal was Vicar of Hoon Hay from 1985-93. In retirement he assisted in parishes such as Methven, Riccarton and Redwood, where a Service of Thanksgiving was held for his life and ministry. Here Rose made special mention of a life lived whole-heartedly for God, much as was written about Caleb in Numbers 13.