

Edith Turner

OBITUARY FOR EDITH TURNER, 1923 - 2014

Many of you will remember Edith Turner with great affection. Edith was a Lay Reader within our Benefice for many years. Her faith and devotion shone out as did her love of God and the Church. We thank God for all Edith did for, and in, our Benefice and for the way she touched our lives.

Edith was born in Shropshire and moved to York when her beloved Joe, a York lad, came out of the army after the war. She was always involved in her local church, first at St Lawrence's Fishergate and then St Oswald's in Fulford. She was a stalwart of both Young Wives and Mothers' Union in those parishes.

Edith and Joe moved to Escrick in 1967 and thoroughly enjoyed their life in The Glade. Edith joined the congregation at St Helen's and her commitment to the church was shown by her training to become a Reader. She also started the 'Sharing Our Faith' group which still meets in the homes of local people where friends can share their experiences of their Christian faith. Edith became a school governor and also volunteered every week to hear the children read.

Edith was devoted to her family, her two daughters, their husbands and her grandchildren. And she was especially happy to welcome her two great-grandchildren to the family.

Having left school at 14 with no qualifications she enrolled as an adult in a City & Guilds home economics course. With this qualification she got a job at Naburn Psychiatric Hospital in the occupational therapy department, helping patients to cook meals and bake.

After Joe died, Edith continued to be very active in the church, at school and with her family. Despite a stroke in 2006 she coped with great fortitude and maintained her independence at home. As she became more disabled she went to live at Somerset Nursing Home in Wheldrake but was only there for five months before another stroke took her in February 2014.

Edith will be remembered for her devotion to Joe and the family and her strong faith - may she rest in peace.