



Celebrating the life and legacy of John Stott

Although we grieve the loss of John Stott along with the Christian community around the world, we also rejoice knowing he is with His Lord - his earthly pilgrimage ended. What a privilege to receive this news in the context of training majority world pastors here in the Solomon Islands to be faithful, clear and relevant preachers of God's word. I honestly believe this work of Langham Partnership will be his most lasting legacy and clearest reflection of his heart.

Below you will find a moving letter from Chris Wright (International Director Langham Partnership) and Frances Whitehead (John's faithful assistant since 1956).

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Dear friend,

We are sure that you would wish to be among the first to know that today at 3.15pm (UK time), John Stott went to be with the Lord. Close family and friends were with him during the morning, and they listened together with him to selections from Handel's *Messiah*, including "I know that my Redeemer liveth", and read through 2 Timothy. He died very peacefully during the afternoon. He had become very weak and weary in recent months and we thank God for a merciful and peaceful ending to his earthly pilgrimage.

John Stott reached the great age of 90 in April this year. During his lifetime, he became known worldwide for the clarity, faithfulness and relevance of his writing and preaching, combined with extraordinary integrity and humility. A man of remarkable global vision and strategic insight, he was instrumental in the establishment of many thriving Christian agencies. Countless people around the world can testify to the personal encouragement they have received from 'Uncle John'. His ministry took him to every corner of the globe, whilst all the time remaining pastor and eventually Rector Emeritus of just one church – All Souls, Langham Place, London.

As the Founder and Honorary President of the Langham Partnership International, he will be remembered as a tireless advocate and friend of the churches in the majority world, demonstrating his concern for their well-being through the provision of literature, the support of younger leaders, faculty development of evangelical seminaries, and the training of pastors and preachers.

In honour of his memory, a memorial web site has been set up in thankful recognition of all that John Stott did to serve the church and to further the cause of God's Kingdom. The site contains many biographical details of John Stott's life, ministry and writing, photographs, a remembrance book, and ways in which you can respond to the event. This website will also publish, in due course, details of memorial services in different parts of the world. We are sure you will appreciate visiting this site, www.johnstottmemorial.org.

Please join us in praying that the Lord, who has now called his good and faithful servant John home to his rest and reward, may continue to bless with increasing fruitfulness all the ministries that have sprung from his vision and leadership.

Thank you,

Chris Wright

Frances Whitehead

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