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Forget me not



As we prepare for a future where more in our society will grapple with the reality of dementia, **NICK GILBERT** talks to those who, in faith and life, are working – or living – with it now.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU TYPICALLY FIND IN MANY evangelical churches in Sydney these days. The minister stands out the front in robes, working his way through a written liturgy. The songs, which take up much of the service, are all hymns ranging from the well-known to ones that have long faded from common use. A lone organ accompanies the singers from the corner. A small wooden cross sits on a table, reminding those present that they are gathered as part of the church.

It's a kind and form of service we seem to have moved away from in many respects. For the people here at Anglican Retirement Villages' Donald Coburn Centre in Castle Hill though, it's meaningful, not least because it recalls an earlier time that can be shared. You see, this congregation is comprised of people living with dementia – a disease where things that were once at the forefront of your mind, things such as memories, language and sense of place, can start to slip away and be more difficult to recall.

According to some studies, however, church for many is not only a place to recall memories from earlier times – memories that still remain strong – but to continue to fan

