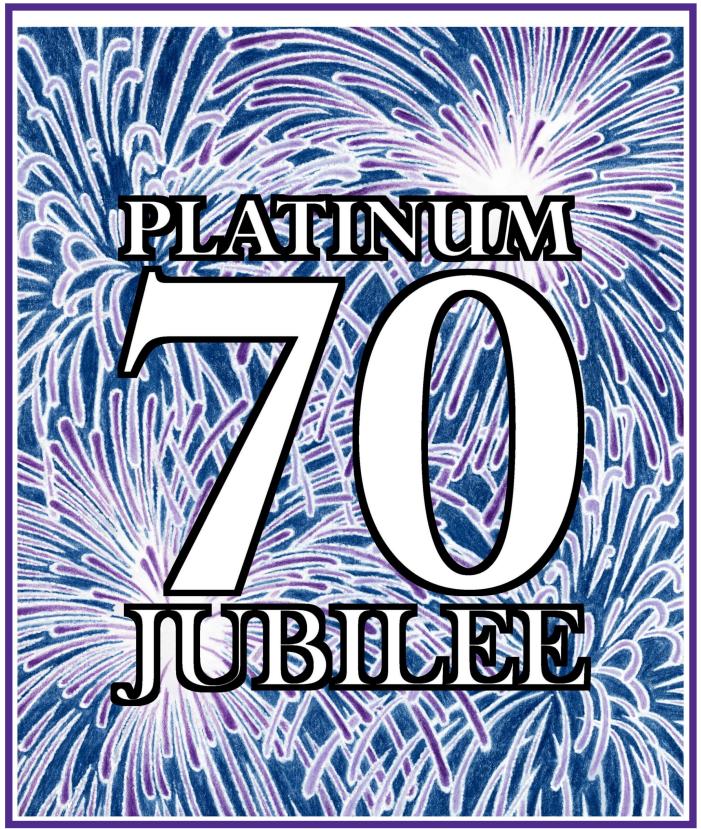


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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Capel

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 are being finalised, to correspond with the National plans and Her Majesty's itinerary:

Thursday 2nd June (Bank Holiday)

The Queen will attend Trooping of the Colour followed by national beacon lighting in the evening.

In Capel:

Decorate your house and/or front garden; judging will be on Friday, with prizes **In the evening** at **The Recreation Ground**, **Capel**

- ♦ 8.00 pm Hog roast for families and bar
- 9.30 pm **Dedication of commemorative tree and bench**
- 9.45 pm Lighting of the beacon in Capel and nationwide all are welcome

Children's Jubilee Placemat activity on page 23!

Friday 3rd June (Bank Holiday)

The Queen will attend a service at St Paul's Cathedral

In Capel

- Capel church will take part in the national bell ringing to be timed with the church service.
 Time to be announced.
- ♦ Afternoon BBQ and classic cars at the Crown
- ♦ 6.00 pm Kid's cricket on the Recreation Ground

Saturday 4th June

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby followed by a National party in the palace celebrating her 70 years of reign.

In Capel:

- ◆ 1.00 pm League cricket match on the Recreation Ground
- Afternoon screening of the races and Derby, with tote, followed by music from the decades of The Queen's reign and disco and bar on the Recreation Ground
- ◆ 1.30 5.00 pm Derby Ladies Day at The Crown with auction and best hat/fascinator prize
- ◆ 7.30 pm Black-tie dinner and casino evening at The Crown with live music; contact the Crown for tickets £50.
- ♦ 8.00 pm fun for all the family with **Capel's Got Talent** on the Recreation Ground (more acts are needed, contact ekejaques@yahoo.co.uk to enter)

Sunday 5th June

The Queen will attend a Jubilee lunch and pageant.

In Capel:

- 10.30am Capel Church will hold a Special commemorative service. All are welcome.
- ♦ 2.00 pm Village Tea Party on the Recreation Ground. There will be some tables set up for a village picnic, but also the option to bring your own tables and chairs. The Crown will be selling hampers (booked in advance) or bring your own.

There will be games for all the family, wheel barrow races (and best decorated wheel barrow), tug of war, other games to be announced, fancy dress, Platinum Pudding competition all with prizes.



We very much want this to be a village-wide celebration with something for everyone of all ages.

We look forward to a great, long weekend of celebration!



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We thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.

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Rev Liz writes

Dear Friends

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life." Christmas 2014

Words spoken by our Queen in one of her annual Christmas broadcasts. What a wonderful statement of belief this is. Do you know where I first heard this? It was at our local church school Scott Broadwood's Value Assemblies which I was observing, both in my role as a school governor and parish priest just a few days ago. What a privilege it is to be able to join the children as I do on a regular basis for assemblies. However you go into school feeling - maybe stressed or tired - just being in the childrens' company for a few minutes lifts your heart and mind. They have an amazing energy which cuts through the everyday cares of our world. In fact I would describe them as an inspiration and of course their wonderful teachers. The school goes from strength to strength with a record number of families choosing Scott Broadwood as their first choice for Reception Class next year. As the school prepares to join the Good Shepherd Trust we do so in very good shape which is very welcome news.



There are many wonderful quotations around at the moment by the Queen as several have been collated to commemorate her Platinum Jubilee. As a Christian and head of The Church of England, Queen Elizabeth has made no secret of her faith and is a practising Christian. These words above demonstrate just how much her faith means to her in day to day practical terms as she has reigned so faithfully and without complaint, often in very difficult circumstances, for these past 70 years. I think most of you will agree with me that the Queen herself is for us an inspiration and an anchor and we pray that we may be blessed by a few more years to come! Yet as Christians we acknowledge that though she is a great Queen, there is one greater than even Her Majesty, as we together turn to this Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. In our troubled times it is easy to forget that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and how we are called to pray for peace in our world.

We will be giving thanks to God for our Queen's long reign at two special services on the 5th June, where we will be hearing more wonderful words and quotations. The first service will be at Ockley on the Green near the Cricket Pavilion, held outside in the marquee at 9.30am. Coffee and croissants are available before and after the service. At Capel the service will be held at our usual time of 10.30am where we will join together in words and songs of celebration and praise. Our churches will be decorated to mark the jubilee which will no doubt be glorious and I hope both services will attract many to come and metaphorically raise the roof in worship!

On this same day we also celebrate something else truly magnificent; also an inspiration and an anchor; and that is the day that God's Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit is the same Spirit that sustained, led, guided and inspired Jesus' apostles as the church was born that day. The same Spirit that inspires and anchors Queen Elizabeth in her life and reign today. The same Spirit that inspires and anchors us in our lives today. The same Spirit that is inspiring and energising our children today - these children who are our future.

We are also looking forward this month to welcoming the community back to the Vicarage Garden for the fete after a two year break. A fairground organ is promised to grace our front lawn amongst lots of other lovely stalls and games to raise money for all our local schools. The Vicarage Fete is always held the Saturday nearest to the date of the birth of our church's patron saint St John the Baptist and we will be celebrating his birth at church the next day. So much to look forward to this month, to give thanks to God for and lots of opportunities to get together. I hope you are able to join in the various celebrations whether that is with others or in different ways. Whichever you choose remember that we are here for you and if you need company or assistance in any way now or in the future your churches are always here to serve you in Jesus' wonderful name.

As always my love and prayers,

Revd Liz
Revd Liz Richardson

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01306 711260 Vicar St John the Baptist Capel and St Margaret's Ockley

The situation in Ukraine

We and the national church continue to watch and pray for Ukraine and are here to offer help and support to any refugee families when they start to arrive in our country, especially if they are resettling near us. We are liaising with Capel Parish Council also, so that we as a community can seek to do the best for our Ukrainian friends.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR THE PARISH OF CAPEL AND OCKLEY JUNE 2022

Queens's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in both villages 2nd to 5th June



SATURDAY	4th	
	11 00 am	\A/oda

11.00 am Wedding at St Margaret's Ockley

SUNDAY 5th Pentecost and Sunday of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee

9.30 am Open Air Service of Praise and Thanksgiving on the Green at Ockley
 10.30 am Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at St John's Capel + Traidcraft after

the service.

SUNDAY 12th Trinity Sunday

9.30 am Holy Communion CW at St Margaret's Ockley

10.30 am Cafe Church at The Crown Capel

SUNDAY 19th Trinity 1 (Father's Day)

9.30 am Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

10.30 am Family Communion at St John's Capel3-5 pm Teas at St John the Baptist Capel

SATURDAY 25th Vicarage Fete at The Vicarage 54 The Street

Capel 12-3pm

SUNDAY 26th Trinity 2 and Patronal Festival of St John the

Baptist

9.30am Matins at St Margaret's Ockley

10.30am Family Communion CW at St John's Capel



JULY

SUNDAY	3rd	Trinity 3
	10.30am	Parish Service at St John the Baptist Capel
	12pm	Service of Holy Baptism at St Margaret's Ockley
	3-5pm	Teas at St Margaret's



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BCP - service is from The Book of Common Prayer 1662

CW - service is from Common Worship 2005

Guidelines for your safety and comfort in church

At both churches the wearing of masks inside places of worship is encouraged. Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door. Holy Communion is given in both kinds and the consecrated wine will be served in individual glasses whilst we are still at risk from the pandemic.

Services & Events on website: https://www.capelandockleychurch.org.uk/

NEWS from the Pews

Ockley Celebrates H M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 on Friday 3rd June

The Ockley Society and Ockley Cricket Club are jointly organising a day of community based activities for all the family, in celebration. The Bar will be open for purchases, all activities are FREE—although donations would be welcomed. The Evening's BBQ will be chargeable. The celebrations will be on The Green, together with the buildings of the old school and the pavilion.

9.00 am	Bacon Rolls in Pavilion
11.00	Dog show
12.00	Bar opens
12.30	Cake Competition judging
13.00	Exhibition Cricket Match (North v South)
14.00	Afternoon teas in the Marquee
16.00	Mini Ocklympics
16.30	BBQ
18.00	Music
19.30	Finish



DO COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN!

Church Mailing List

Do you know of anyone who would like to be added to the Church mailing list? This would ensure they received the weekly notice sheets and readings, amongst other things.

If so, please get in touch with Debbie von Bergen:debbievonbergen@icloud.com

We must have their permission before adding them to the list. Thank you.

Don't forget to recycle your

STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Don't forget that you can drop off your used printer cartridges in the box in the church porch at Capel. These are sent to a recycling firm who give a small I amount towards our church funds.

Also, don't forget to keep bringing your used stamps to church - again a box is in the porch at Capel.

Thank you

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

'The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Officer:

Leigh Smith 07732825908 leighdesouza@yahoo.com

or Revd Liz Richardson 01306 711260 liz@hostmyserver.co.uk

This notice will appear each month in InSpire and the contact details for our Safeguarding Offier and the Diocescan Safeguarding Advisor Jackie Broadfoot will be published in our weekly pew sheets as well as in the Church Contacts section in each issue of Inspire.

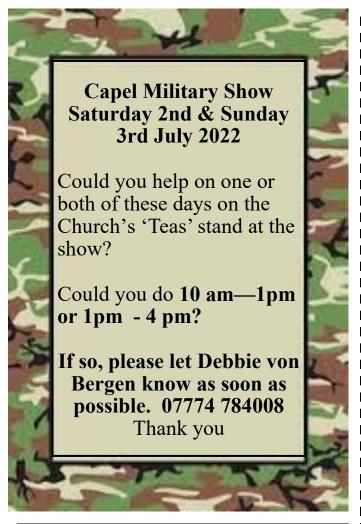
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From the Editor

(editor@capelandockleychurch.org.uk)

Prayers: Could you source some prayers each month for InSpire? It would be good to have a Prayer page, made up of some that are topical and seasonal? They don't have to be written by you! It's important part of our magazine and would a huge help to the Editor!

Sponsorship sharing of InSpire in 2022? We are needing to print more copies each month and therefore sharing sponsorship will bring the cost down to each individual dramatically!

If you would like to share half the sponsorship of one month this year with an existing Sponsor please let the editor Suzanne (or our Treasurer, Debbie von Bergen know (07774 784008). Thank you!

I THIS MONTH'S ISSUE ... There is plenty in this issue with I some of the usual features such as Junior InSpire and I the puzzle pages. There is much to celebrate with the I Platinum Jubilee weekend and details of Events in Capel I can be found on page 2 and Ockley's celebrations on I page 6. You can find a commemorative placemat for I children to do on page 23 and there are articles 'In I Praise of our Queen' on pages 12 and 13 and the first I part of '70 Facts to mark the Queen's Jubilee' on page 17. More facts will appear in July's issue!

Details of how you can help at the forthcoming **Vicarage Fete** on 25th June can be found on page 9. Please do take a look and see if you can help in any way. We are hoping to give families a good, fun day out and raise some money for our local schools at the same time.

I hope everyone enjoys the momentous Bank Holiday weekend to mark the Queen's 70 year Jubilee! Long Live the Queen!

Suzanne Cole, Editor

The Pavilion Café

We are open every Wednesday morning from 9 to 12 in the Cricket Pavilion on the green in Ockley.

We serve homemade cakes and savouries and offer a range of teas and fresh coffee. On the last Wednesday of the month we also serve bacon butties which are very popular. We ask for donations and, after expenses, the money goes to charity. We like to donate to our local churches, local amenities and charities and also national ones. We have become very popular over the years and there is plenty of parking and disabled access to the building.



IMPORTANT UPDATE: There are plans to *resume the Post office at the Pavilion in Ockley on a Wednesday morning starting at 11.15am.* Please share this news as it will go if we don't use it! Thank you.



So, what exactly is Café Church?

It's a question that I get asked all the time when I mention that I run church in a pub! Perhaps it's easier to say what it *isn't!* It's not traditional, it's not stuffy and stand-offish, there's no old-fashioned language and seemingly out-of-date rituals and no dog collars! It's not that there's anything wrong with tradition - the church has a rich history of customs and rituals that have been part of the fabric of this country for centuries. It's not that "old-fashioned" language is bad - there is a real beauty in the words of the liturgy that has been passed down through the generations. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with the wearing of a dog collar - it's the universal sign of someone who has given their life to the service of the church and its local community. It's just that well, a lot of it seems irrelevant and out of touch.

That's where Café Church is different. There is a much more informal feel to the "service". It's more like a cross between a chat show and sitting in a friend's house having a conversation. There are contemporary songs (played by our excellent band) that sit alongside up-to-date arrangements of favourite old hymns. There is *always* a lot of laughter. There are always plenty of questions. There's likely to be a poem or two or a contentious quote from someone outside of the church for us to think about. It's an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere. But there is a genuine desire to discover more about faith and what it looks like to have the Creator of all things taking a personal interest in the mundane, ordinary lives of us folk in Capel. In fact, you might question whether there's a God at all - and that's perfectly OK. Every one of us at Café Church has asked that very same question at some point in our lives and if you can't look for answers to that sort of question in a church where *can* you ask them! And if none of that is enough to encourage you to pop along Café Church then there is always the promise of free coffee and croissants!

Why does all this take place in a pub and not the 'proper' church next door? Well, I see it as an echo of the early church. After the resurrection, the early believers had no churches to meet in. They either met in synagogues or in homes where they sat around together, shared a meal and wrestled with their understanding of who Jesus is, how the bible could guide them and how they could have a personal relationship with God. It was faith in action not faith left on the altar. And month by month that's what we're doing at Café Church. We're learning together, sharing together and experiencing what it is to really *know* the peace, love and grace of God in our lives. And you are *very* welcome to join us.

Bob Cranham

Café Church this month meets at The Crown, Capel. It's a relaxed, welcoming get together for anyone and everyone. The band will play; songs will be sung; poems will be read; there will be laughter; there will be plenty to think about AND there will be FREE coffee and croissants!!!!

Capel Vicarage Fete Saturday 25th June 2022

Can you help?

Friday 24th June 4pm onwards:

Can you help set up at the Vicarage Fete? We put the gazebos up ready for rain or shine on the Saturday! Normally takes a couple of hours but if you could spare an hour we would be grateful!

Gazebos/Party Tents

Do you have one that you could lend us? We like to offer all our stalls shelter from the elements, be it hot and sunny or wet!

Raffle Prizes can you help with donations for three hampers:

Gardening * Pamper hamper * Food & Drink

Bottle Tombola we are seeking bottle donations! They can be either alcohol or non-alcoholic! Please do just check 'use before' dates! Thank you.

Finally, can you help **ON THE DAY** with the raffle and front desk?

If we can get enough volunteers, we should be able to produce rotas meaning that no-one is committed to helping for a long time.

All enquiries to Debbie von Bergen 07774 784008 / debbievonbergen@icloud.com

NEWS

Ukrainian church leaders urge people to pray

A senior church leader in Ukraine has told the citizens that Russia's war on Ukraine "did not begin with missiles and bombs – it began with deception, untruth and lies." So says the head of Ukraine's independent Orthodox Church, Metropolitan Epiphany (Dumenko).

"The Lord is now showing us how we must resist with the testimony of truth. Evil is evil, not just an alternative viewpoint, and war is war, not just some conflict. Rapists, looters and murderers are criminals, and what they are perpetuating is a genocide of the Ukrainian people."

The Metropolitan also said that Ukrainians knew that Russia had long had "evil plans to restore the tyranny of a rotten, overthrown empire."

But, he said "The Lord is with us in this struggle, because we are fighting for truth and goodness against demonic tyranny and resentment.... We believe that our people will overcome all new challenges – that Ukraine will win its victory."

Meanwhile, the Primate of Ukraine's Greek Catholic Church, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, said that this Spring and Summer may well be the last for many, including himself.

He went on: "As the war escalates, and the enemy intensifies its offensive against Ukraine, I call on everyone to pray vigorously and tirelessly for the Ukrainian army, because the fate of Ukraine and the world is now being decided."

Christian Aid spends £8m from British people to help Ukraine

The international development agency, Christian Aid, will spend £8m on vital supplies over the next six months to help the Ukrainian people.

The money comes from donations to DEC, the Disasters Emergency Committee, that has raised more than £300m for Ukraine. That's around £3 on average donated by every person in the UK.

Through its local partners, Christian Aid has already provided medical supplies, first aid kits, baby incubators as well as food and shelter for refugees in Ukraine and Hungary.

Starving in the shadow of Ukraine

The huge outpouring of support for Ukraine is now eclipsing other crises around the world, which in turn is threatening millions with starvation.

So warns a number of charities and other humanitarian organisations. The UN reports that the situation in Somalia, where 4.5 million people are at risk of starvation owing to the worst drought in a decade, is deteriorating quickly. Somalia urgently needs some £1.1 billion in aid, of which only three per cent has been secured.

As one spokesman at the UN explains, "The outlook for Somalia was already grim prior to the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis, but we were then overshadowed by the crisis in Tigray, Yemen, and then Afghanistan. Now, Ukraine seems to suck all the oxygen that is in the room."

The international director of Tearfund, Veena O'Sullivan, said: "While the eyes of the world have been fixed on Ukraine, other horrors have been taking place."

These range from a "hunger crisis of massive proportions" in the Horn of Africa, which includes Somalia, and the ongoing violence and famine in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, as well as humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria.

The director of CAFOD, Christine Allen, said: "It is right that we support a response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, in whatever way we can, but this cannot be at the expense of vital funds meant for tackling the root causes of global poverty."

Meanwhile, church leaders in Africa have warned that the war is already affecting their food security, as 40 per cent of Ukraine's wheat and maize is exported to the Middle East and Africa. The poorest are the most affected, as market prices rise.

Child poverty strategy needed now "more than ever"

A cross-party strategy is urgently needed to tackle rising levels of child poverty in the UK. So says a new report by the Church of England.

The report brought together the views of 14 organisations, church leaders and grassroots groups. It has called for cross-departmental approach in Whitehall, and formal structures for driving forward this work.

The report argues that any effective child poverty strategy should have agreed measures and specific targets for reducing poverty. There was widespread support for a number of measures, including extended school and extracurricular activities for school age children and increasing housing support for low-income families in rented housing.

Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham, who speaks for the Church of England in the House of Lords on child poverty, said: "The cost-of-living crisis is upon us. It's crucial that we listen to the organisations who are responding to child poverty across the country, and we urge the Government to recognise the overwhelming consensus that this report presents."

Editor: June is the month of Pentecost, when we celebrate the 'birthday of the Church'. But in many countries today the Church is under severe threat. This article will help remind your readers of the price that many Christian brothers and sisters worldwide are paying, in order to follow Jesus Christ.

Christian persecution growing in Nigeria, India and Afghanistan, warns US Commission

A leading US Commission is calling for India, Nigeria and Afghanistan to be designated countries of particular concern, because of the growing threat to religious freedom in those nations.

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has recently published its 2022 Annual Report. Its findings are in line with the recent Persecution Trends report published by UK-based Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world.

The bipartisan USCIRF, which advises the President of the United States and US State Department, is calling for 15 nations to be included on the US list of countries of particular concern because of rising persecution and religious intolerance.

The most notable additions are Nigeria, India and Afghanistan.

Other countries on the list as the world's worst violators of religious freedom are: China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Myanmar (Burma), Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, Syria and Vietnam.

The USCIRF's 2022 Report warns: "Afghans who do not adhere to the Taliban's harsh and strict interpretation of Sunni Islam and adherents of other faiths or beliefs are at risk of grave danger."

Afghans who converted to Christianity from Islam over the past 20 years are considered 'apostates', a crime punishable by death. Converts, who already faced ostracisation and the threat of honour killings by family and village members, are at heightened risk following the Taliban takeover.

According to the latest USCIRF report, religious persecution in India has also taken a significant turn for the worse. The BJP government's Hindu nationalist agenda has been impacting Christians and Dalits – growing numbers of whom have converted to Christianity – as well as other religious minorities. The report noted around one-third of India's 28 states now limit or prohibit religious conversion.

In Uttar Pradesh, one of the worst offending states for religious persecution, the USCIRF 'received documented reports of at least 50 incidents between June and October 2021 targeting the Christian community'.

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In Praise of our Queen Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham praises an outstanding monarch.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

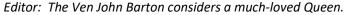
This month we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history. Up until recently she attended church every week and still did a full week's work at the age of 96!

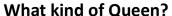
It is her commitment to serving God and the nation which stands out in her life. Even before she became Queen, she made a promise, which she has kept for over 75 years: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

What is the secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service? In 2002 she said this: "I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God." These are wise words from somebody who draws her strength from the Christian Faith and can inspire all of us who want to make our lives count!

The Queen has been an example of joyful, wise, and generous service on behalf of others all her life. Six months before her coronation she asked the nation and Commonwealth to "pray that God may give me wisdom and

strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life." Paul urges us to pray for all in authority, "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:2).





Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching His disciples about leadership, Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles (pagans) lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors." A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ's own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...". It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ's teaching to her reign for 70 years. She has outlived scores of leaders, some with ambitions beyond their abilities, and a few with delusions of grandeur. Her ideals have outlasted theirs. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing His disciples' feet.

Those closest to her also speak of the Queen's sense of humour. It emerged publicly at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, when she took part in a spoof scene with James Bond, before seemingly parachuting into the Stadium.





This year we celebrate her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Over 50 countries will light beacons on 2nd June to start four days of events: a spectacular pageant, a live concert at Buckingham Palace, Jubilee lunches and street parties across the nation, plus a nationwide bake-off competition to create a new 'platinum pudding'.

From the northernmost tip of Scotland to the Channel Islands and beyond, 848 public events are planned, plus 1,171 parties or private events.

So popular is Britain's monarch, that there are calls to perpetuate the occasion with a new public holiday each year. This month we shall sing, 'God save the Queen' with more gusto than ever.

See https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events/.

PRAYERS

From the Church of England 's resources for the Platinum Jubilee

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A modern-language prayer drawing on Philippians 2

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.

Amen.

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it. *Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947*

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953



*New 5th June Fire of Pentecost

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

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Harry Potter - 25 Years since first novel published

by Tim Lenton

Twenty-five years ago, on 26th June 1997, J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in the UK.

It received massive acclaim, and another six best-selling books and eight hugely successful films followed. The books have been translated into over 80 languages, and have sold more than 500 million copies worldwide. Spin-off books and films have followed, and the author also publishes crime novels under a pen name.



Death and the struggle between good and evil are the central themes of the Harry Potter series, and it has provoked much religious debate, centring mainly on claims by some that the books contain occult and Satanic sub-texts. Defenders of the books say that the magic in the Harry Potter series is more akin to fairy tales and to *The Lord of the Rings* and *Narnia*.

Supporters argue that the whole story can be viewed as essentially Christian in character, particularly the last volume, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, in which the hero dies and comes back to life to save mankind. Elsewhere themes of courage, love and the temptations of power are central.

Its author – born Joanne Rowling in 1965 – has described herself as a Christian and attended a Church of Scotland congregation while writing Harry Potter. Her daughter Jessica was baptised there. More recently she has been reluctant to talk "too deeply" about her beliefs.

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All in the month of JUNE

It was:

250 years ago, on 22nd June 1772 that the Court of King's Bench ruled that slavery was illegal in England and Wales. But it remained legal in British Overseas Territories and colonies until 1833.

100 years ago, on 10th June 1922 that Judy Garland, American actress and singer, was born. Best known for her films *The Wizard of Oz* and *Meet Me in St Louis*. Died 1969.

Also **100 years ago**, from 28th June 1922 to 24th May 1923, that the Irish Civil War took place leading to the formation of the Irish Free State.

80 years ago, from 4th – 7th June 1942 that the Battle of Midway took place. The USA defeated Japan in the most important naval battle of the Pacific Campaign.

75 years ago, on 5th June 1947 that the Marshall Plan was proposed. US Secretary of State George C Marshall offered a self-help programme to Europe that would enable countries to rebuild democratic societies and resist communism after WWII.

65 years ago, on 1st June 1957 that the first premium bond prize draw took place in Britain.

Also **65 years ago,** on 27th June 1957 that Britain's Medical Research Council reported that there was a cause-and-effect relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

50 years ago, on 17th June 1972 that the Watergate Scandal began when five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington DC.

40 years ago, on 14th June 1982 that the Falklands War ended. Argentine forces surrendered to the British in Port Stanley and a ceasefire was agreed. Argentine president Leopold Galtieri resigned on 17th June.

Also **40 years ago**, on 21st June 1982 that Prince William of Wales was born. Son of Charles and Diana, he is second-inline to the British throne.

25 years ago, on 12th June 1997 that Shakespeare's Globe Theatre opened in London. It is a reconstruction of the original theatre of 1599.

Also **25 years ago,** on 26th June 1997 that J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published in the UK.

15 years ago, on 27th June 2007 that Gordon Brown became British Prime Minister.

Also **15 years ago**, on 29th June 2007, that Apple released the first iPhone.

10 years ago, on 19th June 2012 that the founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, sought political asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, to avoid extradition to the USA after publishing classified documents. He remained in the embassy for seven years, until he was arrested and imprisoned.

10 years ago, on 24th June 2012, that Lonesome George, the male Pinta Island tortoise died. The last-known member of his species, Lonesome George serves as an important symbol for conservation efforts around the world, and particularly in the Galapagos Islands.

PRAYERS

For anyone going on a long journey over the summer

For a long journey

Be to us, O Lord,
a support in our setting out,
a comfort by the way,
a shadow in the heat,
a covering in the rain and cold,
a conveyance in weariness,
a protection in adversity,
a staff in unsteady ways,
and a port in shipwreck;
that, with you being our Leader,
we may reach the place we seek,
and at length we may return again to
our home in safety.
Amen

Forgiveness

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen

Pray for World and World Peace

O Lord our God, order the course of this world in peace that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A prayer which was released for the Queen's 90th Birthday in 2016

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts,

we give thanks for the many years and long reign of our Queen;

Bless our food, our neighbourhood,

and our enjoyment of each other's company.

Help us to learn from Queen Elizabeth's commitment to her people, so that our community may be strengthened and all may flourish.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the King of love.

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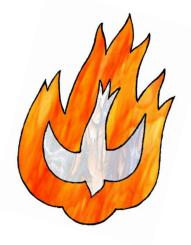
More prayers for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on page 13



A Blessing

May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul, this day and all days. Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy; Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy; Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy; Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy; Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)



70 facts to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- 1. On 9th September 2015, The Queen became the longest reigning Monarch in British history, surpassing the reign of her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. In a speech given on the historic day during an engagement in the Scottish Borders, Her Majesty said, "Inevitably a long life can pass by many milestones - my own is no exception - but I thank you all and the many others at home and overseas for your touching messages of great kindness."
- 2. Her Majesty is better travelled than any British Monarch before her. Within the Commonwealth alone, she has made over 150 visits during her reign.
- 3. The Queen has visited over 100 countries as Monarch, including Canada 22 times – more than any other country in the world - and France 13 times - more than any other country in Europe.
- 4. Her Majesty's first solo public engagement (as Princess Elizabeth) was on 21st April 1942, her sixteenth birthday, when – then Princess Elizabeth - she inspected the Grenadier Guards at Windsor Castle.
- 5. The Queen has carried out more than 21,000 engagements over the course of her reign.
- Her Majesty has given Royal Assent to approximately 4,000 Acts of Parliament. 6.
- 7. The Queen has hosted 112 incoming State Visits to the United Kingdom, including Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia (1954), Emperor Hirohito of Japan (1971), President Lech Walesa of Poland (1991) and President Barack Obama of the USA (2011).
- 8. Her Majesty is currently Patron of over 500 organisations, including: over 70 education and training organisations; over 60 sports and recreational organisation; over 30 faith organisations; and over 40 arts and cultural organisations.
- 9. The Queen has sent over 300,000 congratulatory cards to people celebrating their 100th birthdays, and over 900,000 messages to couples marking their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversaries.
- 10. At least 35 countries have issued coinage with the image of The Queen.
- 11. Her Majesty has held over 50 ranks and appointments in the British and Commonwealth Armed Services during her lifetime.
- 12. The Queen holds the title 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England'. These titles date back to the reign of King Henry VIII, who was initially granted the title 'Defender of the Faith' in 1521, by Pope Leo X.
- 13. Her Majesty is a committed Christian and Churchgoer and has often spoken of her faith in her speeches and broadcasts. "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life, " she said in her 2014 Christmas Broadcast. "A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."
- 14. The Queen has sat for over 200 official portraits during her reign, the first was in 1933 when she was seven years old and was a portrait painted by Anglo-Hungarian artist Philip Alexius de Laszlo.
- 15. The Royal Collection, held in trust by Her Majesty for her successors and the nation, is estimated to have over a million individual pieces, including over 8,000 paintings, 160,000 watercolours, prints and drawings, 200,000 photographs, 300,000 items of decorative art and 200,000 books and manuscripts.
- 16. Over 180 garden parties have been held at Buckingham Palace since 1952 and over 1.5 million people have attended a Garden Party during The Queen's reign.
- 17. There have been 14 Presidents of the United States during Her Majesty's reign, and, with the exception of President Johnson (1963-9), Her Majesty has met each one.
- 18. The Queen has been served by 14 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom during her reign - her first Prime Minister was Winston Churchill.
- 19. Her Majesty has owned more than 30 Corgis and Dorgis during her reign, most of which have been descended from her first Corgi, Susan, who was gifted to her on her eighteenth birthday in 1944.
- 20. The Queen travelled on the London Underground for the first time in May 1939 with her governess Marion Crawford and her sister Princess Margaret. Since then, she has opened the new section of the Victoria Line (1969); opened the Piccadilly Line extension to Heathrow Airport (1977); visited Baker Street Station to mark the 150th anniversary of the London Underground (2013); and visited the Crossrail construction site at Bond Street Station (2016). The Queen and The Earl of Wessex, visited Paddington Elizabeth line station on Tuesday 17th May 2022 to mark the completion of the new railway ahead of its opening to passengers on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

https://www.royal.uk/70-facts-mark-queens-platinum-jubilee

More facts in the July issue of InSpire!















Quotes

Miscellaneous observations on life

One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

Love is grand; divorce is a hundred grand.

I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. He wasn't very happy about it.

A gesticulation is any movement made by a foreigner.

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

With Pentecost in mind

He who does not know God the Holy Spirit cannot know God at all. - Thomas Arnold

To the one who remembers the Spirit there is always a way out, even in the wilderness with the devil. - Herbert Brokering

The Holy Spirit ... writes His own gospel and He writes it in the hearts of the faithful. - Jean-Pierre de Caussade SJ

With Father's Day in mind

What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity. -Richter

The adolescent is a child who is in the process of receiving from the hands of God, through the intermediary of his parents, personal care of and responsibility for his body, his affections and his mind. - *Michael Quoist*

A father is a banker provided by nature. – French proverb

The child had every toy his father wanted. – *Robert C. Whitten*

Directly after God in heaven comes Papa. – Mozart as a boy

The family that prays together stays together. – American proverb

Miscellaneous observations on life and faith

Anger is just one letter short of danger. - Anon

The world is the first Bible that God made for the instruction of man. - Clemens Alexandrinus

Nature is the art of God. Thomas Browne

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but to be able to hold your tongue in one language is priceless. - Anon

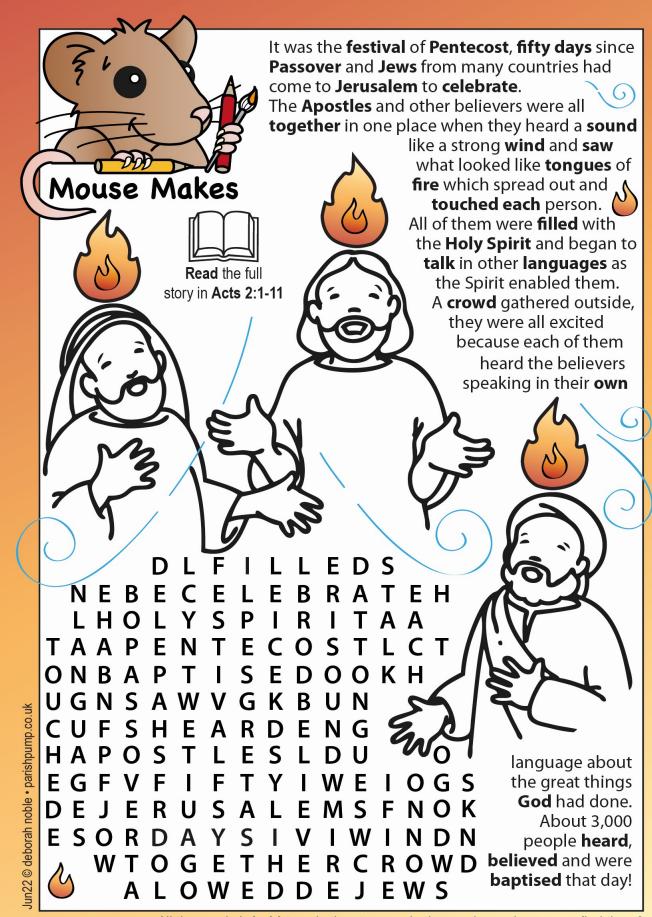
Job cursed the day he was born. Most babies can't even speak till they are at least 18 months old. - Anon

Love all, trust a few, and do wrong to none. - William Shakespeare (All's Well That Ends Well)





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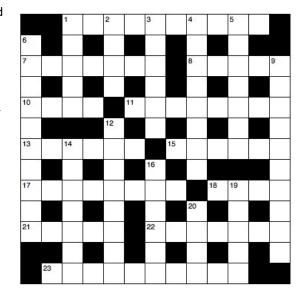


All the words in **bold** type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)



Down

- 1 'God so loved the that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean" (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and him glory!' (Revelation19:7)(4)

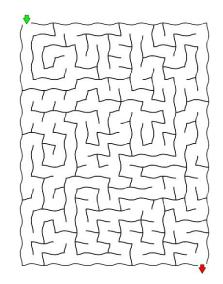
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Apple's first iPhone

Just 15 years ago, on 29th June 2007, Apple released the first iPhone.

From the original concept of an efficient, easy-to-use, slick mobile phone, it transformed by the time of its creation into what was described by Brian Merchant, author of *The One Device*, as the "primary platform for thousands of apps offering streaming music and video, real-time video chat, addictive videogames and virtual and augmented reality experiences".

Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, called the iPhone a "revolutionary and magical product" that "fits beautifully into the palm of your hand". Five years after its debut, more than 200 million had been sold. Merchant calls it a "culturally dominant, world-eating phenomenon".



From the outset, the iPhone was hugely popular, with queues forming for hours outside Apple stores in both Europe and America on its release. In addition, Jobs provided an iPhone free to all his employees.

To some Christians, the Apple logo is disturbing, suggesting that eating the fruit in Eden opened the door to enlightenment – Jobs was a devotee of Eastern mysticism. While Christianity offers faith and hope, they suggest that Apple offers a convenient life, enabled through technology.

Other Christians, however, point out that Apple technology has enabled the Gospel to be widely heard and, in many senses, seen. FaceTime through the iPhone also made a dramatic and positive difference to people's lives under lockdown.

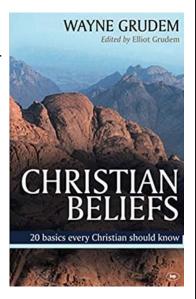
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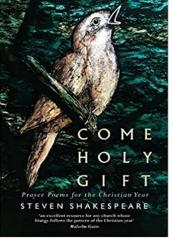
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This simple and clear guide to twenty basic Christian beliefs includes material on: the Bible and its authority for our lives; the characteristics of God; the importance of prayer; angels and the reality of spiritual warfare; what it means that we are created in the image of God; what God has done for us in Christ; the purpose of the Church; what will happen when Christ returns; and the biblical understanding of heaven.

Christian Beliefs is the ideal book for every Christian who wants a solid

foundation for understanding the most basic and essential teachings of the Bible.





Come Holy Gift - prayer poems for the Christian Year. By Steven Shakespears, Canterbury Press, £10.99

This collection offers scripture-inspired poems for each of the major seasons of the Christian year. It includes poems on Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.

BOOK REVIEWS from Parish Pump

Puzzle Solutions

Easy Soduko solution

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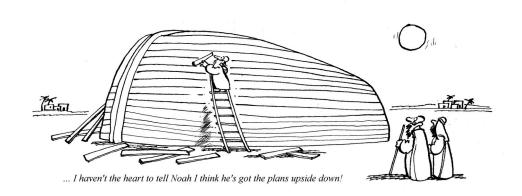
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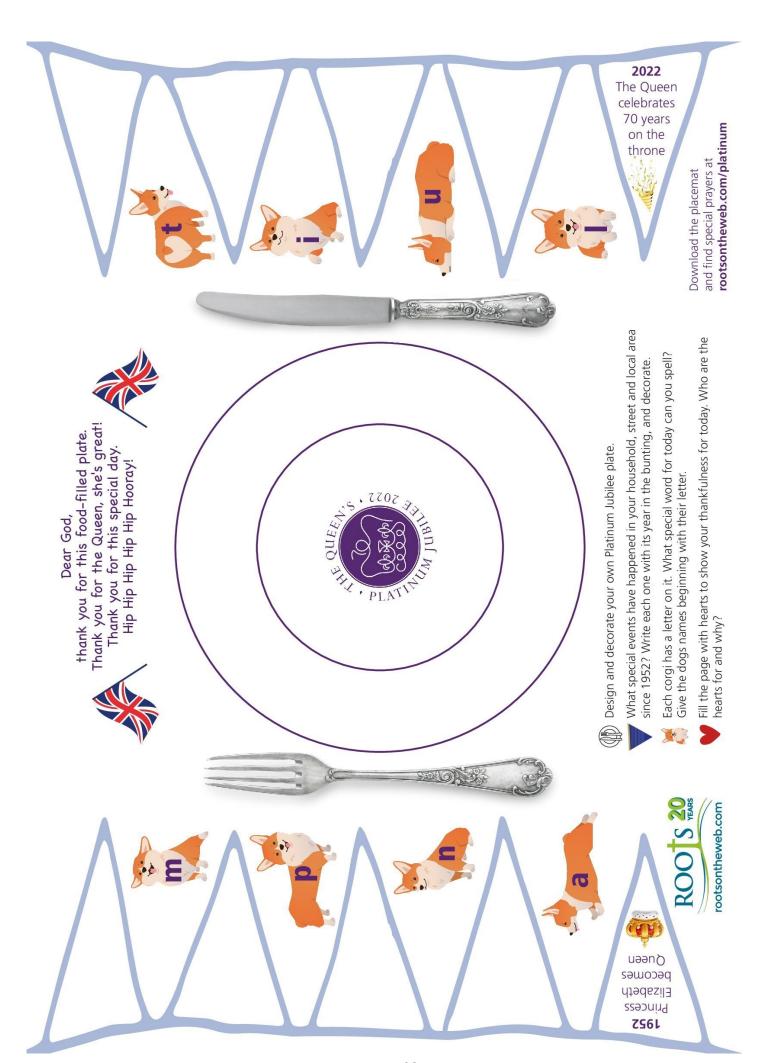
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Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...





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You are invited to

Capel Vicarage Fete

at The Vicarage, 54 The Street, Capel, RH5 5LE on Saturday 25th June 2022 12.00—3.00pm where we will be raising money for our local schools!

Come along and enjoy the fun of the fete ...

* Ice Creams * Barbecue * Cream teas and cakes *

*Fairground organ *

* The Cat's Grin Theatre Company will be doing interactive storytelling 1.30—2.30pm *

* Entertainment from our local schools *

* A Host of Stalls including:- * Love Little Gems gifts*

* The Country Dog Barn * Body Shop *

* Glitter Tattoos and much more! *

A great family day out!

We also have a GRAND RAFFLE and there are LOTS OF SUPER PRIZES including FIRST PRIZE of £100!

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APPEAL!

Could you source some prayers each month for InSpire?

It would be good to have a Prayer page, made up of some that are topical and seasonal? They don't have to be written by you!

It's important that we have prayers each month and would a huge help to the Editor!

If you can help, please contact the editor - see below!