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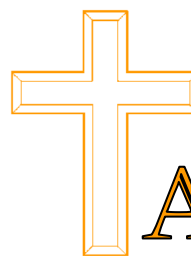
Following our production of a special edition of the 'Talkabout' for the Queen's 60th Jubilee we announced that:

The 'Talkabout' team are very excited to report that a letter has been received from the Queen, in which Her Majesty wishes to express her thanks for a copy of the Jubilee edition of 'Talkabout'. The letter continues:

'The Queen was touched by your memories of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and Her Majesty was also pleased to hear your recollections of the Coronation in 1953.

The Queen has been deeply moved by the wonderful response to her Jubilee, and is most grateful for your good wishes in this, Her Majesty's special year.'

We will be sending a copy of this edition to Her Majesty the Queen.



St Mary's Parish Church, Haxby
Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022



ALKABOUT..



St Mary's Festival and Art Exhibition

The Events Group are planning to hold a St Mary's Festival once again after a two-year break. It will be held on the weekend of 13 and 14 August this year. Plans include special services on the Sunday and an outdoor market on the Saturday morning, along with a number of other activities over the weekend. Returning this year will be the popular Community Art Exhibition which will be in church throughout the Festival. Members of the congregation and the local community will soon be invited to register to display their art work in the church - art, crafts, photography etc. - the work of children and adults will be welcome. No prizes, just an opportunity to display in the church. Further information will be available soon. We will also need quite a bit of help particularly if you are able to run or help with a stall; or could take a turn as a steward during times the church is open; or would be able to assist with setting up the art exhibition.

Ian Strong (on behalf of the Events Group).

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Her Majesty the Queen courtesy of Maureen Howard

historian Philip Murphy has written, it has become a more substantial position “very much due to the Queen’s efforts”. In her role, the Queen pushed to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings when her governments have feared them potentially too controversial. From 1971 to 2015 the Queen missed only two of these biannual meetings, which were held all over the world. She held private meetings with the heads of state at the CHOGMs and one can only guess what was said.

So, the Commonwealth of Nations is another area where our Queen has fulfilled her promise of duty and service.

Joan Strong

Loving God, we thank you for the opportunity to celebrate the life of our Queen.

For her courage, her dignity, her sincerity,
we praise you.

For her dedication, her resilience, her faith,
we praise you.

For all the ways she has put service before self,
we praise you.

And we ask your blessing on her and all those she loves
at this special time, and always.

Amen.

Almighty God, we pray for those who face challenges across the Commonwealth: we pray for a shared vision for our diverse Commonwealth family of nations. We give you thanks for the faithful stewardship of Her Majesty The Queen: may she and all The Royal Family, together with all who share this responsibility, be guided by You and rewarded in their steadfastness and commitment.

We pray for a safe and prosperous future that provides hope - especially for young people. We pray for courage to entrust ourselves into your faithful hands, knowing that this is our most secure place.

Amen

Some of the words from the Queen at the end of her Coronation Day:

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 in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine.

Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust.

She couldn't have done a better job.

From the Rector

I am grateful to have lived all my life during the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. She has been an amazing inspiration as she has lived out her Christian faith and shared her reflections with us at least annually at Christmas and when necessary, more recently, when we were all anxious at the beginning of the pandemic.

As a Girl Guide, I worked hard for my Queen's Guide award, and was very proud to achieve it, although sadly there was no invitation to meet with The Queen. This was very different from when I received my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award and was able to meet the Duke in St James' Palace in London.

As a student at Ripon and York St John I was delighted to be able to meet The Queen when she came to give the Maundy Money in Ripon Cathedral. I offered her a drink in Minster House, the home of the Dean, at a drinks party. I was introduced as a student, and she wondered about me being on vacation. I had spent a week saying, 'I'm not going home yet, I'm staying to see The Queen'. So, when the Queen asked, 'Are you not on vacation?', I said 'no, I've stayed to meet you, Ma'am!' 'How very kind', she replied!

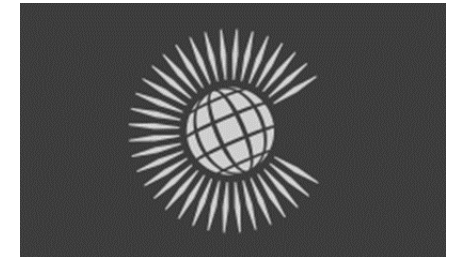
The Patronage of the United Benefice of Haxby and Wigginton alternates between The Lord Chancellor and The Archbishop of York. I think The Lord Chancellor Patronage comes from Wigginton Parish. The Lord Chancellor's representative was involved in my appointment here to this post. This meant that I was invited by The Queen to one of her Garden Parties in 2015. It was a beautiful day, and we had a wonderful time, but Her Majesty was very busy and had a lot of other guests to look after, so we just caught sight of her on the balcony in a beautiful yellow outfit.

THE QUEEN AND THE COMMONWEALTH

The Commonwealth has been of great importance to the Queen over the whole of her life. A voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries, it began in the late 1920's, (it is based on the British Empire, although two member countries [Rwanda and Mozambique] have no historical ties to the British Empire), and is home to 2.5 billion people including both advanced economies and developing countries. 32 of its members are small states, including many island nations. All the member governments have agreed to shared goals like development, democracy and peace.

Its present form began when India became independent in 1947 and wanted to become a republic but also remain a member of the

Commonwealth. Following a Commonwealth Prime Ministers meeting in London in 1949 the London Declaration was agreed



which said that republics and other countries could be part of the Commonwealth. The modern Commonwealth of Nations was born. The first head of the new Commonwealth of Nations was George VI, our present Queen's father, with the Queen succeeding him on her accession.

Her Majesty the Queen has always been very interested in the Commonwealth, and I believe this is because she thinks it can be a force for good in the world. The Queen has played a largely neutral role as Commonwealth Head, staying out of its major crises. However, she reportedly feared a Commonwealth split if tougher measures were not taken against apartheid-era South Africa. The London Declaration set out no specific role for the Commonwealth's Head. As the

We in the uniforms managed to mingle (I think) with the other guests who of course were wearing morning suits or dresses and hats. Although the event is carefully monitored, we did go through the palace, and were encouraged to explore the grounds. Of course, there was plenty of deference and the Queen managed to smile her way through all the hand-shaking. The afternoon tea was lovely, with sandwiches, scones, small cakes and griddle cakes, with tea from never-ending pots poured by waiters who were keen to exchange scout stories!

That was a “best behaviour” day, and a rather formal one for the Queen.

In contrast, in 1978, she and the Duke of Edinburgh went to Edmonton, Alberta, to open the Commonwealth Games. Edmonton was much smaller then than it is now, and those of us who lived there knew all the short cuts to catch the Queen at various places, including the Cathedral. The actual opening ceremony was held in a vast arena, built for the occasion, to house massive displays of everything the Commonwealth countries could provide in the way of athletes (think Steve Cram, Brendan Foster), displays of wonderful drama, and music. So, here's the thing - nobody, including the Queen, needed to be rigidly formal. She could wear a summer dress (albeit with a hat) and just enjoy the informality. When everything was ready, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward arrived. The Queen went to the top of the stairs to meet them, whereupon Prince Edward jumped out of the car, flew up those stairs as only a young boy can, and flung his arms round her.

So there we have it - a person who has fulfilled so many roles but chiefly head of State, head of the Commonwealth, and a much loved mother.

Sheila Robinson

It is a real joy to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee with both our churches and the community. May God bless her and her ministry among us.

The Revd Kathryn Jackson

What we didn't see at the Queen's Coronation (1)

As the Queen's reign has progressed, we have increasingly come to expect that we can have access to visual or video images of the workings of the monarchy or even their private lives.



It is well documented that throughout the 1950s and 1960s there was a debate about whether opening up the monarchy to the public would rob it of some of its majesty. I believe that there was such a tussle over the televising of the Coronation. The decision having been made about allowing television access, many people rushed to get their first TV set, often via a well-known TV rental firm of the time.

There was a particular ritual in the Coronation that was never allowed to be shown - the act of anointing. During this part of the ceremony a canopy, held by four Knights of the Garter, was held over the Queen as the Archbishop administered the anointing, using these words ...

Be anointed with holy Oil: as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed: and as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so be thou anointed, blessed, and consecrated Queen over the

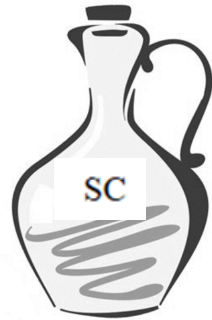
Peoples, whom the Lord thy God hath given thee to rule and and govern, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The use of holy oils takes us back to our biblical roots. Even in our day in cathedrals up and down the land on Maundy Thursday, the bishop of a diocese will bless the holy oils - of catechumens, of the sick and of chrism.

It was the oil of chrism used at Coronation. This is the oil signifying the setting apart of people and things for a special place in the life of the Church - for bishops and priests at their ordinations, at confirmation services, for churches and altars at their consecration and for kings and queens at their crowning. We rejoice in Her Majesty's strong Christian faith, and this very act of being set apart for a holy task - an incorporation into the prophetic, priestly and royal life of Jesus Christ - deserved to be a private matter. It was a humble act to be approached prayerfully.

As so often in our lives, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit may happen in unseen ways, but such 'charism' bears fruit in prayer, devotion, and duty and we thank Her Majesty for her commitment to this holy task.

Martin Doe



On the day we were there it was Prince Philip's birthday and I have a great memory of someone shouting "Happy birthday, Sir" at which point he immediately moved quickly towards the caller and spoke to the people in that area, making the people who looked after him move quickly behind him. As I recall, the Queen carried on without him for a while obviously used to his unpredictable ways.

Ian Strong

FORMAL AND INFORMAL

In the course of a seventy year reign the Queen will have been seen as a distant dot over a crowd, as a familiar figure in closer range, and as a member of her family. As you know, it's usually a joyful occasion featuring bunting, bands, waving, lovely cars, and various renditions of the National Anthem.

Apart from the usual types of occasions, including some in York, I was lucky enough to experience two very different events.

In 1970 the Girl Guide Movement celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. To mark this, the Queen requested that the June Garden Party should be attended by two young(ish) leaders from each County. So, on a lovely June day, two of us from the North Riding, and two from York City (which operated as a county in its own right) travelled together by train down to Kings Cross. From there we made our way to Guide Headquarters where we changed from our winter uniforms to our official summer dresses. (Remember that in those days the guide and adult leader uniforms were relatively formal, with everything, including the shoes, hats and handbags being regulation.)

Of Royal Garden Parties (2)

Before I retired, part of my job was working as Chief Officer of an organisation that gave legal and technical advice and general support to Parish and Town Councils. An interesting annual task was dealing with invitations to Royal Garden Parties. Traditionally the Queen would invite representatives of Parish and Town Councils from across the country and these were allocated to Counties according to the number of councils in each. The three counties of Yorkshire had 12 places plus partners and my job was to ensure a fair distribution, taking into account any activities or outstanding projects, a range of small medium and large councils and a number of other factors including that the individual had not attended a Royal Garden Party before.

Once our recommendations were sent off they were scrutinised and although very rare, it was not unknown for someone to be rejected, at which point a replacement must be put forward. Ripon was interesting as it is classed as a parish but is a royal city. As such it was allocated a place every year. The timing made dealing with Ripon very interesting. Applications went in before the election of the mayor and it was specified that the attendee should be the serving mayor. All very well, as we could use the name of the proposed mayor, unless the council voted to elect someone else. This was a cause of anxiety as it did happen on a couple of occasions!

I never got to see the result of my work as I was clearly not eligible as a paid officer. However, after I retired I became a Vice President of the organisation and was pleasantly surprised when Joan and I were invited to a Royal Garden Party and we were able to enjoy the wonderful experience entering through the palace gardens and with the Queen in attendance.

Receiving Royal Maundy money

10 years ago, at the time of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, two members of our congregation, Eunice Cooper and Brian Wainwright, were chosen to receive Royal Maundy money from the Queen in York Minster.



This was a particular privilege as usually the Maundy money is given to people from a single diocese. To mark her Diamond Jubilee, the Queen handed out money to people from all of the UK's 44 Christian dioceses, rather than just one.

That year, 86 women and 86 men - one for each of the Queen's 86 years - over the age of 70 received the money in recognition of their services to the Church and their communities.

Following are their accounts of that very memorable occasion.

My Day at the Minster

On 5 April 2012 no-one knows how I felt, full of pride and honour, I was one of the chosen ones going to York Minster to receive the Maundy money from Her Majesty the Queen.

My daughter Greta went with me in a taxi into town at 8.30 a.m. Greta had to go to the Minster, I went to the Assembly Rooms for an I.D. check. We did not go to the Minster until after 10 o'clock, but time passed very quickly. Crowds of people lined the footpaths when we walked down the centre

of the road into the Minster.

I had a very good seat with an excellent view of the main west door. When the royal party arrived they were met by the Archbishop, the Minster clergy and the Yeomen of the Guard. Over the years you watch royal events on TV but never think you will be part of one.

About half way through the service the Queen handed out the Maundy money. There were two purses, the red purse containing a £5 Diamond Jubilee coin and a 50p coin and the white purse containing 86p for the Queen's age in years.

After the service we all had to stay in the Minster until the royal party and all the clergy had left. I think they then made their way round the side of the Minster to the Dean's house and garden for a private part of the visit. I did not see the royal party and all the clergy had left. I think they then made their way round the side of the Minster to the Dean's house and garden for a private part of the visit. I did not see the royal party leave the Minster, but I thought earlier that both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh looked very well for their age and I was pleased to see Princess Beatrice, our Princess of York.

After we left the Minster we made our way back to the Assembly Rooms for lunch. We had a lovely hot meal of chicken in cream sauce, new potatoes and vegetables, followed by cheesecake and coffee. Rev. Richard Seed and Rev. Glyn Webster joined us for our meal.

The three people I was speaking to during the day came from Northern Ireland, Staffordshire and Oxford, whilst I was just four miles away. I think York was chosen because it is central in the U.K.

Eunice Cooper

Of Royal Garden Parties (1)

I first went to Buckingham Palace in 1971 to receive my Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award from the Duke of Gloucester. I had also visited a couple of times as a tourist but walking up the central staircase and through the Bow Room and out into the gardens was very special. I had been invited to a 2013 Garden Party as a Cambridge City Councillor and it was a real privilege for Derek and I to wander around the beautiful gardens even though the weather wasn't very good. There were plenty of umbrellas around but it mostly stayed fine.

We lined up with everyone else under the careful supervision of stewards and awaited the arrival of the Royal Party. The Queen was wearing a beautiful pink outfit and the Princess Royal turquoise. The Duke of Edinburgh came down our line with the Queen visible on the opposite side. We hadn't been selected to meet them but the Duke spoke to someone next to us about the appropriate jacket he was wearing, the response being he was a farmer and always prepared for everything. After the Royal party went for tea we collected ours using the clever rectangular plates with a built in saucer shape for the tea cup. Plenty of enjoyable food and tea! The only people we knew were the Bishop of Norwich and his wife who I had had contact with some years earlier when working for a charity. They get invited most years so it was not quite the special event that it was for us. A steward had recommended where to stand at the end so we had a good view of all the Royal family as they spoke to wheelchair users before going in through a side door. A DVD is sent afterwards which is an enjoyable reminder.

Jean Swanson

and left him, and went their way.' (Matthew 22: 15)

If you see images or television footage of the Coronation you will notice that throughout the service, the Queen is attended by two bishops. One was Michael Ramsey, Bishop of Durham (and later Archbishop of York and Canterbury). The other bishop was William Bradfield, the Bishop of Bath and Wells. By tradition these bishops are the supporters of the Sovereign on the right and left hand during the Abbey solemnities.

My friend had asked the Bishop of Bath and Wells to carry the little denarius with him at the ceremony, and inside the bible I was bequeathed is a letter from Bishop Bradfield confirming that he indeed carried the coin with him throughout the service.

I doubt whether I shall ever meet the Queen, but at least I know this little coin was as close as one could hope to get!

Martin Doe

In 1953, the young Elizabeth attended a dinner as guest of honour at the HQ of the Honourable Artillery Company, founded 1553, oldest regiment in Britain, Territorial Army, of which my father was a member, on its 400th anniversary. I was 9 at the time and brought up to have good manners at table, so was amused to see that where Elizabeth had been sitting there was soup spilled on the white tablecloth. (Could have been the waiter...oh dear).

Having no television in the house in those days, my brother and I were taken to watch the Coronation in a local village hall.

Edwin Self

The day the Queen gave me a gift

A memory written by the late Brian Wainwright

How many of you have heard of the Royal Maundy service and the special money that is given by the Queen each year on Maundy Thursday in different cathedrals around the UK?

The Royal Maundy service, which always happens on the Thursday of Holy Week every year, can be traced back as far as the 1200s and as far back as the reign of King Edward I, but the first recorded royal distribution was by King John in Knaresborough in 1210. From the 15th century the number receiving the Maundy money was the same as the sovereign's age and from the 18th century the same number of women as well as men received the gift. Four years ago (*it was 5 April 2012 Ed.*) at York Minster there were 86 men and 86 women, our Queen being aged 86 years.

Each person is given two purses, a red purse and a white purse. The red purse contains specially minted £5 and 50p coins given as a nominal allowance for clothing and provisions, much needed years ago when being given to the poor of the cathedral's area. The white purse contains the Maundy coins comprising silver pennies, twopences, threepences and fourpences which add up to the Queen's age.

You may wonder how I was chosen to be one of the 86 men. Well, I don't really know and I was surprised to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace out of the blue. I do so treasure that envelope. One had to be a pensioner who had done work not only for the church but also for the community, so in my case it could be as a founder of St. Leonard's Hospice and my work as treasurer for York Guide

Dogs for the Blind.

It is interesting to note that the Queen has rarely missed one of these presentations since she became Queen, except on the births of two of her children or when she was away on overseas tours. So just think how many people she has given Maundy money to over so many years. It does underline her commitment to whatever she does and is something for which we as a nation should be very grateful.

The Minster service was wonderful and each of the 86 men and 86 women were allowed two guests. I wore my father's Burma medals just in case the Queen might say something. I think that the Queen had to move down three rows to give out the Maundy money and as I was W for Wainwright she must have been a little tired when she appeared before me. I think I did a little bow and then realised what a tiny lady she is. We had been told beforehand that we did not talk unless spoken to and if so one called her Ma'am, as in *jam*. But no, nothing was said as the Queen herself handed me the two bags of money. It was all very moving and for me a moment to treasure.



What we didn't see at the Queen's Coronation (2)



There was another part of the Coronation which went unseen. In fact, very few people would have known about it.

In my possession is a Bible printed in 1953 (the Coronation year) and it was bequeathed to me by a good friend and devout parishioner of the church I attended on the Isle of Wight.

At the time of the Coronation, the parishioner was headteacher of a school near to Wells Cathedral, in Somerset. Inset into the front cover of the bible is a roman coin - a denarius.

The denarius is the 'tribute penny' to which reference is made in the Gospel read at the Coronation Service:



'Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute-money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's: and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words they marvelled,