

Reflection

Revd Sarah

Some words to prompt reflection following the death of Queen Elizabeth II:

September the 8th, 2022

(A poem by Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood)

You were old, already, when I was born
And I took your gentle face for granted:
On very coin and every postage stamp,
Each Christmas message, poppy wreath laid.
Most famous of faces around the world,
I saw you once or twice, felt I knew you
And many people cherish their stories
Of garden parties and medals received.

We feel the sands of time shift beneath us
As history is marked before our eyes.
We feel the cold wind blow, the night draw in
And pull our coats tightly around our chests;
We raise our heads, as you did, say a prayer;
We cling to the true rock, the true anchor
As you did. We live with faith, hope and love.

Words from The Queen herself:

"I know just how much I rely on my own 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. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel." (Christmas message, 2002)



FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



10am—12noon in the Church.

There is also a Tots Group Coffee Morning on 29th September.

NEXT SUNDAY 25.09.2022 Trinity 15

SERVICES: 10.30am in Church

READINGS: OT Amos 6: 1a, 4-7
NT 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31



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St Thomas, Exeter

18th September 2022

Trinity 14

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist.

4pm Service of Commemoration
for HM The Queen

Tuesday 20th September

7.30pm House Group on Zoom.

See notices, contact Ian for details.

Wednesday 21st September

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 22nd September

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots.

10.30am Knit & Natter. See notices.

Friday 23rd September

9.30am Morning Prayer.

10am Staff Meeting.

Saturday 24th September

12.30pm Ladies Lunch at the Royal Oak.



Collect

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have
Compassion according to the abundance of his
steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or
grieve anyone.

Psalms 121

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,

the guardian of Israel.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;

he is beside you at your right hand.

The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will guard you from all evil;

he will guard your life.

The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

John 6.35-40

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has

given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Post Communion

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high.

Knit and Natter. Dates for September. 22nd we will meet in the park or at 19 Maple Road.
29th in the Church Hall for the later part of Tots Group for a joint Macmillan Coffee Morning.
Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10-11am. On Sundays there will also be an opportunity to bring donations to the 10.30 service.

From this coming Tuesday, 20th September, the **House Group** will be meeting fortnightly on zoom, starting at 7:30pm. The group is beginning a new course on Christian Discipleship, "Surprised by Change"; this course, by American Pastor John Ortberg, is rather unusual and quite challenging! New people are always welcome; see Ian, Phil or John Payne for zoom details.

