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### Group Letter October 2022



Words of sorrow, loss, sadness and thanksgiving have been said, prayed, written and sung over the last few weeks following the death of

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The books of condolence in our churches here in the Hambleden Valley have contained words of tribute from people in our villages and from people as far away as Canada and Australia.

One person wrote: 'There are no words, only sorrow.' And that it true, our sadness has been expressed in other ways too. Bells have been rung - muffled, unmuffled and half-muffled – or simply tolled; flags have been lowered; flowers quietly and lovingly arranged. There have been spaces between the words, pauses between each toll of the bell, the silent moments to remember.

And yet, in and amongst these feelings of loss and lament, we have welcomed a new king, Charles III. At the proclamation of his accession came joyful bell-ringing, raised flags and signs of joy and hope.

Joy and sorrow can often be surprising companions and our ancient churches have been – and continue to be - vital spaces for celebration and refuge, our doors flung open to all. God is with us in our pain and in our rejoicing.

The contents of this month's magazine reflect some of the ways we have found to gather together. Here you will find words that share memories of the late Queen, in our services, in our prayers, in our conversations and in Sue Lepp's commemorative sermon for Her Majesty at a special service held at Hambleden; do take time to pause and read it.

October events in the Hambleden Valley also reflect the joys and the sadnesses of our lives. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October heralds in the Animal Blessing on Turville Village Green at 3pm with a lively, fun-filled service for all God's creatures great and small; harvest celebrations take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October and, on 30<sup>th</sup> October, we remember those whom we love but see no longer at the All Souls' Service at Turville at 3pm. You are always warmly welcome to join us.

With my prayers,

**Sue**

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## GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

### **Commemoration Service for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II at St Mary's Hambleton September 11th 2022**

While we all love our village churches it is a particular blessing that, at momentous times such as these, we are able to join together as a Benefice in St Mary's Hambleton. We owe huge thanks to the Churchwarden, Jill Steward, and her team as well as Christine Wells and the choir for preparing at very short notice. Rev Sue Lepp also thanked the bell ringers and flag bearers for everything they have done in the last week in unprecedented times for us all. About 90 people from all age groups and every corner of the valley were present.

The service itself was beautifully put together by our clergy team: Rev Sue Lepp, Rev Sue Morton and Rev Andy Storch, who is with us for the month of September to gain experience of rural ministry. It put into words and music the many conflicting emotions we are all feeling at this time, and the readings, from Lamentations 3, Psalm 121, 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:4 and John 6: 35- 40, reminded us of the faithfulness of God even when faced with this saddest of reminders of our human frailty.

*Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The service ended with the singing, for the first time for many of us, of God Save the King. Many of those present found this the most poignant moment as the reality of the new era, and the passing of the old, began to sink in.

Rev Sue Lepp's sermon from the service is printed next.

**Caroline Sants**

### **Commemoration Service for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

**St Mary's Hambleton, September 11th, 2022**

**Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

**Psalm 121**

**1 Corinthians 4:16-5:4**

**John 6:35-40**

We come together today to recognise that this is a time of great change and historical significance in our country and around the world. The news has constant commentary. Many people carry grief which events like this bring to the fore. There is fresh grief as we mourn the death of a beloved and faithful Queen. There is joy at the proclamation and accession of our new King.

Where do we go with this? It can be difficult to find time to reflect on all that has happened in only a few days. Not many people seem to know the rules of modern-day mourning (if there are any); we are not sure about what is appropriate to do or not do.

A priest posted on a Facebook group to which we belong, about popping into the village bank on Friday afternoon. A man confronted him and shouted, 'why aren't you in the church?! The Queen has died!' The priest engaged in a conversation with the man about the events of the past day. It turns out the man was also upset that the village hall had cancelled bingo that evening. Wait - what?

My prayer is that this morning we can come together to lament the sadness of her death and remember with gratitude all that she was to so many. Also start to get our balance back! The readings were suggested by the Church of England for today. Each of them has the common threads of: time, being lost, life changing and God's faithfulness.

### **Time Moves On**

It is still less than 72 hours since The Queen's death was announced. Really it is.

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Thinking back to Thursday feels like years ago. Everything seems to be happening so fast; keeping in mind that we are mostly spectators to the events going on in Scotland and London. It is difficult to fathom what is happening in the eye of the storm and how those in the inner circle are actually feeling. Yet the plans for this time and event have been in the works for years, if not decades.

Time moves on and so do we. It feels like it is moving fast but there are no more minutes or hours in a day then there was on Wednesday. Lamentations, Psalm 121, and 2nd Corinthians each speak of time changing. God's mercies are new every morning. God is watching over us day and night, Our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

When someone we love dies it is normal to want the world and everything to stop. To sit still for just a moment. I am not convinced that time heals all wounds. Healing often requires rest and sitting still. This is not what time does! Time waits for no man and no Queen. Even in the deepest grief, God is watching over us and we are changing. Go slowly if you need to but keep moving.

### **Even if we feel lost, God is not**

Sometimes we do move in the wrong direction and can get lost; physically, spiritually, emotionally. Despite all the protocol, instructions and the immaculate planning of Operation London Bridge we still feel adrift in all of this. Again, very easy to do in the midst of grief and uncertainty. Many people have been surprised at the emotion that has surfaced in the last three days.

The pilgrim in Psalm 121 is having a hard time; he is far from home. Likely travelling to Jerusalem for a major feast. This should be a time of celebration with family and friends. Instead he has found himself in the physical and metaphorical wilderness. He has not given up though. He does some very sensible things: he stops, he looks up and rediscovers that his help comes from the Lord, who made

heaven and earth. Chin up! It takes all of two verses for this realisation. The pilgrim then spends the next six verses reassuring his fellow pilgrims that God is with them too! He changes from my to your.

In 2000, The Queen decided to speak more about her personal faith in her Christmas Messages and she has ever since. That year she said, *"For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life"*.

I am bold enough to say that this is the greatest gift that she left us. This is what likely underpinned her life and gave her the strength, grace and fortitude to do all that she did. So, when the changes and chances of her life came, she was on solid ground.

### **Life changes but God's love is steadfast**

Change has come quickly in line with protocols and in some ways it feels cold-hearted. Not only here but in the colonies as well. My sister, a lawyer in Calgary, told me of her utter shock at turning up at the Court of King's Bench on Friday morning! Wait - what?! Never have pronouns changed so rapidly. Do you remember the last time you sang God Save the Queen? I am glad that I did not know it would be the last time but I am now saddened that we won't.

Her Majesty was our rock, she has been described by multitudes of people as a constant in their lives. Her consistency runs through the multitude of interviews like a golden thread. It is true that she was the only monarch that many people have ever known.

Her image has been on millions if not billions of coins, bank notes and stamps; her portraits hung in government buildings the world over. She had the wonderful gift of making people feel seen and heard. She was there when we needed her. At home with us on Christmas Day, at the races, on the balcony, on the telly during Covid when we needed her

non-anxious presence and messages of peace. She loved us and we love her.

However, she was a rock that was temporary. As we all are. In the words of The Committal, *'For he knows of what we are made; he remembers that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like the flowers of the field...'* We want people to last though; at least longer than us. Looking in the mirror every morning, this earthly tent, is not the material of eternity.

Paul is talking about our home in heaven that is permanent; not a flimsy, fleshy tent that we walk around in now. Do not lose heart, Paul says at the beginning of 2 Corinthians, even though it is all changing, we are being renewed day by day. Better things are ahead, eternity in heaven. This takes some imagination but much better than holding the notion that there is nothing beyond this life.

### **God is Faithful in all things**

How do we know that there is more beyond this life? God is faithful in all things. Lamentation speaks of *the steadfast love of the Lord never ceasing, his mercies are new every morning*. There is a quality to this love, it is not fleeting or fickle. John's Gospel speaks of the long-term will of God that all should be raised up on the last day. God is faithful. When we stand on and in the faithfulness of God, we can love fully and be fully loved.

We are overwhelmed with commentary from the news channels and social media. Many pundits are getting their day! I am not sure if that makes it better or worse? It is at least distracting. However much we watch it, it will not sustain us ultimately. Only Jesus can do that; *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty*.

Much of the commentary is about her virtue and seemingly endless capability in the role of monarch, the influence of her parents and sister, and her marriage to Prince Phillip. All

very good and great things. Ultimately though it was her faith that sustained her. She was faithful to us because God was faithful to her and she was faithful to God.

I am going to end with some borrowed words from my friend and former tutor, the Revd Dr Michael LLoyd...

*Her whole life was characterised by unfussy, unflashy, unfailing faithfulness. Her whole life pointed in the same direction, and therefore had integrity and impact. It also made her a reassuring symbol of reliability and dependability. Her Majesty prayed this prayer as she prepared for her Coronation:*

*Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves. Be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen us for the work that thou has given us to do. Defend us with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come to thy everlasting Kingdom; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*She has now come to the Kingdom. We give thanks for her, we mourn with the Royal Family in their grief, and we pray for our new King, that he, too, may have God's help in all that lies ahead.*

God Saved the Queen.

God Save the King.

God Bless You.

### **Sue Lepp**

Here follow reminiscences from various Valley residents who met the Queen:-

### **Final Journey**

The RAF plane carrying The Queen on her final journey from Scotland to London flew down the Hambleden Valley over both Turville and Hambleden at 6,000 feet. God Bless her.

### **Veronica Stuart**

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## **Maundy Money**



Our late Queen and I met face to face as she handed me a bag, full of specially minted coins, on Maundy Thursday 2013 in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. I, along with Charles Gray and Harry Sloper from our Group, had been recommended by our then Rector, John Wigram, to receive this money. We were lined up in alphabetical order, with 84 other people from the Oxford Diocese, all around the cathedral. The number of people eligible was determined by the Monarch's age. Her Majesty was then 87. With a surname beginning with W, I was one of the last people to meet Her Majesty. I was in the north side of the cathedral facing west with my nephew Andrew behind me. Her Majesty came to everyone individually and looked them in the eyes with that beautiful smile of hers full of deep Christian love. I said 'Thank you your Majesty' and performed my curtsy which I had practised! Of course, it was a day I will always remember.

## **Christine Wells**

### **Royal Garden Party**

Because my father-in-law was second in command at the Foreign Office, he often used to pass on invitations to the Royal Garden Parties to my wife, Jane. The Queen was meticulous at talking to as many people as possible and always with a smile as we all stood in long lines. We were obviously in

the wrong queue on the two occasions when we attended so she did not speak to us, but what struck me immediately was that she was tiny by comparison with most of her guests. However, it certainly did not cramp her style. She must have been exhausted by the many times she had to reach up to shake so many hands!

## **Alfred Waller**

### **A Life of Royal Service**

It is one of two parts.

A phone call from Buckingham Palace. "Are you able to undertake a Royal Flight?" We had not done a Royal Flight since 1952, when her Majesty departed as a Princess and returned as a Queen from Kenya. I was asked to form a VIP section to set up the complex structure. Not only at Heathrow but overseas. It would then involve myself travelling with the Flight to South Africa. So, over many years to many parts of the world, I travelled with the Queen. On my last Flight to the Commonwealth Games in Australia, I was presented to her Majesty, a one-to-one ordinance.



The Queen's Equerry ask me what I would do in retirement. He knew I liked horse racing, and asked me if I would like to be a Royal Ascot Green Coat. And so, the second part of service begins. I wear this wonderful uniform in bright green which has the

Royal cipher on the buttons.

50 years of loyal service. Due to security limits, I cannot go fully in-depth. It has been an Honour and a Privilege.

## **Dennis Harwood**

## Royal Ascot 1983

One of my memories of Queen Elizabeth II is at Royal Ascot. We watched as the Queen and Prince Philip, riding in a horse-drawn landau, led the Royal Procession along the racetrack. In following landaus rode other members of the Royal Family and the Queen's guests. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother joined the Queen in the royal box. In the evening we walked round to the rear of the grandstand to join in the Bandstand playing for the traditional sing-a-long including Jerusalem and Rule Britannia. The Queen came out onto the balcony to loud applause and cheers. It was Ladies Day, June 1983; I remember this particular occasion as it was a year after end of the war in the Falklands and I have never heard Land of Hope and Glory sung with such gusto.

## Don Boreham

### Guess Who?



It was the Queen's post coronation tour of Herefordshire. I represented the village

schools in Ross and Archenfield district. Still have the dress, gloves (!) and shoes. I said "For your Majesty" and she replied - "You are a kind little girl".

## Jill Steward

### The Royal Flight

In 1997, while working for British Airways, I was asked if I would co-ordinate and lead The Royal Flight for the Queen's State Visit to Thailand. I was sworn to secrecy because of security and told I couldn't even tell anyone in my family. What a responsibility and what an honour! The trip was 7 days, flying Her Majesty and Prince Philip to Bangkok and then home again a week later. My duties included choosing the cabin crew, attending a briefing with the RAF royal flight and becoming familiar with the Royal china and all the special items that accompany Her Majesty when she is travelling. The story of the experience of a lifetime would take too long to share here, so I have chosen three occasions that show the Queen's sense of humour, her concern for others, and her amazing knowledge of the world.

As well as various Trade and Overseas Ministers travelling, the Queen's Ceremonial Band, 50 or so young men, were seated towards the back of the Boing 767. The cabin crew had lots of fun looking after them over the two 15-hour flights and there was a great deal of swapping stories and laughing. After flying back into London, the Queen made enquiries into how the Band found the flight. It was their views that mattered to her and why I received such a lovely letter of thanks.

When we landed at Bangkok there was a red carpet laid ready on the tarmac. On seeing this Her Majesty turned to the Duke and said that she had asked for no carpet to be used as she deemed it unnecessary. Stopping a 767 is a joint operation between the Captain and

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## From The Registers

### Holy Baptism

Aug 28	Aurelia Anna Sutton	Turville
Aug 28	Bella Pamela Sherwin	Frieth
Aug 28	Beatrice Thompson	Hambleden

### Holy Matrimony

Aug 20	James Ingram and Darya Papko	Fawley
Aug 20	Thomas Sherman and Felicity Poole	Hambleden
Aug 27	Nathaniel Clark and Olivia Drew	Hambleden
Sept 3	Jonathan Howell and Christina Pyke	Hambleden

### Rest in Peace

Aug 26	Ian Thompson	Funeral and Burial, Turville
Sept 2	Umilta Elizabeth Higgins	Cremation, followed by planned Memorial Service on Sept 16, Turville
Sept 10	James Hayter	Burial of Ashes, Medmenham
Sept 10	John Leonard Rogers	Funeral Service, Turville followed by Cremation on Sept 12
Sept 12	David Loveridge	Memorial Service, Fingest



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## Pattern of Worship September 2022

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## Sunday Services

	Fawley	Fingest	Frieth	Hambleden	Medmenham	Turville	Zoom
Sat 1st Oct						3pm Animal Blessing	
2nd Oct		6pm Harvest Festival	3pm Harvest Festival			10am Group Service – Harvest Festival	
9th Oct	3pm Wild Church, Fawley Hill	9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion			
16th Oct			9am Holy Communion/ Zoom	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Lay-led Morning Worship	11am Harvest Festival		9am
23rd Oct	11am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion/Zoom	11am Holy Communion		9.30am Holy Communion	9am
30th Oct			8am, BCP Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	3pm All Souls Service	
6th Nov	10am Group Service						

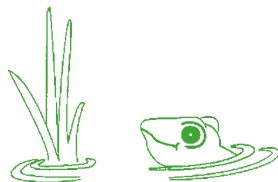
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the engineers on the ground and as we sailed past the red carpet the Queen found it very amusing, laughing with the Duke.

On our return flight the Queen read every British newspaper that had been flown out for her. Most she turned the pages over stopping occasionally to note an article. She then completed the crossword in one of the broadsheets in a matter of minutes. When later in the flight we passed over a city shown in the dark sky by its lights, she remarked to Prince Phillip that we were passing over Karachi. I went into the flight deck to ask the Captain where we were to be told we had just flown over Karachi! We were flying at approx 7 miles high and at night. Her knowledge of the geographical world was amazing.

My final memory is being presented to the Queen by her Equerry in the First Class Cabin as the plane was descending into London. I gave my best curtesy and received a gift from Her Majesty. After we had landed Lady Susan Hussey, who was Her Majesty's Lady in Waiting at the time, asked me if I would mind swopping my box of orchids, that I had bought for about £3 at a street market, for the beautiful orchids that the Thai Royal family had given to the Queen. She explained that the Queen preferred the simplicity of the common orchid and would be most grateful if we could. Of course, I said. And that is how my Mum had a huge display of orchids, fit for the Queen, in the front window of her cottage in Pangbourne.

**Maddy Field**



While events after Her Majesty's death were unfolding rapidly on the national stage, Wild Church on 11th September drew reflection and remembrance gratefully together within the peace of the local landscape. Gathered in a



chalk scrape at Colstrop Farm, Sue Morton led us in commemorating the Queen's reign both in prayer and in planting. Under Maria Spink's encouraging guidance, young and the not so young scrambled over the rough scree to tuck up increasingly rare perennial wildflowers, such as harebells, horseshoe vetch and slender bedstraw, in order to attract back our disappearing butterflies, most notably the Chalk Hill Blue and Adonis Blue.

What better celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's life and love of God's creation than that the natural beauty of the Chilterns, nurtured by generations past, should be restored and enshrined here, unfolding its glory anew across a longer, ecological, time-frame.

Our thanks to Mike and Maria Spink for their generosity in enabling the visit and sharing their compassion for the countryside.

The next Wild Church is on **Sunday 9th October 3pm Go Wild! Fawley Hill Estate RG9 6JA**

**Laura Wortley**

### **Tuesday Tea Club**

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since we last met at Parmoor before the pandemic. We have lost our beloved Queen and the new reign of King Charles III has begun. We all met up again at Waterperry for the first time since lockdown. Not as many of us through death and illness sad to say, and there were more walking sticks and wheelchairs, but it was so

## WILDLIFE

lovely to greet each other again over the tea table. Sue is hoping to start up our weekly meetings at Parmoor again in the New Year so do come along. Meanwhile she is hoping to organise a trip to Sonning for lunch and the theatre in November, yet to be confirmed. Many thanks to the drivers for taking us on 13th September to Waterperry where we had a lovely afternoon.

**Pam Harper**

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### Regenerative Farming

The editor asked if I could share with you what we are doing at Colstrope Farm. We are part of a new breed of farmers working with nature – to improve soil health and biodiversity in the Chilterns especially recognising our dependency on the planet for our food and wellbeing; it's called Regenerative Farming.

Why? Because biodiversity, the environment and animal welfare are critically connected to human wellbeing. Soil health is key to success. The Earth's soils contain about 2,500 gigatons of carbon; and we can 'sink' more damaging CO2 underground from the atmosphere if we improve soil health. We avoid ploughing because it releases carbon in the soil back into to the atmosphere and in the process also kills microbial life, depleting soil health further. Post war farming is very much a result of subsidies and the way the big agro-chemical companies pursue profits at the expense of depleting nature both above

and below the ground.

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We have planted herbal leys to provide richer swards with deeper roots that give nutrients both below and above the soil. This year we experimented with our first 'no-till wheat crop' drilled directly into the herbal ley. "No till" is another regenerative practice eliminating ploughing and instead drilling the seed directly into the ground which reduces soil erosion and increases soil biological activity and organic matter.

Our pilot crop yielded well with a traditional wheat variety grown without ploughing, no herbicide, no fertilizer. Absolutely nothing was added nor much rain either! This regenerative practice is all about eliminating the expensive and damaging inputs of herbicides and fertilizers. Luckily for us we have an expert

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Patrick will be helping us celebrate the first screening using our brand new, state-of-the-art equipment including a built-in screen, 4k HD projector and surround sound, which we have been able to purchase thanks to generous grants from Buckinghamshire Council, Hambleden Parish Council and thanks to the support of you, our audience, in purchasing tickets, food and drinks.

Doors open 7pm, programme begins 8pm. Tickets £8 each can be bought from [www.hambledeninema.co.uk](http://www.hambledeninema.co.uk) and from Hambleden Village Stores. There will be a bar selling soft drinks, wine, beer and tempting delicious cinema snacks!

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**From the Hambleden Cinema team**

### **Hambleden Christmas Tree Festival**

**IS BACK!** Hambleden is hosting its Christmas Tree Festival at Hambleden Village Hall. This year it will take place on **Saturday, 10th December 2022.**

A delightful way to begin the festive season, there will be around 18 Christmas trees on display, all decorated by local families, businesses and clubs. Doors open to all from 1pm to 5pm. Come and join in the festivities!

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**Helen Turner**

## **FRIETH**

### **Frieth School**

I am delighted to report that the start of term has gone well; the children have settled back into their routines and, as I have walked around the school, I have been thrilled to see the pupils' attitude to learning. They certainly have been 'Letting Their Light Shine!'

As I am sure readers were, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

The following day, Staff and Students met in the hall for an assembly to reflect upon her reign. Throughout the last 70 years, the Queen was a symbol of kindness, dedication and loyalty; a role model to all our young people. She was a monarch, but also a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and Frieth CEC Primary School extend our sympathies to the Royal Family at this difficult time of personal grief.

A considerable amount of work was also completed over the summer on our forest school. I would also like to thank our wonderful parent community and, in particular, our fantastic Forest School teacher Miss Clio and Chris Clarke, father of Lorenzo and Rocco for giving up so much time. Exciting times ahead for our Forest School and I know the children are going to absolutely love outdoor learning this year.

**Martin Gosling, Headteacher**

## **FINGEST**

### **Thanks**

I have received this lovely letter of thanks from Lady Penelope Mortimer, Chairman of Trustees, The Turville School Trust:

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**Sarah Thorneycroft-Smith**

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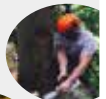
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