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This magazine serves them all.

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This Month's Cover

The photograph shows the flag on the roof of Buckingham Palace flying at half-mast. This was because Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second died during the afternoon of Thursday 8th September. The whole country joined in mourning the loss of this well-loved lady, indeed many other countries around the globe, linked in paying tribute to the memory of a profoundly dedicated woman. She promised to give her life in service to her country and Commonwealth and that is exactly what she did. Performing all her duties with the utmost assiduity she was a glowing example to us all. The mountain of flowers outside the gates of Buckingham Palace bears testimony to the affection in which she was held.

Yn y llun dengys y faner yn hedfan ar hanner mast uwchben tô Palas Buckingham. Roedd hyn oherwydd bod ei Mawrhydi, y Frenhines Elizabeth yr Ail wedi marw yn ystod prynhawn dydd Iau 8fed Medi. Ymunodd y wlad gyfan mwen galar ar golled y ddynes annwyl hon. Yn wir danfonwyd teyrngedau er côf am fenyw hynod ymroddedig o bedwar ban y byd. Addawodd roi ei bywyd mewn gwasanaeth i'w gwlad a'r Gymanwlad a dyna'n union a wnaeth. Wrth gyflawni ei holl ddyletswyddau gyda'r asbri mwyaf, roedd hi'n esiampl gloyw i ni i gyd. Mae'r mynyddoedd o flodau y tu allan i gatiau Palas Buckingham yn ategi i'r anwyldeb y cafodd ei chynnal ynddo.

Translated by Siân Tesni

Elizabeth the Great

The saying goes, "The Queen is dead; long live the King." For several months we had seen the Queen clearly failing in health and needing to use a stick to help her balance; she was having difficulty in fulfilling her duties in the conscientious manner we had come to expect of her. We knew that matters had come to a crisis on the morning of Thursday 8th September, when BBC television devoted nearly all its coverage to the news that the Queen was under the supervision of her medical staff and that her family was on its way to her bedside at Balmoral. About 6.30 pm, the news came that our monarch had died during the afternoon. We mourn her death but celebrate her wonderful life.

The news of the death of King George VI came on 6th February 1952 when none of us really knew just how ill he was. This was the moment that Elizabeth became our Queen and began the record 70-year reign. She undertook her duties willingly, selflessly and with an energy appropriate to her age. She managed to continue to display this ability throughout her reign, into old age, and even performed two duties relating to the change in Prime Minister, two days before her death. How many others could do the same?

She brought many personal attributes to her life and interaction with the public. She was, primarily, a family person and had many such difficulties to contend with in her life. 1992 was the year when so many things caused her great discomfort to such an extent that she described it as "Annus Horribilis." However much these tribulations beset her, she continued with her engagements with her usual smile and amiability.

She had a puckish sense of humour and here are some examples. The first came with the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Who can forget the sequence where "James Bond" escorted her to the venue, and she apparently parachuted into the arena? The second was more recent when, as part of the celebrations for her Platinum Jubilee, she recorded a video of herself entertaining Paddington Bear to tea complete with marmalade sandwich. The third is a delightful anecdote told by her personal bodyquard. On one occasion when the Queen was staying at Balmoral, she and the bodyguard went out together for a walk. They had a picnic and were walking on when they met two American hikers who engaged them in conversation. It was clear from the outset that they had not recognised the Queen, and after relating where they were from and where they had been, asked her where she lived. "In London, but I have a holiday home nearby," came the reply. "How long have you been coming here?" "Since I was a little girl, about eighty years." "Gosh! You must have met the Queen then?" "No," she replied, "but he has," Indicating the bodyguard. They immediately turned to the bodyquard and said with awe in their voices.

"You've met the Queen? What's she like?" The bodyguard replied, "She can be quite cantankerous at times, but she has a lovely sense of humour." The two Americans each put their arms round him and got the Queen to take a photograph of them! The bodyguard then persuaded them to have a photograph with the Queen in the middle and they went off well pleased with their encounter with the man who had met the queen. When they were out of earshot the Queen said, "I would love to be a fly on the wall when they show the photo to their friends and are told who I am!"

The Queen had always been a keen horsewoman as also was Prince Philip. She passed this love of horses on to her children, Charles being a keen Polo player and Anne winning a gold medal in an equestrian event at the Olympic Games. The Queen rode side-saddle on her horse at the Trooping of the Colour until she was in her 60s and continued her love of horse racing right up to her death, having a winner just two days beforehand. One of her quips was to remark that she always like to visit her stables as it was one of the few places she went to that didn't smell of fresh paint!

The Queen was born into the television era. Her Coronation was the first to be televised in 1952 and the Monarch's Christmas Message, first broadcast in 1932, came to television in 1957. She made these talks a really personal chat that never failed to reach out to her subjects all around the world. She had a manner which connected in a special way with us all and also emphasised her feelings of the Importance of the family. She has had many such troubles to give her cause for anguish including the divorce of her three older children and the actions of son, Andrew and grandson, Harry.

She also oversaw many, many changes, including 15 Prime Ministers, but also in the style of the monarchy. Her father, George VI made considerable moves towards making our ruler come closer to his people especially during the War when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother made the *oft* quoted remark after Buckingham Palace was bombed that she could now look the East-enders in the eye. She served in the ATS during the war coming into contact with people she would otherwise not have met on equal terms. The monarchy became much more like "ordinary folk" than under previous Kings and Queens. This has moved on to such an extent that when King Charles was doing his walkabout in front of Buckingham Palace on his arrival, one of the lady spectators managed to give him a kiss!

It hasn't all been sweetness and light though; there have been wars and conflicts as well. There was the Korean War, the Mau Mau uprising, the Gulf War, Cyprus, Suez, Falklands, Lebanon, Gulf, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya just to name the major ones. Her armed Forces have served her loyally and well.

On her twenty-first birthday, 21st April 1947, the then Princess Elizabeth was with her parents and younger sister on a tour of South Africa. In a speech broadcast on radio from Capetown, the Princess, then heir to the throne, dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth. Here is an extract from that speech:

"I declare before you all, that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

This was a remarkable promise and a courageous one for a young woman to make before the whole world. That she fulfilled that promise throughout her 70 years reign, through hard times and good is an indication of the strength of character she possessed. She was sustained in this commitment by her faith. One of her titles, "Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and this includes the Church in Wales, was not merely an honorific but something which she took seriously, taking it as her duty to lead us. In each of her Christmas broadcasts, she made reference to this faith and encouraged all of us, her subjects, to be of like mind. While an estimated 250,000 people filed past the coffin to pay their respects, in celebrating her life, one of the best tributes we can make to her memory is to continue and even strengthen our allegiance to God.







The Queen had illustrious forebears in Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria

The Funeral

The Lying-in-State in the Palace of Westminster Great Hall was from 5pm on Wednesday 14th September, until 6.30 am on Monday 19th September, the day of the funeral. Hundreds of thousands of people, not all British subjects, travelled to London in order to queue for anything up 30 hours so that they could pay their respects to our wonderful Queen. Her four children, King Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward stood a vigil and so did her eight grandchildren the next day,





The Lying in State

Part of the Queue

The funeral procession consisted mainly of service personnel with the coffin resting on a 2½ ton gun carriage first used at Queen Victoria's funeral but at each state funeral since. The gun carriage had 98 naval ratings pulling on ropes to move the vehicle forward with another 40 behind, acting as the brakes. This use of manpower has also been customary since Queen Victoria when the horses refused to start in the cold weather of a February day.



The Pall Bearers



Naval Ratings pull the Gun Carriage





The Children





Great Grandchildren



In the Abbey

The funeral started from Westminster Hall, taking the coffin to Westminster Abbey accompanied by the closer Royal Family. After the moving service, the cortege left the Abbey, slow marching to Wellington Arch, where the coffin was transferred to a hearse for the journey to St George's Chapel Windsor for a Committal service.



Armed Forces lined the route with 'Arms Reversed' as were those of the marchers. The proceedings were choreographed throughput in meticulous detail and impeccably carried out. It all lasted over six hours and the mourners must have been extremely tired by the finish. Enormous crowds lined the route, with occasional clapping and with flowers being thrown towards the hearse. The Queen's favourite horse and two corgis were by the side of the drive to see the coffin pass.





The last part of the service at the Abbey and at Windsor had a lone piper who played a lament on the bagpipes. At Windsor he slowly left the Chapel and disappeared into the gloom. Incredibly moving.



Flags were flown at half-mast in the Ministry Area, and the Llantwit vigil, at 8 pm on the Sunday appeared on television. St Illtud's bells were rung half-muffled, giving a ghostly echo which was very moving and made the loss feel even more personal. At Westminster Abbey they rang a peal of Stedman Caters, 9 bells, fully muffled.

Mothers' Union Prayer

Almighty God, at this sad and solemn time, we bring you heartfelt gratitude for the life of our Patron, Queen Elizabeth the second. We praise you for her shining witness to the truth of Your eternal love, throughout the years of her reign. We give thanks for the stability she provided through times of peace and security, through times of challenge and change. As we mourn the passing of our monarch, we pray for her family in their sorrow; and ask for your guidance and wisdom for all involved in the weighty matters of state. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From Father Edwin

Dear Friends,

I was aged 6 when I first saw the Queen. The factory where my Dad worked in Birmingham had just opened new premises and the Queen was there to cut the ribbon and open the new facility. I'd love to be able to say that I was in the front row and Her Majesty beamed as I handed her my carefully selected bouquet of flowers, picked from the garden. Sadly, I was lost in the crowd, too short to see anything, and my strong memory was of the rain running down the back of my neck on a dismal day. Yet the official photos of that event show a smiling Queen Elizabeth, dressed in a trademark hat, marking a landmark event for a business and a local community.

Decades later when I was lucky enough to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the Queen performed much the same duty, wearing a very similar hat! Many people have spoken about the continuity of her 70-year reign providing an anchor point through a time of seismic change in our own country and across the world. Quite simply, the Queen was always there on Christmas Day broadcasts, Trooping the Colour, FA Cup finals, Remembrance Day at the Royal Albert Hall, on all our coins and postage stamps and, seemingly, present almost wherever we turned.

Her death at the age of 96 was not a surprise, but it came as an enormous shock to many, as we all thought she was destined to reach 100 years. Over that time, our personal memories have become intertwined with national memories. Many people have made reference to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the encounter with Paddington Bear across the royal tea-table. Marmalade sandwiches will now take their place in royal folklore as well as popular culture, yet I can't help thinking that a silly sketch that made the nation chuckle also speaks into the future life of our nation. Perhaps it spoke of the Queen's hope for the future, as she sat down to tea with Paddington, the refugee and 'undocumented alien', reminding us of the diversity of the United Kingdom and demonstrating a model of acceptance and common life.

Such a death confronts us with our mortality, our own losses, and the fact that we do not know and cannot control the future. It churns up the sediment that has settled deep in our souls, bringing uncomfortable and unfamiliar things to the surface. For me, that's the anchor point that faith brings to any of us. It's not a guarantee of peace and happiness in an uncertain world; it simply allows us to find meaning and hope when this life is set in the wider picture of God's loving purposes for each one of us. Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, summed this up when he said, "The Queen was not shy in speaking of her faith and the hope and strength she found in Jesus Christ. At the heart of the good news of God is that through the death and resurrection of his son Jesus, the promise of new and eternal life is offered to us all. This belief, this hope, sustained our Queen and as she rejoices in that promise fulfilled so we too can draw comfort and hope from it."

May she rest in peace. *Edwin*

King Charles III

Charles, who is now King, will seek to carry on where his mother has gone before him. He has a similar sense of duty and commitment and I think that he has shown courage in choosing Charles as his regnal name, bearing in mind what the previous Charles' were like. He also saw fit to refer to his mother and father by the familiar "mummy' and "daddy" thereby risking some scorn but demonstrating his affection for them both.

Charles has a number of "firsts" to his name, being the first heir apparent to go to school as opposed to having a private tutor. He has been the longest-serving heir apparent in British history and, at age 73, is the oldest person to assume the throne. created Prince of Wales on 26th July 1958, though his investiture was not held until 1st July 1969, when he was crowned by his mother in a televised ceremony held at Caernarfon Castle. Charles broke roval tradition again when he proceeded straight to university after his Alevels, rather than joining the British Armed Forces. In October 1967. he was admitted to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read archaeology and anthropology for the first part of the Tripos, and then changed to history for the second part. During his second year. Charles attended the University College of Wales in Abervstwyth. studying Welsh history and language for a term. He graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Bachelor of Arts degree on 23rd June 1970, the first British heir to earn a university degree.

Charles has always been forthright with his opinions and was well ahead of his time with his views on ecology and climate control. That much of the modern world now agrees this these, previously scoffed at, feelings indicate how forward thinking he was and is.

Charles has also lent himself to a lot of charity work. Much the same as his father's Prince of Edinburgh Award Scheme. his own Prince's Trust also focussed on voung people. Since founding the Prince's Trust in 1976. Charles has established 16 other charitable organisations and now serves as president of all of them. Together, they form a loose alliance called the Prince's Charities, which describes itself as "the largest multi-cause charitable enterprise in the United Kingdom, raising over £100 million annually.

Charles served in the Royal Navy and in the Royal Air Force. He learned to fly jet aircraft and helicopters before receiving the many honorary ranks in all the Armed Services. He was a keen player of polo, not holding back in any way as evidenced by his breaking an arm.

We look to King Charles III to continue the good work of his predecessor with the same dedication and humour. Good luck to him!

Royal Visits

The Ministry Area is no stranger to Royalty. We have had visits from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and also from her son when he was the Prince of Wales. The Queen came to St Donat's to visit Atlantic College with Prince Philip on 30th April, 2014.







King Charles III has been to us twice when he was Prince of Wales. On the first occasion he came to see Ewenny Priory and the school in St Brides Major on 13th December 2013.

He came to see us at St Illtud's with its recently restored Galilee Chapel in July 2014. It had been a ruin since one of his ancestors Edward VI removed its roof and let it fall into a ruin. Now fully restored it was a wonderful day when it was rebuilt. I thought it was a lovely human touch when our plantsman Gareth handed Camilla a watering can because Prince Charles decreed that he had planted the tree and so his wife should water it in!! Gareth is exchanging his watering can for Camilla's Royal Purse, so the command of our future King should be carried out! How often does the chance for a commoner come up to hold the Royal Purse for even just a short period of time? One never knows what the day may hold for us, and we look forward to the new King's reign with Camilla as his Queen's Consort. God Save the KING!

Bill Henderson







From the Registers

Marriages

25 Aug. Jacob Marc Osborne & Ann Hughes

Burials

31 Aug. Diane Grant, aged 83 years, Llantwit Major

02 Sept. Clarice Maureen Ayers, aged 88 years, Wick

06 Sept. Simon Karl Jackson, aged 48 years, St. Athan

06 Sept. Martin David Crook, aged 60 years, Pencoed (formerly of Siginstone)

13 Sept. David Whitbread, aged 85 years, Llantwit Major

16 Sept. Michael John Davies, aged 75 years, St. Athan



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OCTOBER 2022 Final	Sunday 2 nd	Sunday 9th	Sunday 16 th	Sunday 23rd	Sunday 30th
St Illtud's 8.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St James', Wick 8,00am	Online	Online	Online	Online	Online
St Tathan 9.00am	Harvest Praise	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer
	Songs of Harvest Praise @ 5pm in Paul Lewis Com Centre				
St Illtud's 9.30am	Online & in person Harvest Service	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person
Ewenny Priory 9.30am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St Giles, Gileston 9.30am	Eucharist	Fri 14th @ 6.30pm Harvest Service	Morning Prayer		
St Michaels, Llanmihangel 9.30am	Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes 11.00am	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Harvest Service	Eucharist
St Bridget's 11.00am	Eucharist	Moming Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St James', Wick 11.00am	Eucharist	Harvest Service	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St Donat 11.15am	Harvest & Student Welcome	Eucharist	Prayer & Praise	Meet, Greet & Eat	Prayer & Praise
Holy Trinity, Marcross	Harvest Service 6.00pm	Friday 2 nd 9.30am Friday Fellowship			
St Mary's, Monknash		Harvest Service 6.00pm		Friday 14th 9.30am Friday Fellowship	
St James', Wick 11.00am	Thurs 1 st Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 8th Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 15th Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 22nd Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 29th Morning Prayer on Zoom
St Illtud's 10am		Wed 5th Eucharist	Wed 12 th Eucharist	Wed 19th Eucharist	Wed 26th Morning Prayer
St Illtud's 12.15pm		Fri 7th Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 14 th Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 21st Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 28th Eucharist & Soup lunch
St Tathan 11am		Wed 5th Eucharist	Wed 12 th Eucharist	Wed 19th Eucharist	Wed 26 th Morning Prayer
All Saint's, Southerndown 3pm	Wed 5th Eucharist	Wed 12 th Eucharist	Wed 19 th Eucharist	Wed 26 th Evening Prayer	Sun 30 th @ 3pm Family Service
St Illtud's 7.00pm					Mon 26 th Healing Service



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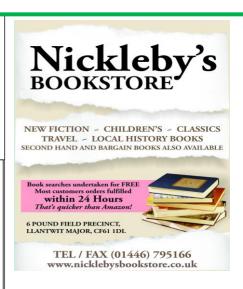
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