

St Olave's Church, Gatcombe July/August 2022



May I ask you a question? What did you learn over the Jubilee weekend?

Learn? I hear you answer. We didn't learn anything. We just had a jolly good time. We had two Bank Holidays, reasonable weather, we just enjoyed the street parties, ate cream teas and cake, drank lots and enjoyed ourselves. A brilliant excuse for a knees up. We watched a bit of telly, enjoyed the concert and the soldiers marching. We all said 'nobody does this sort of thing as well as us.' We loved the Queen taking tea with Paddington, but no, we didn't learn anything. Nothing at all.

I think we could have done though, if we had thought a bit more carefully about the occasion we were celebrating. Seventy years as our Queen. A young woman who dedicated herself to the service of her

country. She has weathered the bad times and the good, has never complained or shirked her duty, and has put service and dedication first. She has looked amazing for seventy years, in wonderful colours, with her hat, her gloves and her trusty handbag (though not with a marmalade sandwich inside, I wouldn't think!!)

She was very young indeed when she came to the throne, having lost her beloved father, to whom she had said goodbye in the public gaze at the airport, knowing he wasn't well, but not expecting him to die so suddenly. Returning home to Winston Churchill and a row of senior politicians at the aircraft steps, all bowing to her. The knowledge that her life was changed forever must have been very frightening.

Who would sustain and help her over the next seventy years? Of course, the Duke of Edinburgh would. Her beloved husband, who worked so tirelessly to support her, their family and the country. He was, as she so eloquently put it, her strength and stay, but I would also suggest her faith has sustained her. Her coronation oath, made in Westminster Abbey, before God, was the guiding principle of the next seventy years. As Queen, she is Head of the Church of England after all, but her faith seems deeper and more personal than that. She has led a truly Christian Life. Striving for peace and unity amongst nations as Head of her beloved Commonwealth. Visiting people not only across Great Britain, but across the world to foster this aim. Visiting communities up and down the country to support Christian ideals of love and inclusivity, of kindness and caring.

A life of service to others, supported by faith. Anyone who has seen a picture of the Queen smiling can see her love of life. This is not a life of onerous servitude but a life happily and joyfully lived in the love, faith and certainty of her Risen Lord. Truly a Jubilee lesson for us all.

Harriet Robinson (Churchwarden)

Lord God,

We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen,
And we thank You for her unfailing service to the people of this Nation.
We pray that she may continue to be a beacon of stability and hope.
Grant that the same Spirit may inspire us to proclaim the faith which she so cherishes.

May we follow her example for the common good,
For peace, justice and tolerance.
Help us to make our country a place of welcome and acceptance,
And that Your will may be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Amen

Liz Taylor (Churchwarden)



In Your Prayers...



Dear Lord-
Give wisdom and courage to all those
who work for peace.
May their efforts be blessed and bring
an end to suffering, war and hatred.
Bring comfort to all who live in countries of conflict,
give them the freedom to enjoy life.
And may we all know
Peace of mind and heart,
Peace of body and Spirit,
Peace in our communities and in the world.

Tony Taylor

The Marriage of
Helen Farmer & Peter Russell
took place on
Saturday June 4th 2022
at Gatcombe Church

The Christening of
Jack Gale
was held on
Sunday May 29th 2022
at Gatcombe Church

Pentecost

Amongst all the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, St Olave's congregation made their loyal toast to the Queen after the Service for Pentecost.

During the service, prayers for the Queen were offered, the National Anthem was sung and music from the coronation of King George VI was played on the organ (The Crown Imperial March by William Walton).

A delicious cake, accompanied with Prosecco, (supplied and organised by Harriet and Liz) were then enjoyed by those of the congregation who stayed after the service - thank you.

Hilary Jones

Purchase a Piece of The Minster?

After the roof and walls, we will move to the final phase of work on the interior of The Minster, which starts in January 2023.

From this autumn, there is an opportunity to buy a limited number of pews and pew doors, and own a piece of parish and Island history.

Pew doors can have a mirror set into the wood, to make a very large wall mirror....

For more information, call or email Tamsin in the Friends Office: Campaign@newportminster.org
Tel: 01983 559257

The Queen's Green Canopy

After the service for our Patronal Festival at 11am on Sunday July 31st we will be having a picnic outside. Everyone is invited to stay for a glass of Prosecco - please just bring your favourite picnic food, and a chair!

Afterwards, we will be planting an Amelanchier tree in the churchyard.

This pretty tree has white blossom in the spring, followed by berries and good autumn colour. There will be a



small plaque commemorating the event as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the tree and the plaque, you could email our treasurer, tonytaylor816@gmail.com or get in touch with Liz or Harriet, or bring an envelope to church with you, marked **Queen's Green Canopy**. We would very much appreciate your help.

July & August Services for St Olave's

Sunday 3 July	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 July	11am	Morning Worship with coffee afterwards
Sunday 17 July	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 24 July	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 July	11am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion
Sunday 7 August	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 August	11am	Morning Prayer with coffee afterwards
Sunday 21 August	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28 August	11am	Holy Communion

Puddings & Pipes (and Prosecco!)

St Olave's was full as we all gathered to be part of the new Festival Fringe to hear Gerard Brooks take us on a whirlwind tour of European organ music. There were the additional attractions of a multitude of delicious hot and cold puddings laid out around the church, together with a welcoming glass of Prosecco (so refreshing on a warm evening).

Suitably full and happy, the audience were then treated not only to a feast of Schumann and Handel but also to Gerard's amusing musical notes which helped put the pieces in context. For those familiar with the Isle of Wight Festival format, we even had a sing-back to the Hallelujah Chorus. The musical evening ended with a rousing rendition of Widor's Toccata.

With over fifty people in attendance the raffle was generously supported and fronted once more by Ann Taylor in inimitable style.

MC Steve Sutcliffe (with nails to match) topped and tailed the evening and I believe we made £833 for church funds.

Many thanks to the many who worked very hard to make the evening a success, not least Lyndon and the organ-building team valiantly battling the biodiversity living in the organ.

Next year maybe the Springwatch team would be interested in coming.... *Leonie Terry*

All Caked-Out!!

Cakes, cakes and yet more cakes**.... thank goodness for the cake-bakers of St Olave's, and the village of Chillerton who supplied St Olave's Church's 'catering platoon' with cakes for the first Saturday of the Scarecrow Festival.

Harriet's stroke of genius, to also include savoury filled rolls, was also much appreciated during lunch-time, when at one stage, the queue extended as far as the gate.

We were kept busy all day and when we closed at 4pm, were completely sold out - not a crumb left anywhere!

As always, we thank the brilliant 'catering platoon' members; Amanda, (dressed amazingly as a scarecrow!) Harriet, Jill, Sue, Leonie and Jenny. And a big thank you to the Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association who kindly allowed St O's to keep their takings of £543 in aid of Church Funds.

Liz Taylor

** 12 round cakes, 6 tray bakes - lemon, rhubarb and ginger etc., 2 fruit loaves, 2 dozen scones (plain and cheese), 6 dozen assorted flapjacks, Millionaire's shortbread, Rocky Road and home-made biscuits etc and 36 savoury filled rolls!!

Gatcombe's Triumphant Street Party

Gatcombe's Street Party was a joyful and fun-filled way to start a splendid Platinum Jubilee Weekend of entertainment and social gathering! We were greeted at Gatcombe by tables groaning with an array of different and delicious food, culminating in a huge cake decorated, literally, with a crowning glory – a decorated crown!

Games were organised by Felicity Farnham and Colley Don; hobby-horse racing for the 'little people' ... which of course the Vicar joined in – I did hear a few rumblings from them that Revd. Steve maybe cheated just a little – no surprise there then! Yet more fun with Pass the Parcel (or rather, pass the black bin liner) during which when the music stopped whilst you had hold of the bag, you were required to don either a coloured wig, silly hat or piece of clothing or all three. There are lots of very funny photos but make a donation to St O's and I promise not to make them public!!!!

As always when celebrating a Royal Event, Gatcombe rose to the occasion. For all their hard work, a huge thanks goes to Ann, Christine and Margaux – thank you everyone involved. *Liz Taylor*

A Very Busy Day!!

Jubilee Sunday was such a very busy day. After the Pentecost Service at St Olave's (described by Hilary) I rushed off to Chillerton Village Green in the afternoon for a wonderful cream tea, with musical accompaniment by David Thorpe.

After a few words from Nigel Phillips (Chair of the Parish Council) we again raised our glasses in a toast and sang the Nation Anthem (one verse this time, we had sung two verses at church in the morning!) Revd. Steve gave a Prayer of Thanks and the wonderful cake was cut and distributed - then the heavens opened!!! A swift clear up was done in the rain. It was amazing to join the village in this fantastic event - I do however, seem to have had cream teas, cake and Prosecco every day for the whole of the Jubilee Celebrations. Am I complaining? Most certainly not!

I enjoyed every moment and, of course, my highlights were the beautiful service at St Paul's and the Queen inviting Paddington Bear to tea. *Harriet Robinson*

Elizabeth Peace



On Wednesday June 15th a Memorial Service was held at St Olaves for the family and friends of Elizabeth Peace. Gifts to the church in her memory were presented at the service, including a Bible Cover, two tall candlesticks and a cushion for the clergy seat she always sat in.

The Parish Map, made a number of years ago, was moved to the body of the church as it represents the parish of St Olave's that Elizabeth dedicated so much of her enthusiasm and love to over many years.



May She Rest In Peace and Rise in Glory.

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Events for your Diary...

On **Saturday July 2nd** the whole **Newport Parish** will be holding a fund-raising day for **Christian Aid**.

There will be a walk to St Olave's for a slice of cake and a cup of tea. As usual, those who don't want to walk can come straight to the church to have tea and lend their support.

On **Saturday 9th July at 7pm** in the **Newport Parish Centre** there will be a **Promises Auction** for the charity, **Lend With Care** which is being supported by the whole benefice. There will be a Fish and Chip Supper, followed by the auction. **Tickets £10 per person.**

For all details of the Promises, the charity and to book a place, please email Richard Smout on richard.smout@cofeheartofwight.org

We will be having our usual Tombola Stall and a Bric-a-Brac Table at the **Chillerton & Gatcombe Horticultural Show** on **Saturday 30th July at 2pm** on the **Village Green**. Please do support the show and us. *(We do need more prizes for the tombola so if you can donate suitable items, please contact Liz or Harriet as soon as possible... thank you.)*

On **Saturday 6th August at 3pm** we be holding our **Ritz-Style Afternoon Tea** in the church. Please do join us for delicious cakes and sandwiches, all served on vintage china by St Olave's waitresses. A treat not to be missed. **Tickets from Liz or Harriet at £15 per person.**

