

A Royal reply

Many people will assume that our Queen has an easy life, planting trees, opening new buildings, and receiving new ambassadors. In fact, she has much to occupy her and one of those things is reading and, when possible answering, some of the great volume of letters sent to her. She likes to read and take an interest in the writers. Sometimes, and we are sure this will be very evident in this Platinum Jubilee period, there is simply an overwhelming amount and she has to rely on aides. Our Pastor wrote to the Palace on both the occasions of the Diamond Anniversary in 2012 and Her Majesty's 90th birthday, when we held commemorative events or special services in her honour. (His recent illness prevented that on this occasion.) One reply was clearly drafted by an aide and spoke in general terms of the Queen's pleasure in receiving such sentiments. The other said specifically that she had read our letter and appreciated our holding a special service in her honour!

Another anniversary: Congratulations to **Derek** and **Sue Watson** of Horsecastle Chapel, Yatton, on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 2nd June. They were married at Langford Chapel.

Test your Royal knowledge

1. What branch of the Armed Forces did the then Princess Elizabeth join in 1945?
2. How old was Her Majesty when she acceded to the throne?
Did you know that the youngest monarch in the Bible was Josiah, declared king at 8 years old? (2 Kings 22 verse 1.)
3. Where was she when news of her father's death reached her?
4. What special book was presented to her on her Coronation?
5. Where did she go on her first overseas royal tour?
6. How many Prime Ministers have served her?
7. Who was her first Prime Minister?
8. What is the Queen said to drink first thing in the morning?
9. How many international miles is the Queen estimated to have travelled? a. 100,000? b. 500,000? c. 1 million?

Bible verse for the month

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.

Proverbs Chapter 29 verse 2



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Early celebration

May the 28th would have been the day of our usual Aroma coffee morning but we switched the event to the afternoon and held a drop-in session, especially for local people though others were of course welcome. A good crowd joined in and this included those new to Langford. There was the usual bunting, and beautiful floral arrangements greeted those coming in. An amazing amount of memorabilia and other items relevant to Her Majesty's unique and long reign were on display and a muted video played in the background, showing scenes of the Accession, Coronation and onwards. There was ample food to share together and yes, this included Coronation Chicken! If that didn't appeal, there were many other good things and some amazing cakes. Thanks to Laura who brought along the splendid Platinum Jubilee Cake.

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That Platinum Cake



Not for the first time, a splendid cake for an event at Langford Chapel was brought along by local resident and *Aroma* regular, **Laura Batt**. Previous experience had taught us that it would be delicious. Somehow, even though everyone had filled up on all the other “Goodies”, we found room to have a slice and no one was in any way disappointed.

More quick snapshots



Prayer requests

Give thanks that **George**, our Pastor, is recovering after his recent stay in hospital.

Praise the Lord the **Jubilee afternoon** was such a happy occasion.

Pray for peace to come to **Ukraine**.

As we give thanks for Her Majesty at this time, let us pray that we may have **wise and godly leaders**.

As our Pastor progresses towards his (long overdue) retirement, pray that the **Lord will guide us** to the right man to take his place.

From our Facebook page

Langford Evangelical Church 28 May at 14.57

The chapel is decked out in red white and blue and the sun is out, there's plenty to eat and the kettle is on - what's there not to like? Get down to Langford to help us out!!!

An early memory of the Queen

In 1956 a country boy of 10 was with most schoolchildren in his part of Worcestershire given a day off because the Queen was passing through. Now many people did not have a television, there was no 24-hour rolling news and so this was a big event. Now this young fellow had a resourceful mother but as they walked through the lanes to what they expected to be a deserted junction with the main A449 Worcester to Malvern road it was a surprise to find a large crowd. It was obvious that the little lad would not see anything, so his Mum said, “Quick!” and they climbed over a five-bar gate into an adjoining field, which had a gate at the top end. Here they had a clear view of the road. It was to get better still. The Royal car came into view, swept past the crowd at the top of the lane and came to a sudden halt. The Duke of Edinburgh asked the driver to stop because at that point was the best view of the Malvern Hills. Out he leapt, camera at the ready and in that less security minded age they could have touched him! Of course, he never stopped to close the door, so the boy and his Mum had a clear view of Her Majesty sitting in the car. He is still a Royalist as an old man!

For your diary

The Deacons recently decided that for a trial period we would have just one preaching service on Sundays. This will be in the morning, at 11 a.m. as before. The more informal Evening Fellowship will replace the old-

style 6.30 p.m. service. Among the visiting preachers in coming months is **Jonathan Steeds**.

The *Aroma* coffee morning will revert this month to the normal time of **10.30** a.m. It is on the **25th** of June.