



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE ANNOUNCES THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

The Bishop in Europe, The Rt Revd Robert Innes, has spoken of his great sadness at the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, who died this afternoon at Balmoral.

“On behalf of the Diocese in Europe, I would like to send my condolences to the Royal Family at this painful time. We will remember them in our prayers. Queen Elizabeth’s Christian faith was her strength and guide throughout her life. It will be a comfort to us as we mourn her passing.

Queen Elizabeth was a deeply loved and cherished monarch, in the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth – and was held with considerable affection and respect around the world. Within our own Diocese we think especially of Malta, which she loved and where she and Prince Philip lived for a time before she acceded to the throne.

Her majesty saw enormous changes in the world during her reign and yet she remained a constant figure for us all – a symbol of faith, duty and public service. That was something she pledged herself to as a young woman and it was something from which she never deviated.

As our Elizabethan era ends with sadness, so a new era begins with hope and expectation.

We offer our prayers for our new monarch, His Majesty King Charles, and the Queen Consort, Camilla. May they know God’s wisdom and blessing – for the days and weeks ahead and in the years to come.

God save the King.

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