

Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving to mark
HM Queen's 90th Birthday



St. Germanus Church
Germansweek

12th June 2016

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

Dear friends,

we come together to give thanks,

as one family under God:

for life in all its fullness,

for love in all its power,

for joy in all its wonder.

Most especially today do we give thanks

for the length of years that has been granted

to our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth:

for her faithful witness, dutiful commitment, loving leadership,

gentle constancy, royal dignity and kindly humanity.

And, as we give thanks for Her Majesty,

so also do we give thanks for Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,

and all the Royal Family:

for mutual love and support

and for service to this country and to the Commonwealth.

Rejoicing at our good fortune,

we nonetheless pray for those in need:

the lonely and the despairing,

the sick and the fearful,

the weak and the oppressed –

that each precious life may be redeemed

by love of God and love of neighbour,

that together we may share in one another's joy.

All these our thoughts and prayers let us offer up to the throne of God
in the words our Saviour Jesus Christ commanded and taught us, pray-
ing:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to
behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so
replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline
to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly
gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she
may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she
may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

National Anthem 194

Organ Voluntary

Amen.

Act of Thanksgiving

For the faithful witness of our Sovereign,
We give thanks and praise.

For her dutiful commitment to her people,
We give thanks and praise.

For her loving leadership of nation and family,
We give thanks and praise.

For her gentle constancy amidst continuing change,
We give thanks and praise.

For her royal dignity in joy and in adversity,
We give thanks and praise.

For her kindly humanity to one and all,
We give thanks and praise.

We give thanks and praise for these divine gifts given to our gracious Queen, yesterday, today, and in the years to come.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Queens Majesty from the Book of Common Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

Collect

Heavenly Father, who hast brought our gracious sovereign Queen Elizabeth to the completion of her ninetieth year, and dost gather her people in celebration of the same: grant that we, rejoicing before thee with thankful hearts, may ever be united in love and service to one another, and her kingdom flourish in prosperity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: I Kings 1:32-40

Hymn: 428 Lord for the Years

Reading: Mark 12:13-17

Reading: Psalm 21:1-7

Sermon

Prayers

With the Psalmist,
let us call upon the name of the Lord,
and give thanks for all that God has done,
that the hearts of those who seek the Lord may rejoice.

God our Light,
we give you thanks for festivity and celebration;
refresh us as we rejoice together
that we may know life in all its fullness.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

God our King,
we give you thanks for the ninetieth birthday of Elizabeth our Queen;
sustain and strengthen her
that her reign may continue to bless us all.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Strength,
we give you thanks for the support of others;
bless Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
that this birthday may be a day of joy.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Saviour,
we give you thanks for Jesus Christ your Son; enliven the Church, his
body in the world
that it may be united in his love.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Guide,
we give you thanks for those who inspire us;
encourage all people of faith
that together we may embrace the future you have in store for us.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Maker,
we give you thanks for the world in which we live;
help us to tend and care for it
that all life may enjoy the fruits of creation.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Judge,
we give you thanks for all who strive for a better world;
give us your gift of peace
that war and terror may be no more.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God our Refuge,
we give you thanks for our homes and families;
strengthen the communities from which we come
that together we may care for each other.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

God of Glory,
we give you thanks for bringing us to birth;
let our mouths be filled with your praise
that we may sing of your honour all the day long.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence

Heavenly Father,
as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,
receive our heartfelt thanks
for all that you have given her in these ninety years
and for all that she has given to her people.
Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her,
and as you gather us together in celebration,
unite us also in love and service to one another.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.