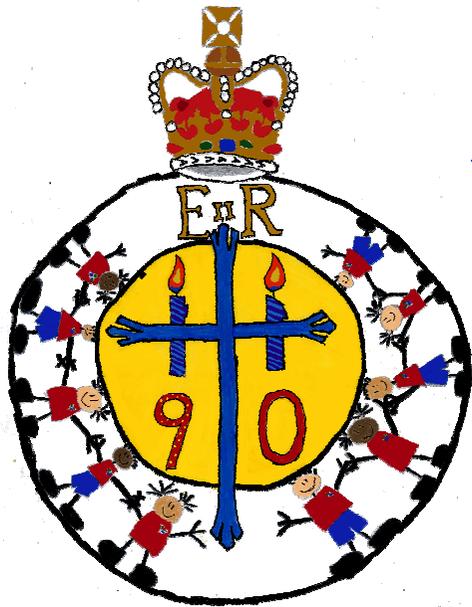


# Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II in her 90<sup>th</sup> Year



Lucas Salinger, aged 10, from Potten End C of E  
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**A Service of Choral Evensong and a  
Musical Celebration**  
Saturday 5pm, 11th June, 2016

**Directed by Douglas Keilitz with  
Richard Dunster-Sigtermans on the organ**

**A Civic Service**  
**supported by Revive (Christians together)**  
**and for the whole people of Rugby**

**With the church choirs of  
St Mark's, Bilton and  
St Andrew's, Rugby**

## **An Introduction to Choral Evensong**

Evensong dates back to the time of the Reformation and the liturgy that the Church uses to this day was laid out in Archbishop Cranmer's **Book of Common Prayer**, the first version of which appeared in **1549**. The music took shape a few decades later, in the reign of **Queen Elizabeth I**, with great composers like William Byrd and Thomas Tallis developing exquisite polyphonic choral music specifically for this new service, and in each subsequent generation new composers have continued to add great music to the repertoire of Evensong. This has inspired a unique **500-year-old unbroken tradition** of choir school foundations across Britain and Ireland that has been responsible for the very high standard of choral singing maintained to this day.

Cranmer's Evensong starts with the chanting of the Old Testament Psalms. Their repetition helps create a peaceful atmosphere, but one that is soon interrupted by the exuberant burst of the 'Magnificat'. This is the song of a young woman, Mary, rejoicing at the prospect of the birth of her child, Jesus. It is a song which also announces God's justice. From a young woman with child to an old man facing his death, the service changes tone, with the singing of the New Testament's 'Nunc Dimittis'. Whilst Simeon faces death, he rejoices, as he has seen his salvation in the baby Jesus. A major aspect of the genius of the service is the balance between female and male, young and old, and Old and New Testament in these 'Canticles'. An anthem follows that fits the mood of the day, and the service finishes after a third hymn. Afterwards the church resonates with the playing of the organ, often one of the great organ works of Bach.

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*The music was brought to you by:*

**St Andrew's Church Choir with  
St Mark's Church Choir, Bilton**

**Director of Music, Douglas Keilitz  
Organist, Richard Dunster-Sigtermans**

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**Please stay behind for a BBQ in the Gardens,  
Hosted by and in aid of the  
Rugby Air Cadets, 29 F Squadron**

**A new authorised Grace, for before we eat:**

Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts,  
we give thanks for the many years and long reign of our Queen;  
Bless our food, our neighbourhood,  
and our enjoyment of each other's company.  
Help us to learn from Queen Elizabeth's  
commitment to her people,  
so that our community may be strengthened  
and all may flourish.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the King of love.

**National Anthem**—*arr. Benjamin Britten, please stand*  
*First verse, choir only.*

God save our Gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
    God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us  
    God save the Queen.

**All Thy choicest gifts in store  
on her be pleased to pour,  
    long may she reign  
May she defend our laws,  
and ever give us cause  
to sing with heart and voice,  
    God save the Queen**

### **Final Blessing**

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all  
evermore. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, those you love  
and on our country for ever. Amen

*cf. 2 Corinthians 13.*

***Please remain standing as the choir  
and Ministers process out.***

Organ Voluntary, '**Crown Imperial**', *William Walton*

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### **Musical Settings**

Organ Voluntary, Prelude on "Rhosymedre", *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

### **Gathering**

*The choir sings from the chancel as the service begins, please remain seated.*

**Introit Music**— '**O Taste and See**', *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
Psalm 43, v.8

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Please stand to sing:*

### **The National Anthem**

**All God save our Gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
    God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
    God save the Queen.**

*The ministers and civic dignitaries process in. Flags from diverse  
countries, together with the Union Jack, are brought down the aisle by  
representatives from different communities in Rugby.*

### **Processional Hymn—Praise my Soul**

**All Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), 1834

**Welcome from the Rector of Rugby.  
Rev'd Imogen Nay**

***Opening Prayer, please remain standing***

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. Amen

**The love that never falters, the love that pays the  
price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them  
that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her  
King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds  
increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths  
are peace.**

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

**'O Lord, make thy servant, Elizabeth our Queen',  
Arnold Pugh, Rugby 1993, *please remain standing.***

O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen,  
to rejoice in thy strength, to rejoice in thy strength.  
Give her, her heart's desire, and deny not the request of her  
lips;  
but prevent her with thine everlasting blessing,  
and give her a long life, ev'n for ever and ever. Amen

*(Based on Psalm 21, vs 1-4. Composed for H.M Queen Elizabeth on the  
40th anniversary of her Coronation (2 June). The text was set originally  
by William Byrd for Queen Elizabeth I).*

**Anthem—'I was glad', Sir Hubert Parry.**

*Please remain seated. This anthem is traditionally sung at the coronation of a British monarch.*

I was glad when they said unto me :  
We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates :  
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city :  
that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to  
testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement :  
even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :  
they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls :  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes :  
I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God :  
I will seek to do thee good.

**Hymn - I vow to thee my country, please stand**

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands  
the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;**

**Act of Thanksgiving led by faith leaders, please sit**

For the faithful witness of our Sovereign,  
**All 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.**

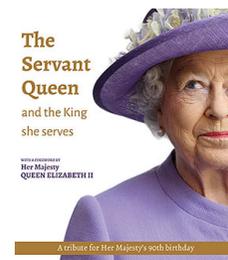
For her gentle constancy amidst continuing change,  
**We give thanks and praise.**

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.**

**Presentation of  
'The Servant Queen' by  
Dr Michael Bochenski,  
Convenor of Revive**



**Preces and Responses**, Setting by *William Smith*, please sit.  
Minister— Rev'd Tim Cockell, Rector, St Mark's Bilton

Minister    O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Answer     And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
Minister    O God, make speed to save us.  
Answer     O Lord, make haste to help us.  
              Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
              Holy Ghost;  
Answer     As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
              world without end. Amen.  
Minister    Praise ye the Lord.  
Answer     The Lord's Name be praised.

**Psalm 21 v1-7**, sung by the choir, please remain seated.

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord :  
exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire :  
and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness :  
and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life :  
even for ever and ever.

His honour is great in thy salvation :  
glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity :  
and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord :  
and in the mercy of the most Highest he shall not miscarry.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

**Offertory Hymn, Lord for the years**, please stand.  
*During which a collection is made for the Church Urban Fund and  
the NSPCC. Please give generously and gift aid if possible.*

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-  
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith  
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**Sermon—Rev'd Imogen Nay, please sit**

God our Judge, we give you thanks  
for all who strive for a better world;  
give us courage to keep on working for peace and justice  
so that war and terror may be no more:

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

God our Deliverer, we give you thanks  
for those who rescue us;  
for those who work to keep us safe  
and especially for all our armed forces:  
save all who are in trouble that today they may be free:

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  
and live without fear or blame:

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*We say together:*

**God our life,  
we give you thanks for Rugby  
for all who live and work here  
bless and protect our homes and communities  
and bind us together in your love and service.  
Amen**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading, Psalm 138**

*Authorised King James Version*

I will praise thee with my whole heart:  
before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name  
for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth:  
for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst  
me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when  
they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD:  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the  
lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:  
thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of  
mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me:  
thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever:  
forsake not the works of thine own hands.

***Here endeth the Lesson.***

**MAGNIFICAT**, *sung by the choir*. Setting- Hebert Murrill.  
*The Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 1 (The song of Mary).*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed,  
for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. **Amen.**

**Intercessions**, led by the Air Cadets

God our King,  
we give you thanks for the ninetieth birthday  
of Elizabeth our Queen;  
for her faithfulness and commitment to serve  
we pray that her reign may continue to bless us all:

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

God our Strength, we give you thanks  
for the support of others;  
bless Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and all those who  
support, care and enable our leaders:

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.**

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
 Answer And grant us thy salvation.  
 Minister O Lord, save the Queen.  
 Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
 Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
 Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.  
 Minister O Lord, save thy people.  
 Answer And bless thine inheritance.  
 Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
 Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but  
                   only thou, O God.  
 Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
 Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The First 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.

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Second Reading:**

The Gospel According to Saint John Chpt 13. verses 1-17  
*Authorised King James Version*

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

**Here endeth the lesson.**

*The service continues on pg. 11*

### Did you know?

We have just heard the Maundy Thursday 'foot-washing' Gospel in our service. Royal Maundy is a religious service in the Church of England held on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday. At the service, the British Monarch or a royal official ceremonially distributes small silver coins known as "Maundy money" (legally, "the Queen's Maundy money") as symbolic alms to elderly recipients.

The Royal Maundy service dates back to the 1200s, when the monarch would give alms and *wash the feet* of those present. The foot washing by the monarch came to end in the 18th Century; but symbolic gifts of money are still given. The service originates from the command, or "mandatum" by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, to love one another. It is from this that the day gets its name Maundy Thursday.

Today, **Queen Elizabeth II almost always attends** (she has been absent only four times in her reign), and the service is held in a different church (usually a cathedral) every year. Recipients were once chosen for their poverty and were entitled to remain as Maundy recipients for life; today new recipients are chosen every year for service to their churches or communities, on the recommendation of clergy of various Christian denominations. Generally, recipients live in the diocese where the service is held, although this was altered for the 2011 and 2012 services.

This year the service took place in Windsor Castle's St George's Chapel and the elderly recipients were selected from throughout England.



**NUNC DIMITTIS**, *sung by the choir, please sit.*

Setting—Herbert Murrill

### **The Gospel According to St Luke Chapter 2 vs. 29**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

### **Preces and Responses** (*Prayer and response*)

Minister The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Minister Let us pray.

**(please sit or kneel)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**