



The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree  
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



Further resources are available at  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-her-majesty-queen/resources-and-liturgy-death-hm-queen>

Details of Services held in our churches are available at  
<https://www.stedsandstmatts.co.uk/>  
or by phoning the Church Office on 01332 552031.

On Sundays we have 10 am services in both churches,  
and are on Zoom at 11.45 am (link on the church website).  
There is a 6 pm service at St Matthew's on Sunday 11 September  
and a 4 pm service at St Edmund's on Sunday 18 September.  
There is also Communion at St Edmund's  
at 10 on Wednesday mornings.

We have not made candles available for lighting as our churches  
are unstaffed. If you wish to light a candle in remembrance,  
Derby Cathedral is open daily - <https://derbycathedral.org/>  
We assume that they will also have a Book of Condolence.

Our flags are at half mast (and will remain so until the day after  
Her Majesty's funeral - but they are raised to full mast for the  
twenty-four hours after the Proclamation of the New Sovereign.

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## Prayers and readings

*You are welcome to take this sheet away with you*

## 1 – A prayer of thanksgiving

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks:

for her love of family and her gift of friendship;  
for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth;  
for her grace, dignity and courtesy;  
and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

the courage that she showed in testing times;  
the depth of her Christian faith;  
and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

Accept our thanks and praise, we pray,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 2 – A prayer of commendation

God our creator and redeemer,  
by your power Christ conquered death  
and returned to you in glory.  
Confident of his victory  
and claiming his promises,  
we entrust your servant Elizabeth into your keeping  
in the name of Jesus our Lord,  
who, though he died, is now alive  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Common Worship\**

## 3 – A prayer for those who mourn

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation,  
you pursue us with untiring love

and dispel the shadow of death with the bright dawn of life.  
Give courage to the Royal Family in their loss and sorrow.  
Be their refuge and strength, O Lord;  
reassure them of your continuing love  
and lift them from the depths of grief  
into the peace and light of your presence.  
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by dying has destroyed our death,  
and by rising, restored our life.  
Your Holy Spirit, our comforter,  
speaks for us in groans too deep for words.  
Come alongside your people,  
remind them of your eternal presence  
and give them your comfort and strength. **Amen.**

*Common Worship\**

## 4 – A prayer for the new King

Lord God,  
you provide for your people by your power,  
and rule over them in love:  
Grant to your servant our King  
the Spirit of wisdom and discernment,  
that being devoted to you with his whole heart,  
he may so wisely govern,  
that in his time we may live in safety and in peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Bible reading - John 14.1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'