

Holy Trinity, Potten End



**Service of Celebration
for the Queen's Jubilee
Friday 3rd June, 12 noon**

Opening responses

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
All your saving power among the nations.

We gather together to worship God
and in thanksgiving for the seventy years of faithful service
of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

We give thanks for her example of faithfulness
to God and to her people,
and pray God's blessing on her
that she may continue to fulfil the promises she has made
with generosity and joy.

All Amen.

Words of welcome are given.

All Gracious God, how great your love.
We lift our voice to you as we gather with praise
and thanksgiving on our hearts.
We come, part of the rainbow of your family,
from the nations of this United Kingdom and
the Commonwealth, rich in our diversity and culture.
We come as people of faith to give you thanks
for Her Majesty the Queen
– a leader, a mother, a wife, a servant.
Thank you for her life of service
and the example of her deep sense of vocation.
May she continue to be blessed with divine guidance
and find strength in her faith.
May she be encouraged by the widespread celebration
of this Jubilee.
May we who gather today be enriched
and strengthened by today's service.

**May the words, spoken and sung, lift our spirits
that we might leave this place steadfast in our role
as your ambassadors and Christ's disciples.
Amen.**

Hymn – *Be thou my vision*

**All Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise;
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!**

**High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Prayer of confession

As we prepare to confess our sins, may we be enlightened by the words of Queen Elizabeth, from her 1984 Christmas message:

“Above all, we must retain the child’s readiness to forgive, with which we are all born and which it is all too easy to lose as we grow older. Without it, divisions between families, communities and nations remain unbridgeable. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to live up to the standards of behaviour and tolerance which we are so eager to teach them.... We should work to heal old wounds and to abandon prejudice and suspicion.”

‘Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families; it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God’s love.’

**All Merciful God, we approach you asking for forgiveness,
For healing and reconciliation
To once again feel the power of your Love.
As individuals and as a nation
we have not simply done justice and loved kindness.
We have protected our privacy with isolationism.
We have ravaged your creation with entitlement.
Forgive us.
As we are forgiven, may we,
with the readiness of a child, forgive others.
Those who have caused division and pain
Those who spread intolerance and prejudice
Those who destroy that which we try to build up.
Open our hearts to abandon prejudice and suspicion.
As we teach our children tolerance,
may we be tolerant.
Use us to restore harmony
That all may humbly walk with you
And feel the power of your love.
We pray in the name of the great healer, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Bible reading – Luke 22.24-30

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Reflection – the Revd. Joe Roberts

Hymn – All people that on earth do dwell

All All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.**

Time of Prayer

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master.
We give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories
with Elizabeth
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father,
who exalts the humble and strengthens your people,
and who consecrated kings, priests and prophets
by anointing them with the oil of gladness:
bless Elizabeth our Queen.
Strengthen her with
the Spirit of wisdom and government,
the Spirit of counsel and strength,
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and continue to fill her, O Lord, with your holy fear,
now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are
in by our unhappy divisions.
Take away all hatred and prejudice,
and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union
and concord:
that, we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all humankind the true love of
peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is
filled with the knowledge of you love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**All Our Father, who 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.
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.**

Hymn – *Lord for the years*

All 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 of 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;
when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him:
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.**

Litany of prayer and thanksgiving

As we celebrate the life and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Join me in a responsive litany of thanksgiving.

God over all,
All we give you thanks.

God our source, our work our rest,
We give thanks for nations and leaders around the world.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for Her Majesty's reign of seventy years and the example of a life symbolised by duty and sustained by faith.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for the members of the Royal Family who have given service to this country and its people.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for all the citizens of this realm.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for the practices and values of these lands,
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for governance that cares for both citizens and
global neighbours.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks for the steadfast witness of the Christian
Church and of communities of faith here and around the world.
God over all,
All we give you thanks.

We give thanks that we can gather in our diversity and
celebrate today.
God over all,
**All we give you thanks and praise.
Amen.**

Act of dedication

As we give thanks for Her Majesty's service to us all,
let us dedicate our own lives once again to the love and service
of God and neighbour:

**All Lord of our lives and Father of all,
grant that our thanksgiving
may prove itself in service
to you and to our Queen, our country and one another,
for your Name's sake.
Amen.**

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.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Blessing and Dismissal

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among *you* and remain with *you* always.

All Amen.

We go in the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God.

*Rev Joe and all at Holy Trinity wish you an enjoyable and fun time at the
Potten End Jubilee Festival.*



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH JUBILEE WEEKEND EVENTS

Thursday 2nd June @ 7pm

Decorate trees on The Green with ribbons
To commemorate the Accession.
Act of Thanksgiving for the
Community in the Churchyard.

Friday 3rd June @ 12noon

Service of Celebration
for the Queen's Jubilee in Church.

Saturday 4th June 12.30 - 5pm

Church open for contemplation,
Quiet and candle lighting.
In the Churchyard - creating community art
and chalking on the wall.

On The Green - Holy Trinity events stall,
all-age crafts and Community Card to the Queen.

Sunday 5th June @ 11am

Pentecost Jubilee Songs of Praise
on The Green.

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**