

The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link



'Thank you, for everything'

October 2022



'Did you ever meet the Queen?' 'What did she mean to you?' Those were the questions the media were asking of the hundreds of thousands of people queuing to pay their respects in Edinburgh and London. Answers included things like: 'She was a symbol of stability in a changing world', 'the grandmother of the nation', and 'whilst politics divides us, the Queen has always united us'

As the nation was preparing to say goodbye to our Queen, I spoke with many people who felt a profound sense of loss at her passing. Many of them have never met her, and wouldn't describe themselves as ardent royalists, yet they still found her death unsettling. Perhaps this is because, amid all the current storms in our world, she was one unchanging point of reference for many people; a stabilizing presence in our society.

In her 2014 Christmas message, the Queen spoke of her own faith as 'the anchor in my life'; in all the changes that she navigated during the 70 years that she served as our Queen, she found the love of God to be her unchanging point of reference.

My prayer for us all is that in this time of change, we would all find that same anchor, that point of stability, as we navigate the years ahead.

Rev Barry Jackson

Father in heaven, we thank you for all who spent their lives in the loving service of others, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them, and the peace in which they rest. We praise you today for your servant Queen Elizabeth and for all that you did through her. Comfort her family in their grief and meet us in our sadness. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for her life, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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| OCTOBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Kineton | | Combroke | Radway | Ratley | Warmington | Shotteswell |
| 2nd | | 10.00am Simply Celebrate Harvest | | 3.00pm Harvest | 10.30am Communion | | |
| 9th | | 10.30am | 9.00am | | | | |
| | | Communion | Communion | | | | |
| l 6th | 8.30am | 10.30am | | 10.30am | 6.30pm | 10.30am | 8.30am |
| | BCP Comm | Morning Worship | | Communion | Communion | Communion | Communion |
| 23rd | | 10.30am | | | | | 8.30am |
| | | Communion | | | | | Communion |
| 30th | | 10.30am | | | | | 10.30am |
| | | Morning Worship | | | | | Communion |

SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

Saturday 1st Oct, 12.30 - 2pm, Shotteswell Village Hall



Come and join us for some good company over a light lunch. Small raffle with proceeds in aid of St Laurence Church, Shotteswell. Details from Pauline on 01295 730687 or <u>pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk</u>

SIMPLY HARVEST Sunday 2nd Oct at 10am St Peter's Kineton





Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone, with drama, activities, fun, songs and more.

HARVEST SERVICE AND MEAL

Radway harvest service is at 3pm on 2nd Oct. followed by a supper at 7pm on Monday 3rd Oct in the village hall.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

Mondays, 2-3:30pm from 3rd Oct at the Bereavement Café in the Methodist church hall, Kineton

This five-session course is for anyone who is bereaved, whether recently or dating back several years. It is suitable for people of all faiths and beliefs and



designed to help you work through your grief and loss. For more information or to book your free place email Helen at hig.01@me.com

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE Thursday 6th October at 11am at St Peter's Church Kineton A monthly ecumenical communion service







Bite-Sized

GOD AND SUFFERING Where is God when life hurts? A 3-week 'Bite-Sized' course beginning 17th October

There is so much pain, suffering and death in our world. Our news is full of violence, wars, earthquakes, floods, fires, famines and disease. Where is God in all this?

If there is a God, why doesn't he/she do something? This Bite-Sized course will be in the form of a series of short online videos, and opportunities for discussion via online chat and/or in weekly meetings in local pubs/homes. For more details from <u>barry@edgehillchurches.org</u>

A CONCERT FROM UKRAINE

28th October at 7.30pm in St Peter's Kineton Featuring Hanna Sokolyk on violin accompanied by pianist Lynn Arnold

Hanna is a professional musician and a Ukrainian refugee.

The concert will include a variety of classical and popular music.

Local singer Roderick Williams will join Hanna for a few numbers during the concert Tickets, £15 per person (inc an interval drink), from Eventbrite More info from jane.hill@btinternet.com

TEA & CHAT

Friday 28th Oct 3pm-4.30pm in Ratley Village Hall Come and meet up with neighbours and friends for a chat and catch up. Cost £1.00



Everyone welcome. No need to book, just turn up!

THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2-3pm Methodist Hall, Kineton Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. ICome and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat. All welcome!

More info from Dr Helen Gunton on hjg.01@me.com.