

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



**Read: Matthew 22:16-22**

Today marks the end of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen has been reigning for 70 years! That is a very long time. The Queen is the longest reigning Monarch in British History. The Queen has owned more than thirty Corgis and Dorgis over her lifetime and is a lover of animals, in particular horses. As British passports and driving licences are issued in The Queen's name, she is not required to have either – a privilege held by her alone.

Probably one of the most important things to note about the queen is that Her Majesty is a committed Christian and Churchgoer and has often spoken of her faith in her speeches and broadcasts. "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life," she said in her 2014 Christmas Broadcast. "A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none." She has often said she has prayed for her people and asked them to pray for her. Her faith has been an important anchor throughout her reign.

**Watch** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nxf1sIV11s> (Go Chatter – video can be bought)

How long has the queen reigned? What makes the Queen so special?

**Do:** Colouring Page -

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Write or draw a prayer for Queen Elizabeth II.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father,  
as we celebrate the platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen,  
receive our heartfelt thanks  
for all that you have given her in these seventy years  
and for all that she has given to her people.  
We give you thanks especially  
for her commitment to peace and reconciliation on this island,  
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.

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.  
Keep them by your side.  
May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.  
Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,  
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.  
Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.  
May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen  
(Taken from Praying Together)