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# A Royal Celebration

This month of June our nation celebrates the Queen's Golden Jubilee – 50 years as our sovereign. For me, as someone born post 1952, she has simply always been there. A bit like one's parents until they die, or even God (!), somehow she's always been around. I can't remember a Christmas when I didn't listen to her speech on Christmas Day.

The trouble with one's parents (and even God) is that because they've always been around, they can be taken for granted. They are simply part of the fabric of life.

If we're not careful it can be like that with the Queen. Whilst many are genuinely excited about the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations, a few find it hard to get enthused. What is all the fuss about they question? Yet it remains a deep down fact that in the UK there is still a popular consciousness (perhaps we should use Jung's term "collective unconscious") that responds positively and at a deep level to the institution of the monarchy and the Royal Family. This was proved all too poignantly at Princess Diana's death and more recently with the wave of warmth of feeling that swept through our nation at the Queen Mother's death.

In the Old Testament scriptures God was not particularly pleased when the people asked for a king to reign over them, as in the other

surrounding nations. God wanted to be King of Israel, not anyone else. But God granted their request and Saul was made king. Once the monarchy was established in Israel's history, it evoked profound respect and even reverence. David refused to dare to kill Saul because Saul was the "Lord's anointed". This concept of the divine, God-given authority of the reigning monarch is deeply engrained in our Judeo-Christian history and in our national consciousness. The monarch is

appointed by God and is a powerful symbol of the nation's unity. Even today, when the monarch's political powers are considerably diminished, nevertheless our

Queen powerfully symbolises for us the qualities of unity and peace that we aspire to. This awareness may only be fully awakened during a time of mourning or crisis. Nevertheless it is there and can be used for great good.

In one of the New Testament letters we are encouraged to pray for kings and all in high positions, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life". Let us this month especially join with the Queen in celebrating her 50 years of untiring faithful duty and leadership as our sovereign and pray for her and her family with a sense of gratitude and hope.

*Sr. Margaret Anne*



# Chronicle

# 50 Facts to Know about the Queen

This year the Queen celebrates 50 years since her accession to the throne. Buckingham Palace has released 50 facts about her life and work from official duties, foreign tours and unusual live gifts, to personal events.

1. The Queen is the fifth longest serving British monarch (she becomes the fourth longest serving monarch in June 2002.) Only four other kings and queens in British history have reigned for 50 years or more. These are: Victoria (63 years); George III (59 years); Henry III (56 years) and Edward III (fifty years).

2. Queen Elizabeth II is the 40th monarch since William the Conqueror obtained the crown of England.

3. The Queen has conferred 380,630 honours and awards.

4. The Queen has personally held 459 investitures.

5. Her first investiture took place at Buckingham Palace on 27 Feb, 1952. The first person to be presented was Private William Speakman, of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, who received the VC for his actions during the Korean War.

6. The Queen has received around three million items of correspondence.

7. Well over one million people have attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace or the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

8. Since 1952 The Queen has given Royal Assent to 3,135 Acts of Parliament.

9. Her Majesty has given regular Tuesday evening audiences to 10 Prime Ministers. They are: Winston Churchill 1951-55; Anthony Eden 1955-57; Harold Macmillan 1957-63; Alec Douglas-Home 1963-64; Harold Wilson 1964-70; and 1974-76; Edward Heath 1970-74; James Callaghan 1976-79; Margaret Thatcher 1979-90; John Major 1990-97; Tony Blair 1997-present day.

10. Tony Blair is the first Prime Minister to have been born during The Queen's reign. He was born in early May - a month before the Coronation.

11. The Queen is patron of 620 charities and organisations, 433 of which she has held since 1952.

12. In 50 years, the Queen has undertaken 251 official overseas visits to 128 different countries.

13. Many official tours were undertaken on the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was de-commissioned in December 1997 having travelled more than one million miles on Royal and official duties.

14. Britannia was first used by The Queen when she embarked with the Prince Philip on 1 May, 1954 at Tobruk for the final stage of their Commonwealth Tour. The last time The Queen was on board Britannia for an official visit was on the 1 August 1997 for a visit to Arran.

15. By the end of 2002 The Queen will have visited Australia 14 times, Canada 20 times, Jamaica six times and New Zealand 10 times.

16. Official visits have ranged from the Cocos Islands, 5.4 square miles with a population of 655, to The People's Republic of China, 3.7 million sq miles, population 1.25 billion.

17. Unusual live gifts from foreign tours include: two tortoises in the Seychelles in 1972, a seven-year-old-bull elephant called Jumbo from the President of the Cameroon in 1972 to mark The Queen's Silver Wedding, and a canary given to the Queen after the State Visit to Germany in 1965.

18. The Queen has sent almost 100,000 telegrams to centenarians in the UK and the Commonwealth.

19. The Queen has sent more than 280,000 telegrams to couples celebrating their diamond wedding (60 years) anniversary.

20. The Queen's real birthday is on 21 April, but it is celebrated officially in June.

21. The Queen has attended 31 Royal Variety performances.

22. The Queen has given 88 State Banquets during her reign.

23. The Queen has launched 17 ships.

24. The Queen and Prince Philip have sent about 37,500 Christmas cards.

25. The Queen has given out about 75,000 Christmas puddings to staff continuing the custom of King George V and King George VI.

26. The Queen learnt to drive in 1945.

27. The Queen was born at 17 Bruton Street, London W1, on 21 April, 1926, was christened on 29 May, 1926 in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace and was confirmed on 28 March 1942 in the Private Chapel at Windsor.

28. With the birth of Prince Andrew in 196, the Queen became the first reigning Sovereign to have a child since Queen Victoria, who had her youngest child princess Beatrice in 1857.,

29. The Queen has 20 godchildren

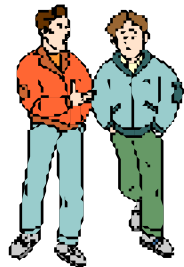
30. The first football match the Queen attended was the 1953 FA Cup Final.
31. The Queen has been at the saluting base of her troops in every Trooping the Colour ceremony since the start of her reign with the exception of 1955 when a national rail strike forced the cancellation of the parade.
32. The Queen has sat for more than 120 portraits, the most recent in 2001 by Lucian Freud.
33. The first Royal walkabout took place during the visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1970.
34. In 1969 the first television film about the family life of the Royal Family was made and shown on the eve of the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales.
35. An important innovation during the Queen's reign was the opening in 1962 of the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace to display items from the Royal Collection, which is reopening this year.
36. The only time The Queen has had to interrupt an overseas tour was the 1974 trip to Australia and Indonesia, when a general election was called in the UK.
37. The Queen has opened Parliament every year except 1959 and 1963 when she was expecting Prince Andrew and Prince Edward respectively.
38. The Queen's first Commonwealth tour began on 24 November 1953, and included visits to Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, Panama, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia, the Cocos Islands, Ceylon, Aden, Uganda, Libya, Malta and Gibraltar. The total distance covered was 43,618 miles.
39. The Queen has made a Christmas broadcast every year of her reign except 1969 when a repeat of the film Royal Family was shown and a written message issued.
40. In 1953 The Queen made the first Christmas broadcast from overseas life from New Zealand. The first televised broadcast was in 1957, made live. The first pre-recorded broadcast took place in 1960.
41. History was made in 1982 when Pope John Paul II visited Britain, the first pope to do so for 450 years. The Queen, titular head of the Church of England, received him at Buckingham Palace.
42. The Queen has attended 46 Maundy services in 35 cathedrals. A total of 5,100 people have received Maundy Money.
43. During the Silver Jubilee year The Queen toured 36 counties in the UK and Northern Ireland.
44. The Queen's first foreign tour of the Silver Jubilee was a visit to Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Papua New Guinea.
45. The Queen has owned more than 30 corgis, starting with Susan, an 18th birthday gift in 1944. A good proportion of the others have been direct descendants from Susan.
46. The Queen also introduced a new breed of dog known as the dorgi when a corgi was mated with a dachshund named Pipkin which belonged to Princess Margaret.
47. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh have been married 54 years. They were married on 20 Nov 1947 in Westminster Abbey.
48. The Queen's wedding ring was made from Welsh gold from the Clogau St David's mine near Dolgellau. The official wedding cake was by McVitie and Price Ltd, using ingredients given as a wedding gift by Australian girl guides.
49. The Queen has laid her wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday every year of her reign except 1959, 1961, 1963, 1983 and 1999, when she was either pregnant or overseas on an official visit.
50. There have been five Archbishops of Canterbury during the Queen's reign (Archbishops Geoffrey Fisher, Michael Ramsey, Donald Coggan, Robert Runcie and George Carey.)



St James' Church  
**Father's Day  
 Family Service**

Sunday 16th June  
 10 o'clock

*Eucharist follows at 11.15 am*  
 Normal Sunday Services on June 9th



# Healing Service

Wednesday 10th July  
 7.30 p.m. St James  
 Church

Receive Jesus' promise of  
 healing through personal prayer





# Rosanne interviews Mark Harris - Team Curate

Sometimes I wonder how I got started on my monthly articles for the *Chronicle* and why I keep them going. Then I meet my new interviewee and find each and every one so interesting that I can't wait to introduce them to you. That was very much the case this month. Mark is set to become our new curate and says he's really eager to make a start on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

He and his wife, Harriet, will soon be moving into the house at the top of Beauchamp Lane together with nine month old son Ben. Mark told me that his study window will be so close to that of Stephen's that phoning or email will not be necessary – they'll just be able to give each other a shout! No stranger to Cowley he rented a flat in Cowley Centre when he got his first 'job' in Oxford. At the moment Harriet, Ben and he have a house in Percy Street. He is by birth a Man of Kent (not a Kentish Man – there is a clear distinction) hailing from

Rainham, the eldest son of a merchant seaman. He realised very early on that science was his "thing". He loved constructing Meccano and found engineering and physics fascinating. After a happy and successful progress to the local primary school he moved on to grammar

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school. Sciences, of course, were his strong subjects. Incidentally, his younger brother, Neil, is a biologist. Mark went on to read physics at Cambridge. He remained there for six years convinced that his future lay in an academic career. In 1991 a research post came up at Oxford. So he swapped life in "The Other Place" for life in Oxford University Science Laboratories. Whilst at Cambridge it was not all serious stuff. He learnt to play guitar and became heavily involved in the

Twentieth Century Christian Music Society. He joined their rock band and went off with them to play in Ireland. They travelled around presenting music and drama productions and having a great time. Soon after he arrived in Oxford he joined the Oxford Community Church which used the Odeon cinema in George Street as a centre for worship. House (or home) groups were an important part of the culture and it

was through one of these that Mark met Harriet, a theological student. As they cycled home together after the meetings their relationship grew. Marriage followed and a very busy life too. Soon after they were married, the couple set off to cycle from Lands End to John O'Groats, camping on the way. Mark will tell you he's no sportsman but that bike ride is proof that he's pretty fit, don't you think? Married life has been coupled with Harriet's ordination, her placement as curate at St Mary the

Virgin church in The High, her chaplaincy at Wadham College and, of course, baby Ben's arrival. Mark describes his son as an easy, smiley boy who knows how to turn on the charm! So who's about to take the parish by storm, then? Becoming an ordinand was no easy decision for someone so happy in his scientific world but God was calling. Three years ago he entered theological college at Cuddesdon and now looks forward to joining our parish. I'm sure we shall offer him, not to mention Harriet and Ben, a warm welcome and enjoy getting to know them in the next few years.

**How would you describe yourself as a child?**

Shy, always had my nose in a book (I'm still a great reader). I learnt to read quite early. I loved school. My favourite sport was athletics.

**Can you remember an incident in your early life which prompts you to say "I'll never forget...?"**

Well, two, really. I travelled around the world twice, once when I was six and again when I was ten. Since my father was a merchant seaman he was given permission to take my mother, my brother and me with him. We were away for six months each time and we saw wonderful things. I shall never forget sailing through the Panama

Canal and seeing parrots and monkeys in the trees. We also sailed through the Suez Canal and saw bombed out tanks and so on after the crisis there. We visited all sorts of countries around the Med and I remember seeing sharks at sea. We had long days at sea so my mother spent time with my brother and me on our school books.

**Has God always been part of your life?**

I think I was particularly aware of Him from the age of 14. I was given a Good News Bible as a birthday present and I read it from cover to cover. At 16 it was a documentary on the life of Martin Luther and then when I was 17 a friend took me to a mission being held in Gillingham. It felt like a light being turned on.

**What do you think about modern society?**

Although technology and science have advanced a lot I regret that the pace of life is so fast. People work too hard and don't have enough time for each other.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy cycling. I value family time. I love going on holidays especially to "holiday cities". We went to Vienna on honeymoon; last year it was Rome. I enjoy cooking –

pasta's a speciality. Reading, of course, favourite author Joseph Conrad but my favourite thing of all is mountaineering.

**What makes you laugh?**

I have a surreal sense of humour. Typical of my generation I laugh at shows like "The Young Ones" and "Blackadder".

**Which period of your adult life has given you most satisfaction?**

The present really – it's always getting better and better.

**Plans for the future? How about ten years time?**

All of them focussed on being a good curate in Cowley. I hope the church will have me. I'd like a job as a minister in an inner city area possibly in a team, sharing with Harriet.



## ***Sunday Evening Praise***

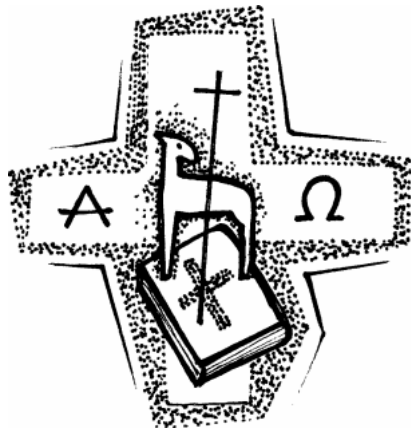
Worship, teaching, and an openness to the Holy Spirit

**Sunday 7th July 6 o'clock**

Speaker: Judy Baldwin

## **Morning Prayer & Breakfast**

St Francis Church  
Saturday Mornings  
9.15 am  
*all welcome*



## **Service of Welcome**

to

**Mark Harris**

Team Curate

following his Ordination in  
Christ Church Cathedral

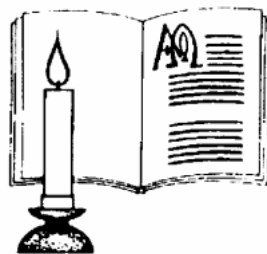
Sunday 30th June

5 o'clock

St James Church

followed by Party in the Rectory Garden

Mark, Harriet and Ben will be living at  
24 Beauchamp Lane opposite the Rectory



## **The Origins of the Jubilee**

The origins of Royal Jubilees lie buried in the days of the early Pharaohs some three thousand years before Christ. Thirty years after his accession the Pharaoh was obliged to take part in various ceremonies to demonstrate his continued virility and fitness to rule. One such test was a ritual race he had to run over a prescribed distance. In those days it was called the Heb-sed festival. The word Jubilee is Hebrew and comes from Yobel, which refers to the ram's horn with which Jubilee years were proclaimed. According to Leviticus a trumpet proclaimed liberty throughout the country on the tenth day of the seventh month after the lapse of seven Sabbaths of years, thus 49 years. Medieval Popes also adopted the idea of a Jubilee and this has developed into what the Roman Catholics call Holy Year. The first was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. The main attraction was the indulgence gained by anybody who put in an appearance in Rome during jubilee year.

Early English monarchs had few opportunities to celebrate jubilees. Life was so hard and their profession so precarious that few of them attained the age of 50, still less reigned for 50 years.

In England only two early monarchs marked their Jubilees - Henry III in 1265 and Edward III in 1377, so the first Jubilee to compare with the forthcoming Golden Jubilee is that of King George III in 1809. Henry III and Edward III both celebrated their jubilees with celebrations consisting principally of religious observances, pardons to certain offenders and criminals, and other such acts of piety.

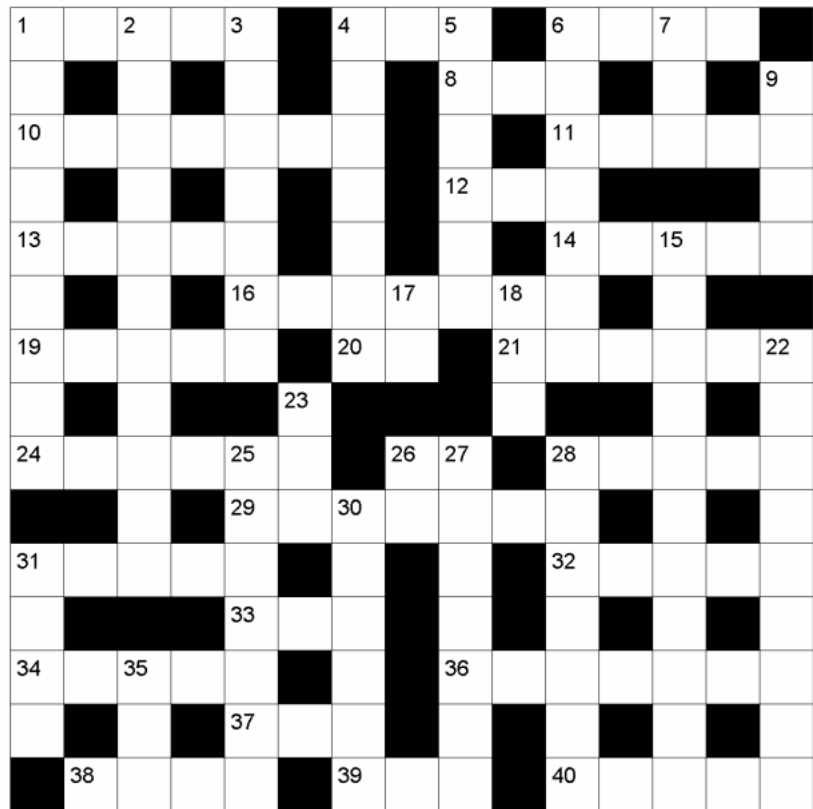
In modern times, royal jubilees have been celebrated elsewhere in the world. The late Emperor Hirohito of Japan celebrated fifty years in 1976, while the Silver Jubilee of Queen Juliana of The Netherlands was marked in 1973, that of Prince Rainier of Monaco in 1974, and that of the late King Baudouin of Belgium in 1976. There have been other foreign jubilees, dating back to that of King Leopold I of the Belgians in 1856.



'I know it's the Queen's Jubilee, but I think the choir has found singing 'Zadok the Priest' a bit hard going!'



# June's Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 To keep silent (5)  
 4 In which land did Cain live after he murdered Abel (3)  
 6 Third son of Adam and Eve (4)  
 8 Atomic mass unit abbr. (3)  
 10 The second son of David and Bathsheba, and builder of the temple (7)  
 11 Who was the wife of Abram (5)  
 12 Period of history (3)  
 13 Tolerate (5)  
 14 Pertaining to birth (5)  
 16 The first Christian martyr (7)  
 19 Make into an act (5)  
 20 Hello there (2)  
 21 Empty (6)  
 24 Its capital is Taipei (6)  
 26 Satisfactory (2)  
 28 Once more (5)  
 29 Sasquatch (7)  
 31 On what Mount did Moses receive the Ten Commandments (5)  
 32 Monetary unit of Sierra Leone (5)  
 33 Sparse fluid (3)  
 34 Extreme (5)  
 36 The first book of Moses (7)  
 37 Frozen water (3)

- 38 One of the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament (4)  
 39 Not (prefix) (3)  
 40 Main church walkway (5)
- ## DOWN
- 1 The major division of the Bible (9)  
 2 Highest point (11)  
 3 Storm (7)  
 4 Which city did God order Jonah to warn about its impending destruction (7)  
 5 4th letter of the Hebrew alphabet (6)  
 6 Daniel saved this woman after she was falsely accused of adultery (7)  
 7 Sailor (slang) (7)  
 9 Beak (4)  
 15 Contemplation of death (11)  
 17 The ratio between circumference and diameter (2)  
 18 The first woman and wife of Adam (3)  
 22 State in the SE United States (9)  
 23 Black bird (3)  
 25 Who was the wife of Nabal who subsequently married David (7)

- 26 Belonging to (2)  
 27 Russian premier 1964-80 (7)  
 28 Capital of Georgia (7)  
 30 The portion of Egypt settled by the Israelites prior to the exodus (6)  
 31 The first King of ancient Israel (4)  
 35 How many fish did Christ have to feed the 5000 (2)

## MAY'S SOLUTION

- ### ACROSS
- 1 fakir  
 4 Jeremiah  
 9 rya  
 10 music  
 11 taiga  
 12 oat  
 13 nod  
 14 heady  
 15 sharpie  
 18 myrrh  
 20 twelve  
 24 dagger  
 27 merci  
 29 tuatara  
 32 galah  
 33 pea  
 34 ill  
 35 isaac  
 36 olive  
 37 ace  
 38 Philemon  
 39 sylph



## Sunday Services

### ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist ( <i>exc 16th June</i> )
	Family Service ( <i>16th June</i> )
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist ( <i>16th June</i> )
6.00 pm	Evening Praise <i>[1st Sunday of the month]</i>

### ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist <i>[Family Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of the month]</i>

## Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	8.00 pm	St Francis Discussion Group – <i>4 Long Close</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.10 am	Mothers and Toddlers – <i>St Francis</i>
	12.00 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>13 Clive Road</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist - followed by coffee – <i>St James</i>
	11.00 am	St Francis Prayer Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	7.00 pm	Friday Club – <i>alt Fridays at St Francis</i>
Saturday	9.15 am	Morning Prayer & Breakfast – <i>St Francis</i>

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Confessions and Home Communion can be made with any of the clergy.

### Days Off

Stephen has Friday off and Fr John Monday. Except in emergency, please try and respect these days of rest. Sr Margaret Anne works within the parish on Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternate Sundays

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