



THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
FOR H.M. QUEEN'S 70 YEAR REIGN

**Sunday 5th June 2022 at 7pm**  
**All Saints Church, Brixham**



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*Welcome* to this Christian service and final Platinum Jubilee celebration this evening to mark 70th Anniversary of the reign of Elizabeth II as our longest serving monarch.

The Coronation on 2nd June 1953 of Elizabeth II prompted a period of celebrations. Years of wartime austerity were ending and Britain was booming in post-war reconstruction. People took to the streets, held church services and events to celebrate the dawn of a new Elizabethan era.

Over seven decades our Queen has remained a steadfast dutiful servant of her people. She has remained a unifying symbol of the UK and as head of the Commonwealth nations of over 1.3 billion people. As head of the Church of England she remains a committed Christian.

Please remember the deceased Elizabethans, our forebears who dreamed of a better world; those who strived, sacrificed and worked so that we can enjoy life, liberty and happiness.



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### COVID 19 Precautions

We are taking all reasonable precautions to reduce likelihood of any COVID 19 transmission. People are also welcome to wear face masks if they so wish. We discourage the shaking of hands. We ask people to practise a sensible amount of social distancing between 1-2 metres when possible. We ask people not to attend if you have any signs of COVID 19 or have not been triple jabbed.

**PLEASE BE SEATED BY 6.55pm.**



**PLEASE TURN MOBILE PHONES OFF DURING THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

# *Welcome and Introduction*

***Congregation's responses are in italics.***

***Ministers Rev Stephen Yates,  
Rev Darren Holmes and Rev Doug Rix.***

## **Procession**

The Lord Lieutenant of the County as Her Majesty's representative.

Arrival of Royal British Legion Standard, Banners and representatives of local groups.

## **Introduction**

When H.M. Queen ascended the throne, a second Elizabethan Age began.

Today, 70 years after that great event, we are gathered here today to publicly celebrate her reign.

In her reign, the extent and pace of change has been remarkable. We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies. Our world has enjoyed great advances in science and technology, but continues to endure war, conflict and terrible suffering.

At the heart of the Queen's service to the nation has been her own steadfast Christian faith.

## *Order Of Service*

In December 1939, at the start of World War 2, the then King George VI was due to speak to the nation and Commonwealth at Christmas.

What do you say when you know that in the previous World War I (1914-1918), more than 9 million British and Commonwealth soldiers died? The following 1920s Spanish Flu pandemic killed a further 20 million people worldwide.

What do you say when you know that what lies ahead is further death, devastation, privation and terrible suffering for countless millions?

At that crucial moment, a 13 year old girl handed the king a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins because she thought it might be helpful. It read:

*"I said to the man who stood  
at the Gate of the Year.  
Give me a light that I  
may tread safely into the  
unknown."  
And he replied,  
"Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the  
hand of God.  
That shall be to you better  
than light and safer than a  
known way."*

The young girl was the Princess Elizabeth, and the King's Christmas broadcast with the lines from the poem stirred our nation and Commonwealth. The Second World War (1939-1945) cost over 400,000 UK lives and a further 63 Million worldwide. That event scarred a generation and our modern world.

As our Queen, Elizabeth II would go on to serve our Country with wisdom and dignity as the longest reigning monarch in British history.

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### **Hymn: Abide with me**

***Abide with me; fast falls the eventide  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.***

***Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grown dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!***

***I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.***

Rev. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

### **The Bidding**

***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.***

### **A Reading for reconciliation among the nations**

Micah chapter 4 verses 3-5

"For out of Zion shall go forth instruction & the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall Judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong  
nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears  
into pruning-hooks;

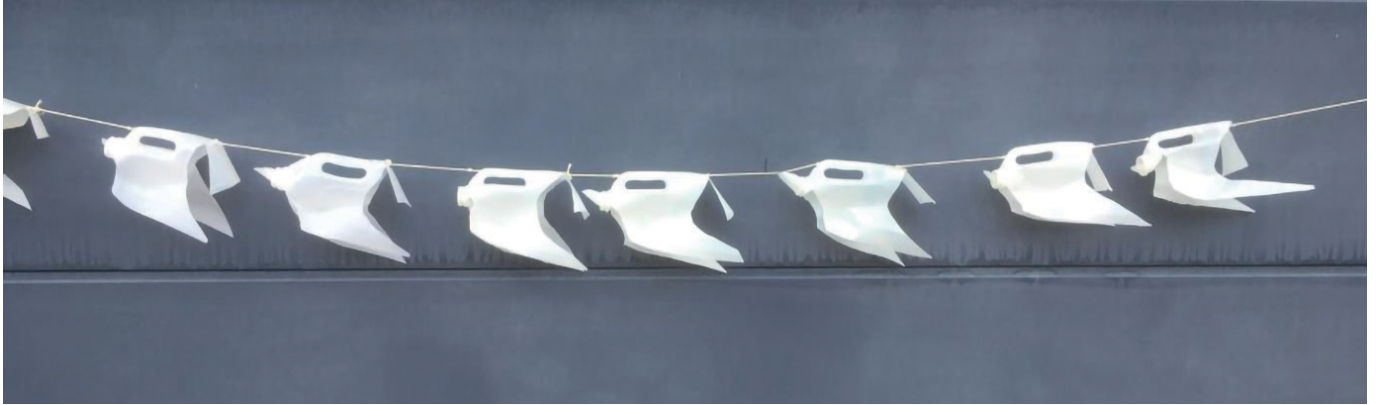
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore;  
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no  
one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken."



## Sermon

### Please be seated

Let us give thanks to almighty God for the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II for her daily work, and for promoting peace and goodwill among all people.



The Doves of Peace displayed in Brixham courtesy of BATS

## The Prayers

Minister:

Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and for the good example of public service of Elizabeth II;

Let us bless the Lord.

***Reply All: Thanks be to God.***

Let us give thanks for those who work for peace and liberty throughout the World, for Her Majesty's Armed Forces, and for all who strive to bring an end to injustice and oppression; let us bless the Lord.

***Reply All: Thanks be to God.***

We pray for those in our own day who have grown weary or lost hope as a result of violence or terror; for all refugees and displaced people, and for those who seek to address the causes of discord and distrust; Lord, hear us.

***Reply All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

We pray for the young people of our own day and for all who will shape the future of our world, that they may be inspired by those who have gone before them to serve as they have been served; Lord, hear us.

***Reply All: Lord, graciously hear us.***

**Please be seated for musical tribute to HM Queen  
from 'All Saint's' Choir, Brixham Town Band  
& Orpheus Male Voice Choir.**

## The General Thanksgiving

Minister:

With heartfelt gratitude to God our Father and seeking the peace of Christ's Kingdom, let us pray all together:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

**Reply All: Amen.**

### Hymn:

***Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,  
and hushed their raging at Thy word,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the waters dark and rude,  
and bid their angry tumult cease,  
and give the wild confusion peace:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
for those in peril on the sea.***

*William Whiting (1825-78)*



Brixham Harbour – Chris Slack Photography

## **The Blessing**

Minister:

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **The National Anthem**

***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 ever give us cause  
to sing with heart and voice  
God save The Queen***

## **Exit of Banners**

The Queen's Representative  
Representatives of local groups

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Our Platinum Jubilee celebrations  
are now ended go in peace.

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## **All Saints Church.**

All Saints' Church will always be synonymous with Rev. Henry Lyte, Vicar and writer of the hymn "Abide with me". All Saints' bells ring each evening with three tunes of Rev. Lyte's hymns.

## **Brixham Future CIC**

We are a not for profit community group that seeks to deliver small scale, quick win, low cost projects or events that benefit our community. We also deliver the Brixham Lottery which help funds local good causes.

## **The Royal British Legion**

We provide lifelong support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families and dependants. We welcome new Members.

## **The Royal Naval Association**

We have over 20,000 members within a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy. We welcome new members.

## **The Brixham Orpheus Male Voice Choir (BOMVC)**

We are in red blazers today. Visit the website [www.brixham-orpheus-choir.co.uk](http://www.brixham-orpheus-choir.co.uk) or contact our Secretary on [dewibrown6@gmail.com](mailto:dewibrown6@gmail.com).

## **Brixham Town Band**

It's a great time to join Brixham Town Band. Why not develop a new skill or revive an old one, join the town band at their friendly practice sessions.

Organised and co-ordinated by Brixham Future CIC



[www.brixhamfuture.co.uk](http://www.brixhamfuture.co.uk)

*Thank you*

**We are grateful to all who contributed to this major community effort. We have not named individuals to avoid any embarrassment. Many people went beyond normal endeavours to ensure success and for that we are extremely grateful.**

**Our thanks also to those generous people who donate or support the Brixham Lottery providing funding to support local community events and sustain local voluntary efforts.**

**This event was also sponsored by  
Brixham Town council and the Brixham Lottery.**



# A LOCAL LOTTERY WITH BIG PRIZES



Brixham Lottery tickets have previously supported:

- **LOCAL PROJECTS**

Wall Murals in Bolton Street, Fore Street, Middle Street and the town car park, Floral Displays, Exhibitions in Library/Town Hall, WW1 & WW2 'Shadows' Projects to mark historical anniversaries.

- **LOCAL EVENTS**

Commemorations & celebrations which delivered 100 FREE PUBLIC EVENTS for local people & visitors to enjoy. These included free parades, services, films, concerts, exhibitions, displays, dancing, music, talks, etc .

100%  
OF  
PROFITS  
go to a  
local cause

**Brixham Lottery will be supporting new exciting projects or events in June 2022 and beyond.**

## **OUR PRIZES HAVE INCLUDED:**

A spitfire flight (ONLY 543 card tickets sold)

A luxury cruise (ONLY 345 card tickets sold)

An electric bicycle (ONLY 331 card tickets sold)

A lifetime membership of the National Trust (ONLY 525 card tickets sold)

Christmas jewellery (ONLY 410 card tickets sold)

**and thousands of pounds as alternative prizes!**

## BRIXHAM LOTTERY SUPPORTED THESE COMMEMORATIVE ARTWORKS



100th Anniversary  
of end of  
World War One  
(1914-1918)  
when 216  
Brixham people  
were killed

75th Anniversary  
of end of  
World War 2  
(1939-1945)  
when 125  
Brixham People  
were killed.



