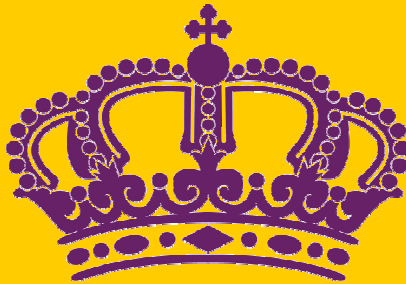




THE UNITED PARISH

*Journeying together,
we worship God and serve the community*

Family Holy Communion Service



Celebrating and giving thanks
for the 90th birthday
of HM Queen Elizabeth II

The United Parish of
Newnham with Nately Scures with Mapledurwell with Up Nately with Greywell
St Nicholas Newnham Sunday 12th June 2016 11.00am

Please say the words in **bold type**.

WELCOME

HYMN

O praise ye the Lord! praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

BIDDING PRAYER

(remain standing)

We have come together today to give you thanks for the long life of our Queen Elizabeth; for her faithful witness, her dutiful commitment, her loving leadership, her royal dignity and kind humanity.

And with her, we give thanks to you for Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their mutual love and support and for the service they have given to this country and the Commonwealth. In our worship today help us to come close to you, to sing your praise, to confess our sins, to hear your words and to bring our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION

(please sit or kneel)

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ our Saviour.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and his peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father,

as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen,

receive our heartfelt thanks

for all that you have given her in these ninety years

and for all that she has given to her people.

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.

THE GOSPEL READING *Luke 10: 25-37*

(please stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

After the gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

NINETY YEARS

Sharing our memories and reflecting on the passing of the years.

**Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth,
May the Lord bless you.**

PRAYERS

(please sit or kneel)

Prayers for the Queen and all our leaders

Father God, we give you thanks for the servant heart of our Queen. We thank you for the example she has set of godly humility and reliance on you in good times and bad. We pray that you would strengthen her, give her joy, and be her strength as she runs her race faithfully to the end.

Amen.

We pray for all our leaders, that they would seek you and look to you for wisdom as they carry the weight of their responsibilities. We pray they would be motivated by a desire to work for the good of others, and that their decisions would honour you.

Amen.

Prayers for the needy in our community

Lord, you are a God who sees and cares for the lost, the lonely, the broken and the hopeless. You know the needs of the people in our community - the obvious needs and those that are hidden. We pray that your presence would comfort those who are suffering. In a moment of silence, we bring before you those known to us who have particular struggles, and we ask you to draw near to them even now.

Amen.

Prayers for ourselves

Almighty God, we are your hands and feet on this earth. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from those we could have helped in your name. Forgive us for our cold hearts and our selfish ways. Help us to use our time, our resources and our energy to serve those in need. Give us compassion, kindness and the willingness to sacrifice in order to show your love to the world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

(during which the collection is taken in aid of 'Help for Heroes')

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

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

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou my inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE COMMUNION

(please sit or kneel)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with friends, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him;
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said; drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ our risen Lord.**

With the whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The priest breaks the bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

We say together:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith; receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanks giving.

Please come to the altar to receive either the bread and wine or God's blessing.

If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands below the rail.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(please sit or kneel)

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN

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 you:
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.

THE BLESSING

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



*Please stay for refreshments
after the service*

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Our Mission is to:

- † work together to grow God's kingdom**
- † reach out to the whole community to share His love**
- † be inclusive, relevant and Christlike**

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