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Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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From the Registers

Baptisms

6 May

Isabelle Louise Keyworth-Dransfield, Stamford Street, Stalybridge

Weddings

5 May

Steven Day and Sarah Louise Everitt

12 May

Christopher Paul Williamson and Claire Louise Callan

26 May

Anthony John Phelps and Christine Barratt

Funerals

18 April

Lynn Wickham (63) Coniston Drive, Stalybridge

24 April

Marion Hughes (96) Victoria Street, Stalybridge

27 April

George Wyvill (86) Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

9 May

Annie (Dolly) Riley (93) Holme Lea Nursing Home, Stalybridge

20 May

Interment of Ashes

Eric Gough (87) Ash Grove, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1984		Monica Ann Press	2005
	Leonard Broadbent	1969	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
	Harry Bullock	2009		Hilda Wilson	1984
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966		Mary Tonge	1989
	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Dorothy Horner	2007
	Thomas Smith	1987	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
	William Webster	2002		Hilda Holt	1979
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
Jun 8	Norman Radcliffe	1984		Louise Pulm	2010
	Thomas Booth	2000	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
	Edward Jones	1985		Andrew Christopher	1990
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992		Taylor	
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
	Eva Jones	1996	Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963
	John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007			
	Tessa Ruth Louise	2006			
	Meldrum O'Reagan				

With the absence of a lead article Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, gives his thoughts on the forthcoming Olympics...



The Way I See It: Being in the spotlight

The old saying about London buses is that you wait half an hour for one and then two come at once. Well, this summer in Britain is a bit like that. No major national celebrations for ten years, and then, bang - a royal Jubilee and the Olympic Games come round the corner. All of a sudden, our little off-shore island will be in the world's most glaring spotlight.

One can only guess at the potential TV audiences for these two events, but they will certainly run into billions. In African villages, the vast urban sprawls of modern India and China, the chilly wastes of Greenland and Alaska and indeed wherever television and the internet have spread their ever-lengthening fingers, we shall be on the screens. As never before (it's safe to say), those billions will see our ancient Abbey shrine and our historic Christian rituals as well as our super-modern Olympic stadium and all the other splendid sites prepared for the Games. It's enough to make us shy.

But it's also enough to make us ask, What will the world think of us? A bit like the bride's mother at a wedding, we know we (that is, our island and its people) will be in all the pictures, but how will we come across? We certainly hope those pictures won't include shots of rioting young men and women, or of angry demos or billboards about crime, drugs and violence. More positively, we may hope that across the world the images will be of smiling faces, of a welcoming, hospitable land, of a people who have learnt over the long years the lessons of tolerance and respect.

I hope they will also reflect the Christian faith which - in a modest and often understated way - still underpins so much of our national character. The jubilee services will display this, of course, with pomp and ceremony, but more persuasive, perhaps, will be the sense of a nation that still 'fears' God - respects him and his laws, loves the neighbour and cares for the poor, the lonely and the destitute.

Personally I'd swap that for any number of gold medals.

Time for Jubilee.....

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them..." Ecclesiastes 12



For some, Robert Louis Stevenson was right when he was referring to this matter of youth, growing up, and looking into the future: "It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive."

Time marches on for all of us. The years fly by. Philosophically, there comes a realisation (usually about middle life) that nothing, including us, lasts forever. We are born, we grow, hopefully we flourish for a time, and then we fade. God did not create us to be here on earth forever. He has given the precious, but transitory, gift of life on this earth, and wants us to make the very most of the time we have.

So when it comes to a Diamond Jubilee celebration, let us consider 60 years. It is a magnificent achievement. Many of us have never known any other British monarch. In this nation that has known the Lord's blessing over thousands of years, let the young rejoice in their youth and remember their Creator while they are still young; let the middle-aged rejoice in where they are in their time-line; and let the old rejoice, along with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and the husband who has stood by her side for more than sixty years. We have so much to be thankful for.

May we be thankful that the Lord has given us such a wonderful woman, under God, to reign over us so diligently for so long. May she know the Lord's mighty blessing upon her and hers – and upon us and ours, that we may be godly and quietly governed, as the dear old 1662 Prayer Book says!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign;
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And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
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Readings and Psalms for June 2012

Sun 3 rd	Trinity Sunday	10.45	Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3. 1-17
Tues 5 th		10.30	2 Peter 3.11-15a, 17-end; Psalm 90.1-4,10,14,16; Mark 12.13-17
Sun 10 th	1st Sunday after Trinity	8.30	Genesis 3.8-15; Mark 3.20-end
		10.45	Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-end
Tues 12 th		10.30	1 Kings 17.7-16; Psalm 4; Matthew 5.13-16
Sun 17 th	2nd Sunday after Trinity <i>Father's Day</i>	10.45	Ezekiel 17.22-end; Psalm 92.1-8; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34
Tues 19 th		10.30	1 Kings 21.17-end; Psalm 51.1-9; Matthew 5.43 - end
Sun 24 th	Anniversary Sunday	8.30	1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.22-29
		10.45	1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.22-29 <i>Worship For All</i>
		18.00	Jeremiah 7.1-11; Luke 19.1-10 <i>BCP Holy Communion</i>

8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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June 17 Father's Day – time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, is there a 'spare' father somewhere in our church or your circle of friends whose children cannot be with him, and who would welcome some special treat on the day?

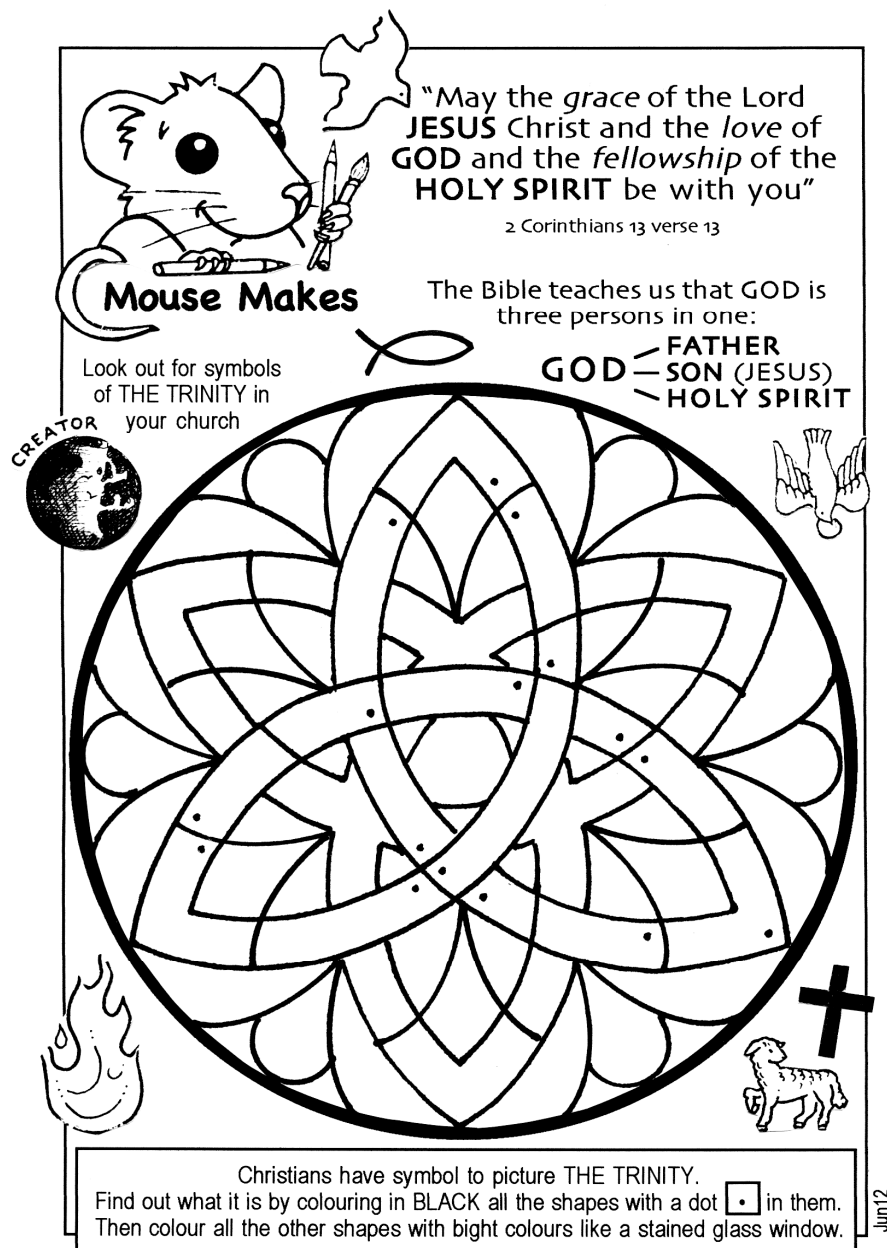
How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably.

Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day than on any other day of the year!



Some dates for your diary—June 2012

Saturday	2nd	1.00p.m. Wedding
Sunday	3rd	Trinity Sunday 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	5th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday	10th	1st Sunday after Trinity 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Colin Ashworth, Lay Reader & Junior Church After the Service - A Shared Lunch - Queen's Jubilee
Tuesday	12th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Sunday	17th	2nd Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Lynn Keeley - Reader in training 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	19th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.30p.m. Charity Giving Meeting in the Hall 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Thursday	21st	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Saturday	23rd	2.00p.m. to 4.00pm Fair Trade Afternoon Tea 7.30p.m. Organ Recital/Cheese & Wine
Sunday	24th	Anniversary Sunday - 3rd Sunday after Trinity 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All 6.00p.m. Holy Communion B.C.P.
Tuesday	26th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	28th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice 7.30p.m. Confirmation at St. John's, Hurst
Saturday	30th	4.00p.m. Wedding

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Organ Recital

The congregation of St. George's Church, Stalybridge are eagerly looking forward to welcoming Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Manchester Cathedral, who is to give a recital at the church to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the rebuilding of its Renn Pipe organ

Christopher's distinguished career includes posts held in two of London's leading churches as Director of Music at St. Margaret's, Westminster Abbey, and Organist & Master of Music at St Martin-in-the Fields, in Trafalgar Square, where he founded the Baroque Soloists.

In addition to his work within the Cathedral he directs its choir for radio and television broadcasts and they tour regularly in Europe and the USA. Under his direction the choir has recorded numerous CDs which have received excellent reviews.

As an organ soloist Christopher performs extensively in the UK and abroad giving recitals such as the one soon to be heard at St George's. His solo recordings have received critical acclaim in the world's music press. He also appears as a concerto soloist with numerous orchestras including the Manchester Camerata and the Northern Chamber Orchestra.

The excitement begins at 7.30pm on Saturday June 23rd. Cheese and wine served in the interval are included in the price of admission of *only* £8.00 or £5.00 for concessions.

For further information or to reserve tickets please telephone 0161 338 2368 or email stgwarden@hotmail.co.uk

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This is my second stint as President of our Club and although "recycled" I hope that my commitment and enthusiasm are fresh and new.

I am not having a dedicated President's Charity this year, more I am using this year to serve the Organisations that we support in the Club.

These are service organisations giving help and comfort to the residents of Tameside, These are: Tameside Young Carers, Tameside Women's Refuge, Tameside Hospital League of Friends and the Royal British Legion who have separate branches throughout Tameside.

For my own "service" I will be preparing and serving Cream Teas and Traditional Afternoon Teas on a Friday and Saturday throughout the summer months (excluding July due to holidays) on a booked basis at my home.

Cream Teas £5 and Afternoon Teas £11

If members of St George's book in I will give 50% of these bookings to our Church funds so both Organisations will benefit. This will be paid at the end of September.

I hope you can find some time throughout the summer to sample these offerings.

My first booking is Bank Holiday Monday for a Jubilee tea Party but this is booked out so this is encouraging.

My telephone number is 01457 854731

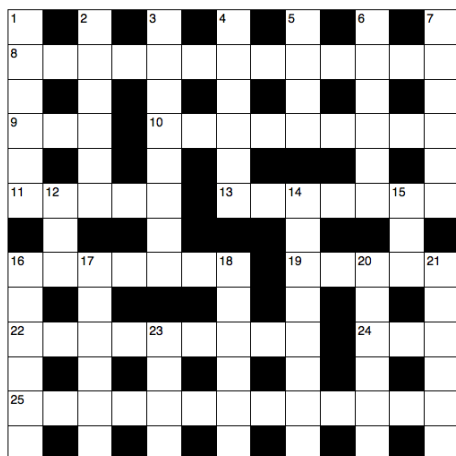
Thanks Alicia

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May Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay. DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.

June Crossword



Across

8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)

9 In favour of (3)

10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)

11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)

13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)

16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)

22 Holy Communion (9)

24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)

25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)

2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)

3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)

4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)

5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)

6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)

7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — —' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)

12 Ate (anag.) (3)

14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)

15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)

16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)

17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)

18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)

20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)

21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)

23 Diva (anag.) (4)

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Diamond Jubilee

This month sees the fifth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC, has compiled this for us.

This month we consider...

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 5. The New Queen and the New World

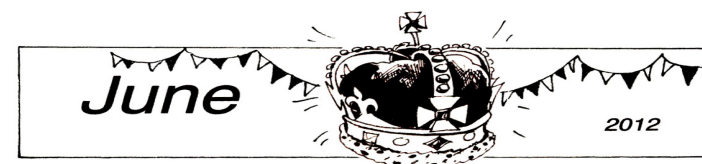
The reign of Elizabeth II began in the last shadows of post-War austerity - food rationing finally ended in 1954. But it quickly moved into a new world, largely born out of the traumas of the previous decades. The Commonwealth, of which she became Head, numbered among its 54 members many nations that now felt ready for independence from the old colonial relationship. The fifties and sixties were a major era of change everywhere in the so-called 'developing' world. Indeed, things 'developed' very fast - too fast, it sometimes seemed, for the Foreign and Colonial Office to keep up with them.

Queen Elizabeth stood, for the most part, carefully distanced from the more controversial developments. Her role, as she presently saw it, was to provide mortar to hold things together, not semtex to blow them apart. She and Prince Philip set out with youthful energy to visit many parts of the Commonwealth, as well as the United States and other friendly countries, seeing themselves as ambassadors of a renewed and forward looking United Kingdom. The 'wind of change' was blowing through Africa, as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan memorably put it, and the Queen was at pains to present herself not as the bastion of the old order but as a symbol of the new one.

At home, the nation become accustomed to its new Head of State. She followed her father's practice of broadcasting to the nation on Christmas Day, a task which she approached with some trepidation - her nervousness was palpable - but quickly mastered. In those distant days many a family Christmas lunch was put on hold to listen to 'the Queen's speech' - my father ordered silence during it! Truthfully, the speeches usually said very little of consequence, and at that time the Queen's accent was almost painfully 'royal', but it was an annual opportunity for the people to see and hear her, and for the Queen herself to speak to her people not only in Britain but across the world.

The actual broadcasts were, of course, 'live' in those days, which placed a considerable responsibility on the speaker - and on the engineers, whose task it was to ensure that the royal words were not interrupted by technical problems. I once read with astonishment the lengthy brief given to them and the details of the back-up required in those days to ensure a trouble-free broadcast.

Slowly the aura of seclusion which had for centuries surrounded the monarch began to give way to a new accessibility. The British people felt comfortable with their Queen and her ever-attentive consort. As her children were born, there were informal family photographs - a million miles from the carefully posed portraits of earlier years. As Britain entered the Swinging Sixties the monarchy may not have been rocking and rolling, but it was dipping the royal toes into the waters of the incoming tide of change.



June: Queen's Diamond Jubilee/ Prince William turns 30

It seems that the month of June this year is a month of several anniversaries for the British Royal Family: 175 years ago, on 20 June 1837, King William IV died, and was succeeded by his niece, Victoria, in the UK. 125 years ago, on 20 June 1887, Queen Victoria celebrated her golden jubilee. 30 years ago, on 21 June 1982, Prince William of Wales, second in line to the British throne, son of Charles and Diana, was born.



Sorry we missed the fireworks display you organised for the church's Diamond Jubilee celebration, Vicar - how did it go?

And finally.... say Grace together at your Big Jubilee Lunch

On Sunday 3 June, the Queen has invited the nation to sit down together with neighbours and friends for a Big Jubilee Lunch. To mark the occasion, a special Grace has been written and seen by Her Majesty:

Grace for Diamond Jubilee Lunches

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the peoples of the Commonwealth. Bless the food before us and the people beside us; may the sharing of this meal strengthen our communities, and nurture the bonds between us of friendship, hope and trust. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns as servant of all. Amen.