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I am sure that you share my deep sadness and sense of loss at the death of Her Late Majesty, the Queen. Melbourne Anglicans will mourn her alongside all of Britain, the Commonwealth and people across the world.

The Queen was much-admired and respected by millions of Australians. My prayers are with the King and the Royal family as they grieve the loss of a mother and grandmother. We pray also for the people of the United Kingdom, as they grieve the loss of their beloved Queen.

I give thanks to God for the Queen's life of service and faith to her subjects in Britain and the Commonwealth.

We remember her too as a faithful Christian and leader of the Church of England, whose faith gave her the courage, resilience and her strong ethic of service to others.

We remember with gratitude the grace with which she performed her duties, a steadfast and reassuring figure through decades of tremendous change and times of both hardship and joy.

As a frequent visitor to Australia the Queen had a special place in the hearts of Australians and she leaves behind a truly extraordinary legacy, having touched the lives of so many.

I will be preaching at the Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 11 September 2022 at 6:00pm to celebrate the long life of the Queen. The service will be live streamed.

Queen Elizabeth II first visited St Paul's in 1953, following her coronation. The Book of Gold, recording this first visit, is on display.

There are a range of [resources](#) prepared by the Church of England that may be helpful for you in arranging any remembrance in your own context.

"May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory."

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,
Yours sincerely

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

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