

Parish Council Meeting 27.9.2022

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have lost a Queen and gained a King.

I am proud of the High Ham parish community when the announcement of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II was made after 6.00 pm on Thursday 8th September. By 8.00 am on Friday 9th the Union flag was flying at half mast on the church, by 10.30 a book of condolence was open for all who wished to sign the church, and at 12.00 noon High Ham bell ringers were ringing half muffled bells. Captain of the bell ringers, John Vigar, and his team also rang for King Charles III after a church service on the following Thursday, also at 9.00 am on the morning of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

Amanda Chuter publicised the National Minute's Silence at 8.00 pm on Sunday 18th September in the church yard. Billy Young contacted Amanda to ask if he could help in any way. We asked him to organise a fitting tribute to Queen Elizabeth II and if you were one of approximately 60 parishioners to attend I think that you would agree with me that this was a very emotive and moving ceremony.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Parish Council, the custodians of the church for the use of the church, John Vigar and his team of bell ringers (some of whom helped out in the belfrys of neighbouring churches), Sir Billy Young for organising the minute's silence, and particularly Amanda Chuter for publicising and organising the various parish events during the National Period of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II.

David Vigar
Chairman
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