



ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL

9th September 2022

Sir Clive Alderton
Private Secretary to King Charles
Buckingham Palace
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Dear Sir Clive Alderton

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We know that our sadness will be shared by people across The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield.

During her long and extraordinary life her remarkable sense of duty, grace and dignity earned The Queen the love and admiration of people of all ages and backgrounds within her Kingdom, the Commonwealth and beyond.

We would ask that you convey our deepest sympathy to King Charles and the Royal Family.

Yours sincerely

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Mayor / Chairman **Cllr Jan Cairns** | Deputy Mayor / Chairman **Cllr Jane Mosson**

Leader of the Council **Cllr Simon Ward**

The Accession Proclamation

The Proclamation in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield was read by Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Jane Mosson at 2pm on Sunday 11th September in Holy Trinity Parish Church.

The Deputy Mayor was joined by local dignitaries including Andrew Mitchell MP, Deputy Lieutenant Dr Nasir Awan, town councillors, Town Council Chief Executive Officer Olive O'Sullivan and members of the emergency and armed forces.

There is a tradition that when the Monarch visits, the Mace (the symbol of the Mayor's authority) is inverted in recognition of the authority of the Crown. During the Proclamation ceremony the Mace was inverted as a similar signal of recognition that the Crown had passed from our late Sovereign to her Successor.

Hymns were sung by members of Holy Trinity Parish Church, Emmanuel and Sutton Coldfield Chamber Choir, directed by Richard Mason ([attached](#))

The full Proclamation of the Accession, read by the Deputy Mayor, was as follows:

“Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Alderman and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.”

National Moment of Reflection

A National Moment of Reflection was held at 8pm on Sunday 18th September 2022, the night before the State Funeral of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Vesey Memorial Gardens.

Reflective pieces were performed by singers from Emmanuel Choir.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Jane Mosson lead the Moment of Reflection as follows:

Thank you all for gathering here this evening for this brief vigil on the eve of the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In a few moments we will join with people across the United Kingdom in a Moment of Silent Reflection. The one-minute silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on the lifetime of service which Her late Majesty devoted to the United Kingdom, the Realms and Territories and to the Commonwealth.

The Queen was sure in her faith and steadfast in her duty, bringing constancy through 70 years of change. We will remember Her late Majesty with affection and gratitude and silently give thanks in our hearts for her unswerving devotion to us and to our Country.

The Last Post and Reveille will mark the beginning and end of the Moment of Reflection and we will then sing the National Anthem.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now approaching 8.00 p.m.

After the one-minute silence all in attendance sang the National Anthem God Save The King.