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Humble Addresses by the House of Commons and House of Lords

On 20 March 2012, the House of Commons and the House of Lords presented Humble Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen at Westminster Hall to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee.

The ceremony is part of a tradition dating back nearly 500 years in which the Houses, either individually or together, present a Humble Address to which the Sovereign replies.

In the past, the content of the Humble Addresses was often political or even controversial. However, more recently their nature has become mainly ceremonial. Humble Addresses have been presented to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee in 2002 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution in 1988 and the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1995.

Loyal Addresses by Privileged Bodies

On 27 March 2012, twenty seven Privileged Bodies presented Loyal Addresses to The Queen at Buckingham Palace to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

Privileged Bodies enjoy the historic right to present an Address to the Sovereign in person. These were originally called Humble Addresses, like those of Parliament, but over time have become known as Loyal Addresses.

There is a long history of publishing Humble and Loyal Addresses in the London Gazette since its inception in the late-17th century, as regional government and other organisations sought to demonstrate their dedication to the Crown. There were several hundred Privileged Bodies at that time, and the Addresses provided the opportunity to reassert their loyalty as well as drawing the Monarch's attention to particular issues. In an age of limited communications, it was a rare and valuable opportunity to directly address the monarch. It also gave the government of the time an idea of what concerned the country's citizens.

Today, as with Parliament's Humble Addresses, the privilege is more ceremonial than political, serving to emphasise and reaffirm the antiquity and importance of the Privileged Bodies on special Royal occasions. The Addresses given in this supplement represent the fifth time the Queen has received the Privileged Bodies during her reign. The previous occasions were her accession in 1952, her Silver Jubilee in 1977, the engagement of The Prince of Wales in 1981 and her Golden Jubilee in 2002. Records of these addresses can all be found in the London Gazette archives.

After the Humble or Loyal Addresses have been read, the Queen responds and is given a parchment copy of each Address.

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MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, are assembled here today to celebrate sixty years of your reign. We record with warmth and affection our appreciation of your dedicated service to your people, and your unequalled sense of public duty over the years – service and duty to which you have only recently, and so movingly, re-dedicated yourself.

We celebrate too your stewardship of your high office. You have personified continuity and stability while ensuring that your role has evolved imperceptibly, with the result that the Monarchy is as integral a part of our national life today as it was 60 years ago.

We rejoice in this Jubilee and we give thanks for all that it represents.

At the same time, we record our gratitude for the support which you have received throughout your reign from His Royal Highness Prince Philip, for in this year of jubilee we celebrate his service too.

This is one of the first of many celebrations to be held up and down the land. In the coming months you and the Duke will travel widely throughout the Kingdom. But today you have come to Parliament, the constitutional heart of the nation, and granted us the privilege of being the first of your people formally to honour your Jubilee. And where better to begin the celebrations than here, in the splendour of Westminster Hall – a hall of kings and queens for almost a millennium.

While this Hall has seen many historic events, few are permanently commemorated. So we look forward with great anticipation to the unveiling of the stained glass window which members of both Houses have commissioned in honour of this day. When placed in the window above the great doors, your Coat of Arms and Royal Cypher will bathe the Hall in colour and be seen daily by members and staff as they walk through to their offices—and by the many thousands of visitors we receive here weekly, from both home and abroad.

For we must remember that your Jubilee will be celebrated with joy in your other realms and territories, and throughout the rest of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth as we know it today is of course one of the great achievements of your reign and under your leadership continues to flourish, with a membership of 54 countries. It is still growing. It is a tremendous force for good in the world and we are aware of its special personal significance to you.

Many of us present here today take an active part in the work of the United Kingdom Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. We work to share our experiences, to learn from one another, and to promote democracy. But our efforts are as nothing compared with those of Your Majesty in the service of your beloved Commonwealth. Over the years you have visited all but two Commonwealth countries – some, many times – and attended all Heads of Government meetings since 1997. We look on with admiration and pride at the triumphs of some of your recent tours and it is significant that members of the Royal Family are representing you this year at the Jubilee celebrations being held in all those lands in which you are Head of State.

Your Majesty, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled give thanks for this your Diamond Jubilee. We look forward to the years to come and we pray that you and your realms may enjoy the peace, plenty and prosperity that have so distinguished your reign.

Humble Address by Baroness D'Souza, Lord Speaker of the House of Lords



Humble Address by John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your faithful Commons, are honoured to be here to commemorate and celebrate the sixty years of your reign. We too are pleased to have contributed to the Jubilee Window to be revealed shortly and which will mark this occasion permanently. Time is better preserved in this historic place than in fallible human memory.

Time also tells its own story. Sixty years ago, rationing meant rather more than a short wait before the arrival of the latest electronic item. Sixty years ago, Britain had just emerged from a war of an intensity never seen before or since and had slipped into the shadow of the Korean conflict. Sixty years ago, a new “Elizabethan Era” was awaited with enthusiasm tinged with uncertainty about the challenges ahead for the country.

If, as Gandhi asserted, “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”, then Your Majesty must have found yourself countless times over the past six decades. You have dedicated your life to others. The daily example that you set, mirrored by our courageous armed forces of which you are Commander-in-Chief, is extraordinary. Yet perhaps Your Majesty’s most profound contribution has been to the continuity that has made change manageable.

For transformation is inevitably turbulent. It has been your singular accomplishment, your unique capacity, to hold together that which could have been torn asunder. You have moved with the times and allowed the times to move around the rest of society.

This is a different Britain from 1952 but not one detached from then. We are in so many ways a much bigger, brighter and better United Kingdom. This is a land where men and women today are equal under the law and where your people are respected, regardless of how they live, how they look or how they love. This is a nation of many races, faiths and customs, now beginning to be reflected in Parliament. All this progress has occurred during your reign. You have become, to many of us, a kaleidoscope Queen of a kaleidoscope country in a kaleidoscope Commonwealth.

This gathering is one of many diverse events across these islands in tribute to you and this great anniversary. Our affection as a nation will rightly embrace the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of your family. These will be moments striking for the sincerity expressed as much as for the scenery encountered. Sixty years of stability. Sixty years of security. Sixty years of certainty. Sixty years of sacrifice. Sixty years of service.

Gandhi also observed that “in a gentle way, you can shake the world”. Your Majesty, in a gentle way you have shaken this United Kingdom and the world for six decades. On behalf of all the members of the House of Commons, may I thank you wholeheartedly for all that you have done, are doing and will do for the good of our country.



MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

I am most grateful for your Loyal Addresses and the generous words of the Lord Speaker and Mr Speaker.

This great institution has been at the heart of the country and the lives of our people throughout its history. As Parliamentarians, you share with your forebears a fundamental role in the laws and decisions of your own age. Parliament has survived as an unshakeable cornerstone of our constitution and our way of life.

History links monarchs and Parliament, a connecting thread from one period to the next. So, in an era when the regular, worthy rhythm of life is less eye-catching than doing something extraordinary, I am reassured that I am merely the second Sovereign to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee.

As today, it was my privilege to address you during my Silver and Golden Jubilees. Many of you were present ten years ago and some of you will recall the occasion in 1977. Since my Accession, I have been a regular visitor to the Palace of Westminster and, at the last count, have had the pleasurable duty of treating with twelve Prime Ministers.

Over such a period, one can observe that the experience of venerable old age can be a mighty guide but not a prerequisite for success in public office. I am therefore very pleased to be addressing many younger Parliamentarians and also those bringing such a wide range of background and experience to your vital, national work.

During these years as your Queen, the support of my family has, across the generations, been beyond measure. Prince Philip is, I believe, well-known for declining compliments of any kind. But throughout he has been a constant strength and guide. He and I are very proud and grateful that The Prince of Wales and other members of our family are travelling on my behalf in this Diamond Jubilee year to visit all the Commonwealth Realms and a number of other Commonwealth countries.

These overseas tours are a reminder of our close affinity with the Commonwealth, encompassing about one-third of the world's population. My own association with the Commonwealth has taught me that the most important contact between nations is usually contact between its peoples. An organisation dedicated to certain values, the Commonwealth has flourished and grown by successfully promoting and protecting that contact.

At home, Prince Philip and I will be visiting towns and cities up and down the land. It is my sincere hope that the Diamond Jubilee will be an opportunity for people to come together in a spirit of neighbourliness and celebration of their own communities.

We also hope to celebrate the professional and voluntary service given by millions of people across the country who are working for the public good. They are a source of vital support to the welfare and wellbeing of others, often unseen or overlooked.

And as we reflect upon public service, let us again be mindful of the remarkable sacrifice and courage of our Armed Forces. Much may indeed have changed these past sixty years but the valour of those who risk their lives for the defence and freedom of us all remains undimmed.

The happy relationship I have enjoyed with Parliament has extended well beyond the more than three and a half thousand Bills I have signed into law. I am therefore very touched by the magnificent gift before me, generously subscribed by many of you. Should this beautiful window cause just a little extra colour to shine down upon this ancient place, I should gladly settle for that.

We are reminded here of our past, of the continuity of our national story and the virtues of resilience, ingenuity and tolerance which created it. I have been privileged to witness some of that history and, with the support of my family, rededicate myself to the service of our great country and its people now and in the years to come.

The Queen's response to the Humble Addresses by the House of Commons and the House of Lords



The Loyal Address by Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, on behalf of the General Synod of the Church of England

WE, YOUR MAJESTY'S FAITHFUL SUBJECTS, the Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England, together with the representatives of other churches, assembled in the General Synod, assure Your Majesty of our loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty and to your Throne.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Your Majesty on the Diamond Jubilee of your Accession to the Throne. We give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings we have enjoyed during your reign. We pledge ourselves to continue to work under your leadership for the common good in this Nation and for justice and peace throughout the world.

We recall that at your Coronation, having taken the Coronation Oath, you were anointed with Oil and consecrated Queen. Your faithfulness throughout six decades to the vocation that you accepted at your Accession has set an important example to successive generations. Your witness to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and to the Christian values of love of God and neighbour, and your selfless devotion to the service of Commonwealth and Nation, have been an inspiration to many. We and all your people are deeply in your debt.

For our part we reaffirm the Church of England's commitment to serve all the people of England who seek its ministry, wherever possible in co-operation with other Christian churches. We shall endeavour to maintain a Christian presence in every community, through our congregations, our ordained and lay ministers, and our church buildings, and to contribute to the education of the next generation through our church schools. We shall continue to strive for greater cohesion in local communities, for better understanding between Christians and people of other faiths, and for the improvement of relations between all peoples.

Finally we give especial thanks for the particular care and attention which, as our Supreme Governor, you give us, and most of all for the example you have set of faithfulness to God in both your public and your private life. May His blessing rest now and always upon Your Majesty, upon Prince Philip and upon every member of the Royal Family.



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, approach Your Majesty in order to address to you our congratulations upon the most happy occasion, which is celebrated by your loyal subjects throughout your realm, of the Sixtieth Anniversary of your Accession to the Throne.

We reflect with deep satisfaction on the many close and historic links which bind our ancient University to the Royal Family. It is a matter of pride to us that we number among the holders of our Degree by Diploma, the highest honour which we can bestow, not only Your Majesty but also His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. You follow the tradition graciously set by your Royal Predecessors, in accepting the office of Visitor of four Oxford Colleges, while His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh holds the same position in another of our Colleges. You have found many occasions to honour with your presence the most important and the most warmly felt of our days of celebration and remembrance. The presence of Your Majesty has been deeply appreciated by the whole University.

We are emboldened to believe that Your Majesty shares with us the desire to move in necessary and ungrudging accord with the changes of the times, but to move in such a way that we retain all that is best in the splendid traditions which we inherit from the past. We are proud of our international character and of our many long standing and treasured connections with other nations of the Commonwealth, and we draw encouragement from the attachment which Your Majesty has so consistently shown to the cause of the Commonwealth's unity and progress. We salute the unswerving devotion with which Your Majesty has dedicated yourself to the well being of your subjects, and we recognise with intense satisfaction that they in return feel for Your Majesty the warmest affection and regard.

We pray that you may be pleased to accept this assurance of the loyalty of the University. It is coupled with the earnest prayer that you may long be spared to reign over us and so continue to offer to all your people the inspiring example of your humanity, your devotion to duty, and your unfailing grace.

The Loyal Address by Lord Patten of Barnes, Chancellor of the University of Oxford



The Loyal Address by Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, offer our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations on the joyous occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Our University has long benefited from connections with Your Majesty's family, connections which have been particularly close during your own reign. Your sons The Prince of Wales and The Earl of Wessex, and your cousin The Duke of Gloucester, number among our alumni; The Duke of Edinburgh served with distinction as our Chancellor for thirty-five years. You have created two Regius Professorships, one in Botany to celebrate our eighth centenary, when you favoured us with a visit to our Senate-House and received our last Address, and a second in Engineering, to mark the retirement of Prince Philip as our Chancellor. For all these things we offer our most sincere thanks.

Your long reign has seen many changes take place in your Kingdom and Realms and in the world beyond, and they have not all been comfortable. But with a gentle hand upon the rudder of the ship of State you have kept us on a safe course. We give thanks for your wisdom, strength and constancy, and as you have recently dedicated yourself anew to the service of your people, so now we take this opportunity to reaffirm our loyalty and devotion to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty.

God save the Queen.



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

On behalf of the ministers, elders, deacons and members of the Church of Scotland, we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, beg leave in this Diamond Jubilee Year to present to Your Majesty an expression of our warm appreciation and deep affection.

As the Church of Scotland acknowledged ten years ago on the occasion of Your Majesty's Golden Jubilee, Your Majesty has shown 'many evidences of a high sense of public duty'. To have maintained such standards over sixty years is truly remarkable, giving a clear and consistent example of dedication and service to people in this country and beyond. Throughout the past sixty years, Your Majesty has reigned with grace and dignity, undertaking countless royal duties throughout the United Kingdom and overseas and we would wish to pay tribute to the pleasure which your presence has brought to so many people.

It is appropriate to reaffirm the Church of Scotland's pleasure that each year, in your letter to the General Assembly, Your Majesty continues to renew the promise enshrined in the Accession Oath, to maintain and preserve the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland. The Church has greatly enjoyed the occasions when Your Majesty has attended the General Assembly in person and hope that might again be possible. When, due to the many other demands upon Your Majesty's time, you have been unable to attend the General Assembly in person you have been very ably represented through your Lords High Commissioner, not least by Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay and His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew.

It is our privilege to have this opportunity to pay warm tribute to the way in which Your Majesty has shown such an example of quiet Christian witness over the years, in your annual broadcasts; in leading the nation at times of celebration and commemoration and in your regular attendance at worship. Your Majesty and your family are warmly welcomed at Crathie Kirk when at Balmoral Castle and at Canongate when at the Palace of Holyroodhouse and the conversations which are enjoyed by visiting preachers testify to Your Majesty's continuing interest in and knowledge of the work of the Church of Scotland.

Your Majesty has seen many changes in the life of the nation and in the ways in which institutions such as the Church and Crown are viewed; however, both, while seeking positively to embrace change, have at the same time, continued to bear witness to underlying values which endure. It is the privilege of the Church of Scotland, as a national Church, to maintain a territorial ministry to all the people of Scotland. So, through the work of local parishes the Church of Scotland provides open access to the worship of Almighty God and out of that worship inspires her members to serve the good of the wider community. We are also glad to play our part in the ecumenical movement in the United Kingdom and in the increasing mutual understanding among the faith communities. In particular we have set before ourselves the priority of the Gospel to serve, as Christ served, the poor and the marginalised of our society.

The Church would also pay tribute to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh for his loyal and faithful service to the nation and for his consistent support of Your Majesty. We acknowledge also the dedicated service of the other members of Your Majesty's family who carry out numerous engagements and support many good causes in this country, in the Commonwealth and beyond.

The Loyal Address by the Right Reverend David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland



The Loyal Address by Reverend Michael Heaney, Moderator of the Free Churches Group

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

As representatives of the Free Churches, including the bodies of protestant dissenters enjoying the ancient and highly valued privilege of personal access to the Sovereign, we offer Your Majesty our loyal congratulations on the 60th anniversary of your succession to the Throne. We thank God that we have a Christian monarch and express our profound gratitude for your constancy and your unstinted service to the people of this realm and of the whole Commonwealth.

At this time we thank Your Majesty for your Accession Day message: we do indeed feel the power of togetherness and rejoice in the strength of family, friends and good neighbourliness. Ours are mostly gathered churches, experiencing friendship and care among ourselves, but at the same time seeking to be good neighbours in the way that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us by word and example – seeking to share his love in our rich and increasingly diverse society. We also give thanks for the growing depth of love and understanding that exists between the many different Christian denominations within your realm.

We are glad to have taken part in the mutual support and commitment among believers of every kind in the face of threats and insecurity. We value the liberty we enjoy to worship according to our consciences and the freedom to proclaim the Gospel. We share with others a vigilant concern for the tolerance, freedom and mutual care we have enjoyed in Great Britain throughout the years of your reign.

May the celebration of this Diamond Jubilee be a signal example of this United Kingdom coming together in celebration and an opportunity for many to demonstrate to Your Majesty our appreciation for your service and your encouragement of service of every kind.

May the blessing of almighty God continue to rest upon Her Majesty the Queen.



AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN BRITAIN, called Quakers, we offer our congratulations on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee.

We give thanks for the commitment you have shown through six decades as monarch and for your steadfast upholding of the value of faith to our nation's wellbeing.

We recall your speech to the United Nations General Assembly in July 2010 when you reflected on the leadership required in the waging of peace. Quaker tradition from the days of Charles II has led our Society to stand for conscientious action to find new ways to create peace, to seek equality, justice and active nonviolence and now to address the urgent work needed to sustain the earth for future generations.

We lament the resort to armed conflict as an instrument of policy. We welcome your personal commitment to peace, such as you have shown in relation to Ireland.

Our commitment to equality led us in 2009 to seek a change in the law to provide for same sex and opposite sex marriages on an equal basis. This is because of our deeply held belief that we see the light of God in everyone which leads us to respect the inherent worth of each individual and each loving relationship. We see the recent move to allow the celebration of civil partnerships on religious premises as a step towards full equality in marriage.

Last year, Quakers in Britain met in the worshipful stillness that is our tradition, and made a strong corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community. Quaker John Woolman's words in 1772 still sound clearly to us today: "The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age."

This concern grows from our faith, and cannot be separated from it. We have long been aware that our behaviour impoverishes the earth and that it is our responsibility both to conserve the earth's resources and to share them more equitably. The environmental crisis is enmeshed with global economic injustice and we must face our responsibility, as one of the nations which has unfairly benefited at others' expense, to redress inequalities.

The global economic system is posited on continued expansion and growth, and in its pursuit of growth it is often unjust, violent and destructive. We must ask the question whether this system is so broken that we must urgently work with others of faith and good will to put in its place a different system where the values of equality, simplicity, peace and truth can flourish.

We see all this work as pursuing justice and building peace.

We pray that God's light may continue to illuminate your path. May God's blessing rest upon you, your family and all people.

The Loyal Address by Joycelin Dawes on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)



The Loyal Address by David Wootton, Lord Mayor of London, on behalf of the City of London Corporation

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, whose predecessors from time immemorial have served London and the Crown, proclaim our loyalty and deep affection for Your Majesty.

We celebrate the sixty years of Your Majesty's reign with admiration and gratitude for the faith, grace and outstanding devotion to duty that Your Majesty has shown over all these years and not least for your contributions to the causes of peace and of freedom. Your Majesty's wisdom and understanding heart have been an inspiration, guide and comfort to all your people throughout your realms.

We pray that continued good health may be granted to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh whose affection and support has so evidently been a source of strength to Your Majesty all through your reign. We pray also that your historic and enlightened rule may long continue to bring peace and prosperity to your loyal subjects in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and other territories.



MAY IT PLEASIT YIR MAIST NOBILL MAJESTY,

We, the Lord Provost an Cooncillors o' the City of Edinburgh, representin' the Capital City an canny citizens o' yir auld an weel hained Kingdom o' Scotland, are fair delichtit tae express oor deep sense o' honour an pleasance that the privilege accordit tae oor forefolk o' approachin the Sovereign in person fir the purpose o' presentin a Leal Address has been continuit be the guid grace o' yir Majesty.

Accordingly, an maist respectfully, we tender oor leal, hertfelt an sincere congratulations on the occasion o' the Sixtieth anniversary o' yir Majesty's Reign. An durin' it a' you hiv manifestit a sincerity, integrity, effectioun an duty for a' yir fowk baith at hame an a' through the Commonwealth. Furthermair, an speakin fir aw thame wha we represent, we maun express tae you wir hearty graiteed fir yir bricht fettle an example o'er a the years an aefauldly assure you o oor constant lealty an hert-likin, conscious that wir City is hame tae the Scots Pairliment an heir tae near 900 year o' yir braw Royal Burgh.

We traist that yir Majesty, supportit by yir fell husband, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, an yir ain fowks enjoy guid hail an strength, an will, for many years, reign o'er yir peepil in peace an bieness.

The Loyal Address by George Grubb, Lord Provost Lord Lieutenant of Edinburgh, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh



The Loyal Address by Sir Tim O'Shea, Vice Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Vice-Chancellor and Secretary in our own names and on behalf of the Court, the Senatus Academicus, Staff and Students, and the General Council of the University of Edinburgh on this most auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, offer our deepest congratulations and good wishes.

We are profoundly honoured for the privilege and opportunity of publicly commemorating Your Majesty's sixty years of exemplary service to the people of this Nation and the Commonwealth. We are proud of Your Majesty's Scottish descent, of Your Majesty's unflagging interest in Scotland and that Your Majesty's name is included in this University's roll of Honorary Graduates.

The Charter of 1582 of Your Majesty's Royal Ancestor, King James the Sixth graciously granted general powers to the original College of Edinburgh and since that time we have been grateful for the continuing royal favours bestowed on our University. We have enjoyed the privilege of welcoming Your Majesty to our University and have felt greatly honoured by the significant support to our University by esteemed members of Your Majesty's Royal Family. We are indebted to Your Majesty for generously consenting to the biomedical research facility at Little France being named the Queen's Medical Research Institute.

We earnestly wish that the celebrations held during Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year will be a heartfelt demonstration of the esteem in which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Royal Family are held by the people of this Nation and the Commonwealth and that Your Majesty's and Your Majesty's Family's strong links with our University will flourish and strengthen.

And we your subjects shall ever earnestly pray that Your Majesty, supported and comforted by members of Your Majesty's Royal Family, may long continue illustriously to reign over a people united in good accord and peace.



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

The University of London welcomes this opportunity to convey the warmest greetings of its Chancellor, Board of Trustees, Collegiate Council, academic as well as professional and support staff, students and graduates on the happy occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

We note with great pleasure that your membership of our University dates back to your gracious acceptance of an Honorary Degree in 1946 and has continued formally in Your Majesty's role throughout your reign as our Visitor. You have honoured us with your presence many times over the years and will have seen at first hand how the University of London has evolved greatly in size, composition and ambition during the course of your reign.

Today the University, which recently celebrated its 175th anniversary, stands as testimony to the benefits of co-operation and trust between its constituent parts. Its prestigious Colleges and central academic bodies together offer over 3,700 courses, in everything from Aerospace Engineering to Zoology, to 170,000 students, of whom almost a third study by distance learning in 180 countries worldwide. Together they make a major contribution in education, training, research and scholarship in the arts, humanities, social sciences, engineering, science and medicine in your own capital city, throughout the country and indeed worldwide. Furthermore, beyond that academic activity stands the major contribution to business, society and cultural activity that our staff and students make in London and in the country as a whole.

The University is particularly appreciative of the time given by our Chancellor, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, in the programme of engagements which she undertakes every year, at the Foundation Day ceremony that marks the anniversary of the Royal Charter that established the University in 1836 and at a host of visits to our Colleges and Institutes. Our staff, students and friends place great value on the interest and support shown by Her Royal Highness. In this year, Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, our Institute of Commonwealth Studies is organising a Diamond Jubilee Seminar Series on the Monarchy and the Commonwealth, a series that was graciously and memorably opened by the Chancellor earlier this year.

The interest Your Majesty has taken in us, and the encouragement you and the other members of your Family have given us, is deeply appreciated. We offer our deepest thanks and sincerest good wishes on this special and auspicious occasion and express the hope that Your Majesty's reign may continue, in good health and happiness, long into the future.

The Loyal Address by Professor Geoffrey Crossick, Vice Chancellor of the University of London



The Loyal Address by Sir Menzies Campbell, Chancellor of the University of St Andrews

YOUR MAJESTY,

On behalf of The University of St Andrews, we offer you today a renewal of our loyalty and service which not only honour and duty, but real and strong affection demands.

For the past sixty years, you have upheld with steadfastness and fortitude the promises you made when you became our Queen. The decades of your reign have been marked by examples of the best and the worst experience of mankind. You have shared these with us fully. Your wisdom, counsel and compassion are a continued source of comfort and guidance to us all.

Since its foundation six hundred years ago, The University of St Andrews has been a place of scholarship, innovation and the pursuit of truth through knowledge. On this joyful day, we publicly dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Your Majesty, and the service of the common good.

May the coming months of this Diamond Jubilee year bring to Your Majesty all good things, and may God save Your Majesty.



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

On behalf of the University of Glasgow we, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, humbly beg leave to tender to Your Majesty, in our high privilege of direct access, our loyal homage and steadfast devotion on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne.

Since the University's foundation in 1451, the University has been addressing the world's challenges through creativity, innovation, curiosity and partnership. We have nurtured Nobel laureates and prime ministers, inventors and renowned thinkers as they have sought to push forward the boundaries of what is possible and have endeavoured at all times, and in keeping with our founding principles, to share this knowledge for the benefit of all your peoples in Scotland, the United Kingdom and beyond. We remain committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the promotion of deeper understanding and in opening up access to both in recognition of the opportunities learning and research give to your people whatever their background.

As we were pleased to acknowledge and remember in our address to Your Majesty on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee, our University has benefitted down through the centuries from the provision of your Royal House of endowments, the establishment of chairs and in other marks of favour. We have been privileged to celebrate this special and fruitful association by conferring on your Grandfather and Grandmother, your Royal Father and Mother and His Royal Highness, The Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Our University continues to flourish to this day through the generosity, benefaction and philanthropy of many and we continue to recall with gratitude these and all our Royal Benefactors each year on Commemoration Day.

Over the 60 years of your reign, we have seen the unprecedented expansion of Higher Education across your kingdom and today it stands as one of your country's great achievements, a true jewel in our nation's crown.

Since your accession to the throne in 1952, the University of Glasgow has grown in numbers fourfold and has continued to strive for excellence. Over these last 60 years, we have pioneered experiments using ultrasound, subsequently publishing the first images of a foetus. With remarkable commitment and scholarship, spanning five decades of your reign, we completed and published the epic work, the Historical Thesaurus of the Oxford English Dictionary in 2009. We have developed the internationally accepted Glasgow Coma scale, published groundbreaking research papers relating to Trypanosomes, undertaken landmark studies on the use of statins to prevent heart attacks and have pursued pioneering work in such areas as nanotechnology and in penetrating the deepest mysteries of space and the founding matter of our Universe.

These examples, and the many others we and our sister Universities could share, have created the worldwide reputation for excellence your Universities enjoy. This has brought its rich reward and, even in the decade since we were honoured as a University to celebrate your Golden Jubilee, we have seen the growth and strengthening of our international outlook, ambition and vision. This manifests itself in international collaborations and through the diversity of our academic and student communities, something we are determined to develop and enhance. For, in the spirit of Your Majesty's example, and as so evidently shown in your desire to foster and support the Commonwealth, we are convinced that the global challenges we face as a world can only truly be addressed through international understanding and global collaborations.

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The Loyal Address by Sir Kenneth Calman, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow

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Sir Kenneth Calman,
Chancellor of the University
of Glasgow *continued***

We would therefore assure Your Majesty that the University of Glasgow remains committed, through learning, discovery and working with others across the nations, to improving the future prospects and quality of life for all your peoples within the UK and the Commonwealth, and beyond.

In acknowledging with profound gratitude and respect your Diamond Jubilee and the years of long, gracious and devoted service it celebrates, we fervently hope that you will, by God's grace, continue to rule over us for years to come, and enjoy the esteem, love and respect of your people. May Almighty God grant Your Majesty peace and happiness and a special time of celebration.



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

The University of Aberdeen most respectfully offers to Your Majesty our most heartfelt congratulations on your Diamond Jubilee.

It is a source of great pride that the links of the University with the Royal House extend to our foundation in 1495 through the assistance of Your Majesty's ancestor King James IV, King of Scots. The University is equally proud of the continuing and present relationship between the Royal House and the University. We recall with particular pleasure and appreciation Your Majesty's visit to the University on the occasion of our Quincentenary in 1995; and also in 2002 when Your Majesty addressed The Scottish Parliament when it met at King's College.

The University cherishes these and the many other personal ties formed by Your Majesty and Your Majesty's family with the University and with the wider community of Scotland which we serve. On this most joyous occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, we look forward to strengthening those ties. And we wish to offer the loyal congratulations of the University, with continued respectful devotion and with prayers for the happy continuance of Your Majesty's reign for many years to come.

The Loyal Address by Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen



The Loyal Address by Sir Paul Nurse, President of the Royal Society



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your loyal subjects the President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty, Patron of our Society, our warmest congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of your reign.

Ever since our foundation in 1660, the Royal Society has enjoyed the patronage of the Head of State. We have been particularly privileged that Your Majesty should have been our Royal Patron during the past 60 years. You have supported us generously at key moments, participating in our anniversary celebrations in 1960 at the Royal Albert Hall and in 2010 at the Royal Festival Hall, opening our new premises at Carlton House Terrace in 1967, launching the scheme of China Royal Fellowships in 1986 to promote scientific exchange, and visiting us on numerous occasions. Many members of your Family have also contributed actively to our work. We were especially pleased to admit Prince William as a Royal Fellow at a memorable ceremony in 2010.

The scientific endeavour is one of the crowning achievements of humankind. It contributes profoundly to human culture and civilisation and leads to wide economic and social benefits. Science, technology, and innovation are vital to improving health and the quality of life for all people. The Royal Society, a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most distinguished individuals from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine, has played a part in some of the most fundamental, significant, and life-changing discoveries in scientific history. Royal Society scientists continue to make outstanding contributions to science in many research areas, and to promote the practical uses of science for the public good.

The Society's fundamental purpose, reflected in its founding charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity. As a Fellowship of outstanding scientists, the Society recognises scientific excellence and takes a lead in promoting science in the UK, Europe, the Commonwealth and the rest of the world. As a Funder, the Society supports the work of outstanding individual scientists at various stages of their careers, and encourages collaborations between UK scientists and scientists throughout the world. And as an Academy, the Society provides authoritative and independent advice on scientific matters, including policies that promote excellent science and scientific issues that inform public policy.

The United Kingdom, with its traditions of personal freedom, tolerance and respect for reason, provides an outstandingly fruitful environment for the pursuit of science. In the past 60 years, the UK has nurtured many decisive advances in science, from the structure of DNA in 1953 to the recent discoveries about graphene that led to the award of the 2010 Nobel Prize for two researchers supported by the Royal Society. The Society is committed to helping the UK remain one of the world's top locations for research, attracting the most creative individuals from around the world.

The Royal Society elects Fellows from throughout the Commonwealth. We share with the Commonwealth a strong practical commitment to peaceful and open relations between nations, and see in science a medium for promoting this goal. Indeed, science is a global endeavour, and international cooperation is pre-requisite to its continued advance. The Society therefore invests considerable effort in its work of representing UK science internationally.

Your Majesty, we are honoured to present this Loyal Address to you in celebration of your Diamond Jubilee as our Queen and Patron. We look forward to your continued association with the Society, in warm appreciation of the outstanding support that you and members of your Family give to us and to the promotion of science and technology in the United Kingdom.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY

We, the Mayor of London and the Members of the London Assembly – representatives of the people of London – heartily congratulate Your Majesty on the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of your accession.

When Your Majesty's forebear William the Conqueror crossed the Channel and defeated King Harold at Hastings, it was to London that he hastened for his coronation, in the great church at Westminster founded by Edward the Confessor. And it was on the banks of the Thames, across the river from where City Hall now stands, that the Conqueror established the White Tower, to command access to the city and to make secure his claim to the throne. Since that time – nearly a millennium – London has been the home of the monarchy and Londoners have been proud to be the Sovereign's neighbours as well as subjects. Whether in Richmond, Hampton Court or Kew, Greenwich or Eltham, or in Westminster, Whitehall and Kensington, Londoners have lived alongside their Kings and Queens for centuries. Long may they continue so to do.

We in London have long been grateful for Your Majesty's personal commitment to this city. We have not forgotten that in London's darkest hour, in the Second World War, Your Majesty and Your Majesty's parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, did not leave the city to face the Blitz alone. The royal family's fortitude in remaining here gave great succour to the people of London, not least to those in the East End.

Happily the long years of Your Majesty's reign have seen London prosper and grow into the multi-cultural global city it is today. Through Your Majesty's daily work, as well as that of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and the Royal Family, Londoners draw strength from the support you show for them and the continued interest You demonstrate in their lives, their communities and their livelihoods. Like so many royal occasions, the recent wedding of your grandson Prince William, celebrated in the same place as the Conqueror's coronation, was a day from which Londoners rightly drew immense pride and happiness.

When Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897, representatives came here from the far reaches of empire. In this remarkable year in our city's history the world will again come to London, to share in Your Majesty's own Diamond Jubilee and to be part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Londoners will flock to the banks of the Thames to see your Jubilee Pageant pass down the river. And the whole city looks forward to the moment in the summer when Your Majesty will declare the Games open – in the heart of a renewed East London, now transformed from the devastation of the Blitz and post-War decline.

In this celebratory year Londoners are full of gratitude for the stability and continuity represented by the sixty years of your reign and for the sense of duty and commitment shown by Your Majesty and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. On behalf of the people of London – and those who serve the city in its emergency services, its transport network and the agencies and offices of the Greater London Authority – we give thanks for Your Majesty's sixty years of service to London, and affectionately offer Your Majesty our most loyal congratulations on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee.

The Loyal Address by Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, on behalf of the Greater London Authority



The Loyal Address by Christopher Le Brun, President of the Royal Academy of Arts

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, your dutiful subjects, the Members, Trustees, staff and supporters of the Royal Academy of Arts, beg leave to present our congratulations to Your Majesty on your Diamond Jubilee, which celebrates the completion of sixty remarkable years as our much-loved and respected Queen – and our Patron.

Ever since it was established in 1768 by Your Majesty's ancestor King George III, the Royal Academy of Arts has benefited from the support of the sovereign of the realm. This patronage – and Your Majesty's dedication, constancy and interest in the Academy – has helped us to fulfil our important mission of promoting the work of British artists and, in so doing, to bring a deeper appreciation and enjoyment of art and architecture to your subjects.

Secure in the knowledge of our Sovereign's support, the Royal Academy has been able to thrive, independent from central government, as an internationally recognised centre of cultural excellence.

Led and administered by some of the country's leading artists and architects as Academicians, the Royal Academy has guided the education of successive generations of artists. It has brought remarkable exhibitions of exceptional power and richness to the nation including, each year, the Summer Exhibition which is open to all of Your Majesty's subjects. Many millions of visitors have benefitted from the experience of visiting our exhibitions in the course of Your Majesty's reign. Under your gracious patronage and protection, we have seen the Royal Academy grow into an arts institution which is admired throughout the world. That this is so, is a living testament to the dedicated and enlightened support of its Patron.



MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, The Board of Deputies of British Jews, the elected representatives of the Jewish community of Great Britain, and we, the Anglo-Jewish Association on our own behalf, sincerely offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt and warmest congratulations on the joyous occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Your Majesty's accession to the throne.

Both in the Bible and in the writings of our sages, we are instructed to pray for the welfare of the Monarch and the nation in which we reside. As British Jews we do so on every Sabbath day, in every Jewish congregation in the land willingly, gratefully and with the deepest affection for Your Majesty.

We pray that He who gives salvation to kings and dominion to princes, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, may bless our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all the Royal Family.

In our prayers we ask that Your Majesty be delivered from all trouble and sorrow. We acknowledge the fortitude and grace shown by Your Majesty in times of national and personal sorrow, and happily, more often, the joy of the glorious personal and national occasions you have shared with your people.

We ask Almighty God to put a spirit of wisdom and understanding into Your Majesty's heart.

We should like to thank Your Majesty for sixty years of such great wisdom and understanding. We appreciate that our prayers for the peace of the realm and the welfare of the nation have been truly answered in Your Majesty's reign, and that Your Majesty has answered our prayers to the Almighty that you deal kindly and justly with all the House of Israel.

We call down the traditional Jewish blessing upon Your Majesty, that you continue to reign over us "until you are 120", in good health, in peace and in tranquillity, surrounded by the respect, admiration and affection of your loyal and devoted subjects, among whom the Jewish community is proud and happy to be counted.

The Loyal Address by Vivian Wineman, President of the Board of Deputies of the British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association



The Loyal Address by Sir Mervyn King, Governor of the Bank of England



YOUR MAJESTY,

On behalf of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, may we offer you our warmest congratulations on your Diamond Jubilee.

We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you have made throughout your reign in bringing stability to the nation, particularly in recent years during times of unforeseen and extraordinary financial turbulence worldwide.

You are an inspiration to us all at the Bank of England as we strive to meet our existing responsibilities for monetary and financial stability together with our new responsibility for prudential regulation.

Long may you continue, through your example, to bring comfort and support to your people.

The Loyal Address by Major Sir Paul Newall, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Lieutenancy of the City of London



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, Your Lieutenants for the City of London, humbly approach the Throne with our respectful and heartfelt congratulations as we celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Your Accession.

We express to Your Majesty our gratitude and admiration for your unwavering devotion to duty throughout the past sixty years.

It is our sincere wish and prayer that You may long continue to reign over us in the knowledge that You merit and enjoy the loyalty and affection of all Your people.

WE, YOUR MAJESTY'S DUTIFUL AND LOYAL SUBJECTS, offer our warmest congratulations and our prayers on Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. We do so as the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St Peter, Westminster, and also on behalf of the entire Abbey community.

We attach great importance to the close and personal link between the Sovereign and Westminster Abbey. This goes back to the earliest years of the Abbey and the Palace of Westminster during the reign of Edward the Confessor; is enshrined in the Charter granted by your predecessor, Elizabeth I, creating the Collegiate Church; and has continued ever since. It was celebrated in a special day of commemoration in May 2010 of the 450th anniversary of the Collegiate Church which was attended by Your Majesty and His Royal Highness. We also remember this close connection in the prayers offered in the Abbey every day for Your Majesty and for Members of the Royal Family.

It gives particular pleasure to the Abbey that, after many years of preparation, it has been possible to have the Abbey's Statutes, first granted by Elizabeth I, revised, signed by Your Majesty, and formally presented to the Dean and Chapter during Your Majesty's Jubilee year.

The Abbey has always been honoured by the significant Royal events which continue to take place within it. It was a special source of joy that the wedding of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge was held in the Abbey last April. This was a ceremony which brought great delight across both the United Kingdom and the world at large.

The Diamond Jubilee embraces not only Your Majesty's Accession but also your Coronation. We recall with gratitude the solemn Oath of faithfulness and service Your Majesty gave on that occasion. The Abbey looks forward with very great pleasure to the celebration of your Coronation next year, which will be an anniversary of great importance in the life of the nation.

The Dean and Chapter wish to assure Your Majesty of the strength of their continuing loyalty, duty and affection. We pray that Almighty God may continue to guide and bless you in the high office to which you have been called, and which you have discharged over the course of sixty years with such grace and wisdom.

The Loyal Address by Dr John Hall, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster



The Loyal Address by Canon Michael Hampel on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

The Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, on behalf of the whole Cathedral community, presents to Your Majesty its loyal greetings and dutiful service on this the occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

We are most mindful at this time of Your Majesty's steadfast faith in God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God for your selfless duty and service shown to the Church, to the nation, and to the peoples of the Commonwealth, all in humility before our God. In your long reign you have inspired us to know, in the words of our patron St Paul, that 'faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love'.

We here renew our own commitment to serve you with loyalty as we serve the King of kings with faithfulness, not only in our mission to proclaim the Gospel in the Diocese of London, but also as a symbol, throughout the world, of the rich diversity of your capital city, and of the strength and freedoms of your United Kingdom.

And finally, we recall with joy and gratitude that Your Majesty, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and other members of the Royal Family have worshipped with us on so many great occasions during your reign – in times of joy, and of sadness, and of thanksgiving. We most humbly thank you for celebrating with us last year's three-hundredth anniversary of our great Cathedral building. And we look forward with delight to welcoming Your Majesty, members of the Royal Family, distinguished representatives of your Commonwealth, and all those who watch from across the world, to the National Service of Thanksgiving in June to mark sixty years of your happy and glorious reign.

Humbly begging God's blessing on Your Majesty, we assure you of our continued prayers and service.



WE, THE LORD MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, on behalf of our citizens, offer to Your Majesty, so long supported by the constant love and help of Prince Philip, our most humble and loyal congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of Your Majesty's reign.

We are proud, that on this memorable occasion for gratitude and rejoicing the City of Westminster, accorded city status by Your Majesty, and which great city encompasses Buckingham and St James's Palaces, where you and many members of your family reside; Westminster Palace, the seat of your government; Marlborough House, the headquarters of the Commonwealth; and the homes of so many of the royal institutions of which Your Majesty is patron, will be the setting where families and friends from all parts of the nation will gather to show their loyalty, love and support to their beloved sovereign.

With wider boundaries, an enhanced civic status, and with a vibrant ethnicity unimagined at the time of your accession, Westminster welcomes this opportunity to honour the steady dignity and example with which Your Majesty has served the nation for sixty years and in which time our city and the whole country have been truly blessed. The promise Your Majesty broadcast on your 21st birthday has been kept through the most profound changes in personal and national life.

It is with thankful hearts, and in the sure knowledge that Your Majesty will always work for the happiness and prosperity of your peoples, that we most earnestly pray Your Majesty may long be spared to continue Your beneficent reign over the devoted peoples of your city, nation and commonwealth.

The Loyal Address by Councillor Susie Burbridge, Lord Mayor of Westminster, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Westminster



The Loyal Address by Councillor Asghar Majeed, Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

MA'AM,

It is our most pleasant duty to extend to you the loyal and sincere greetings of the citizens of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead just six weeks after the Sixtieth Anniversary of your Accession to the Throne.

Your Majesty's deep affection for Windsor is well known and we believe that it was in 1927 that you first came to the town. Throughout the intervening years the Castle has remained one of your principal homes; indeed with your family you spent the duration of the Second World War in Windsor where you took the opportunity to undertake your army training and, on your sixteenth birthday, you registered under the Youth Registration Scheme at Windsor's Labour Exchange.

In 1947 the former Royal Borough of New Windsor recognised your contribution to the life of the town by granting you the Honorary Freedom. At just twenty-one years of age you were the youngest recipient of that honour and the longest serving Honorary Freeman in the Royal Borough's history.

Your Majesty has not confined your interest just to Windsor, though the numerous State Visits held there over the years and your regular attendance at the Royal Windsor Horse Show underline the known affection. Your Majesty's openings of the Windsor & Royal Borough Museum in the Guildhall, the Queen's Court Residential Care Home, and the Refurbished King Edward Court Shopping Centre, Your Majesty's 80th birthday walkabout celebrations, and your annual visits to Ascot for the Royal and other principal meetings, provide further evidence of the longstanding and strong relationship.

Ma'am, throughout your sixty years as our Sovereign you have displayed an unparalleled warmth and wisdom. We and the people of your Royal Borough are truly proud of your local ties. May they continue to go from strength to strength and may you enjoy many more years of good health and happiness. In conclusion, may we offer our sincere thanks and congratulations to Your Majesty for the dedicated and exemplary leadership of our nation and of the Commonwealth that you have displayed since February 1952; long may you continue to reign.



WE, THE DEAN AND CANONS OF WINDSOR, present our humble duty on the occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. We give thanks to Almighty God for Your Majesty's reign and for the service which Your Majesty has so graciously given.

We pray for Your Majesty's continued good health and happiness and ask that Your Majesty will accept our grateful thanks for the support that Your Majesty and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh have always given to the St George's community. Most recently, Your Majesty's and His Royal Highness's encouragement of the refurbishment of all the buildings of the College of St George within the walls of Windsor Castle has been a source of inspiration. A secure future for the College, within buildings that link the best of medieval and modern craftsmanship, will help ensure that corporate daily prayer in St George's Chapel remains at the heart of our life in years to come.

God Bless Our Gracious Sovereign and all the Companions of the Most Honourable and Noble Order of the Garter. AMEN.

The Loyal Address by the Right Reverend David Conner on behalf of the Dean and Canons of St George's Chapel, Windsor



The Loyal Address by the Honourable Mrs Mary Bayliss, Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

As representatives of your loyal subjects in this the Royal County of Berkshire, we the Lieutenancy and the six Councils humbly offer to you and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip our sincere greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your Diamond Jubilee.

Berkshire's unique status as England's only Royal County is a matter of great pride for its people, and the long connection of your family with the county a cause for much celebration.

That connection, indeed, goes back over one thousand years. King Alfred, that great defender of English liberties and patron of learning, was born in Berkshire; Windsor Castle has been one of the Monarch's official residences since the eleventh century; and King Henry I chose Reading as the location for what was to become one of the greatest abbeys of mediaeval England and the scene of many royal events.

Your Majesty's own visits to the Royal County have given great pleasure and satisfaction to its people, and your continuing interest in the well-being of individuals and communities within our boundaries is deeply appreciated.

Berkshire has seen many changes during the course of its history, but has always been a place where enterprise has flourished, whether in the thriving woollen industry of mediaeval times, the agricultural improvements of the eighteenth century, the industrial and commercial developments of the nineteenth or the high-technology industries of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It is a county that has long valued learning, as is evidenced in its many fine schools and in the flourishing University of Reading; and it is a place that is mindful of its heritage, seen to such advantage in its historic towns, its picturesque Thames-side villages and in its Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Berkshire is also a place that has always welcomed visitors, whether temporary or permanent. Pilgrims came to the Reading Abbey in mediaeval times, and historical records show that the Royal County has drawn people from all over the world to contribute to its richness and diversity.

That rich diversity of environment and community is one of the strengths of your Royal County today, and on this great occasion of your Diamond Jubilee the Councils of Bracknell Forest, Reading, Slough, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, and Wokingham, together with all the diverse community of Royal Berkshire, join with pleasure and delight in loyal celebration.

YOUR MAJESTY,

It is an honour and a pleasure to express the great loyalty and gratitude felt by the Catholic community of England and Wales for the outstanding and unstinting service you give to our nation and to people throughout the world.

We express these sentiments with particular warmth and admiration as you celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of your reign as our Queen.

Along with Catholics across the world, and especially in the Commonwealth, we join our prayers of thanksgiving to those of other Christians for the many blessings of your reign.

At this moment, we would like to thank you, in particular, for the gracious and generous welcome that you gave to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in his recent Visit to the United Kingdom. We recall with pride the words you spoke on that occasion, affirming our common Christian heritage and our 'contribution to the encouragement of world peace, and to the economic and social development of the less prosperous countries of the world.'

You also spoke graciously of the special contribution of the Catholic community to the wellbeing of our society, especially in our work with the poor, the homeless and in education. We thank you for those words and assure you today of our determination to continue to make our contribution to the common good of all, committed always to a shared search for truth in the practice of daily living, for charity in daily dealings and for compassion and justice in relation to those in need.

We would also like to make our own the words addressed to you by the Holy Father: 'The Christian message has been an integral part of the language, thought and culture of the peoples of these islands for more than a thousand years. Your forefathers' respect for truth and justice, for mercy and charity come to you from a faith that remains a mighty force for good in your kingdom, to the great benefit of Christians and non-Christians alike.'

Your Majesty, we thank you for your steadfast insistence on the great importance of our Christian faith, given in both word and example, alongside your appreciation of the contribution made by other religions in our rich and diverse society today. Our hope is that our society, enriched by the presence of many beliefs and cultures, will always maintain respect for our Christian heritage and the sure foundations it gives for a flourishing of true human fulfilment. The Gospel of Jesus, which we seek to serve, is a challenge to our society to think more deeply about the sanctity of life, the constant need for forgiveness and reconciliation, the faithfulness required in love and the self-sacrifice which brings true satisfaction.

Your Majesty, it is my pleasure to assure you of our prayers for you, now and in the future and, most especially, on the day of your Diamond Jubilee when special prayers will be offered for you and your family in every Catholic Church in England and Wales. May Almighty God bless Your Majesty, preserve you in health of mind and body and grant you every grace and blessing now and for the years to come.

The Loyal Address by Archbishop Vincent Nichols on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales



The Loyal Address by Major General Sir Michael Hobbs, on behalf of the Military Knights of Windsor



The Queen's response to the Loyal Addresses by Privileged Bodies



MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

In this humble address, we, the Military Knights of Windsor, whose privilege it has been since 1348 to pray for our Sovereign and the Companions of the most Noble Order of the Garter, both living and departed, in their Chapel of St George, give heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the service you have given to your people since your accession in 1952.

We pray that the strength of Almighty God may continue to sustain you, and that Your Majesty may be blessed with continued health and happiness.

IT IS TEN YEARS since you were last gathered here on the occasion of my Golden Jubilee. Over the past decade, you, the Privileged Bodies and corporations of the United Kingdom, have continued your important work in supporting the core values of this nation, in helping to preserve our time-honoured traditions and most importantly, in shaping its future.

Today's ceremony, on the occasion of my Diamond Jubilee, provides an opportunity to reflect on the significant contribution your diverse organisations have made to the fabric and well-being of society. Over the past 60 years, you have strengthened this country, boosting prosperity through innovation and development, and enriching its spiritual life.

For those bodies in the fields of education, science and the arts, you have added to our intellectual capital and enhanced our reputation for ingenuity and creativity; the Church and other religious bodies have offered a spiritual and social framework, sustained communities and helped the disadvantaged; while the civic and other bodies have provided vital services to support people in their daily lives. All of you have worked to promote cooperation and friendship within the communities of the United Kingdom, and the wider Commonwealth community.

Today's gathering allows us to pay tribute to the leaders of the Privileged Bodies represented here today, but also to the staff and volunteers who are the strength of these organisations. I have enjoyed reading your Loyal Addresses which reflect the professional excellence and achievement for which you are internationally renowned.

Prince Philip and I thank you for your warm expressions of loyalty and affection, and for the dedicated service you continue to offer our nation.

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