

Press Release

St Paul's Cathedral addresses The Queen to mark her Diamond Jubilee

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An address to Her Majesty The Queen, praising her Christian faith and dedication to the Church, Nation and Commonwealth, has been delivered by St Paul's Cathedral.

Certain organisations, including St Paul's, retain the long-held right, on occasions of outstanding public interest such as a Jubilee, to address The Queen and receive a response from her.

At Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 27th March, the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral delivered its Loyal and Dutiful Address, alongside other privileged bodies including the Royal Academy and University of Oxford.

The address touched on The Queen's "selfless duty" throughout her reign and thanked her for the numerous acts of worship she had attended at the Cathedral, "in times of joy, and of sadness, and of thanksgiving."

In response, The Queen said: "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.

"The Church and other religious bodies have offered a spiritual and social framework, sustained communities and helped the disadvantaged."

[St Paul's Loyal Address in full](#)

THE LOYAL AND DUTIFUL ADDRESS OF THE CHAPTER OF ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IN THE CITY OF LONDON TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

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.

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St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's is the cathedral church of the diocese of London, which it has served for over 1,400 years. The current building has become a potent symbol of the life of a nation and is one of the world's most beautiful buildings. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late seventeenth century, its stones have absorbed the hopes, fears, sorrows and joys of generations and stand as an enduring symbol of our communion with those gone before and those still to come. Each year nearly two million people flock to the cathedral for services, concerts, debates, educational events, performing arts and sightseeing. All are most welcome.

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