



## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

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**Statement to the Diocese of Ottawa from Bishop Shane Parker  
concerning the death of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada**

In her annual Christmas message, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II invariably spoke of her faith in Jesus Christ, telling the world that she followed him and found his teachings to be helpful. She spoke of her faith in a sincere and natural way, reflecting a deep and mature conviction.

We have lost a beloved Queen and a fellow member of the Anglican Communion, and we, her siblings in faith, respond with prayer:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, Queen of Canada, for her life of devoted service and faithful witness to the Gospel. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churches in our diocese may wish to toll their bells (gently) 96 times from noon tomorrow, Friday, September 9, and to add prayers for the late Queen, and for King Charles and the Royal Family, at liturgies between now and the state funeral in England.

The official Canadian Commemorative Service for Queen Elizabeth will take place in our Cathedral in Ottawa at a date and time to be announced in the near future. It will be televised nationally, and attendance at the service is strictly invitation-only.

Sometime after the official Canadian service, The Anglican Church of Canada will hold a Memorial Service at St. James Cathedral in Toronto, with our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, and will be livestreamed on [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca).

The details of these two services will be posted as soon as possible.