

The chapel garden was re-landscaped in honour of The Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. In 2011-12 a major building project created a new sunken courtyard, new offices for the Chaplain and the Steward, a kitchen and a major extension to the Royal Robing Room. A new stained glass window was inserted in 2012 to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A new floor covering was laid in the nave of the chapel in 2013. The chancel and sanctuary floors were restored and cleaned in summer of 2014. The Victorian sections of the garden perimeter railings were restored in 2015-16.

By command of The Queen, the chapel formally became a Chapel Royal from 15 November 2016. Members of the public are welcome to attend the services on Sundays at 11am. The chapel has a fine musical tradition with a choir of men and boys. Further information about the life of the chapel can be found at the website: www.RoyalChapelSavoy.org.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY

The Chapel of Her Majesty The Queen
in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster,
Chapel of the Royal Victorian Order



Service of Thanksgiving
marking the 140th anniversary
of the founding of the
Queen Mother's Clothing Guild
(formerly known as Queen Mary's Clothing Guild)

Wednesday 6th July 2022

5.30pm

**A warm welcome to
The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.**

The instructions to stand or kneel are not to be understood as mandatory. If members of the congregation would find it easier to sit, they should feel free to do so.

The Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse MA
*Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy
within the Duchy of Lancaster
Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order*

Richard Buck MA
Chapel Steward

Philip Berg MVO FRCO
Master of the Music

Music before the service

The Banks of Green Willow (Idyll) *George Butterworth (1885-1916)*

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The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy is the chapel of Her Majesty the Queen in right of her Duchy of Lancaster. It stands on an area of land given by King Henry III in 1246 to Count Peter of Savoy (uncle to the king's wife, Queen Eleanor) the name of whose homeland has become firmly associated with this piece of land between London and Westminster. After the Count's death the manor was reacquired by Queen Eleanor and bestowed on her younger son, Edmund, Earl of Lancaster. Thereafter it became the property of successive earls and dukes of Lancaster. In 1399 Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Lancaster, became king as Henry IV, and declared the Duchy of Lancaster to be a personal prerogative of the Sovereign held separately from the other Crown lands. By the will of King Henry VII a hospital for 'pouer, nedie people' was constructed on the site in the early sixteenth century. It had three chapels, of which the principal one dedicated to Saint John the Baptist is all that now remains of the hospital.

On the occasion of his Coronation in 1937 King George VI commanded that the chapel should become the Chapel of the Royal Victorian Order. Membership of this Order is in the personal gift of the Sovereign. By the statutes of the Order the chaplain is ex-officio Chaplain of the Order. In 1957-58 an ante-chapel, a Royal Robing Room and a Chaplain's Office were constructed. A new pipe organ was presented to the Chapel by the Queen in 1965 to mark the 700th anniversary of the foundation of the Duchy.

QMCG knows that the gift of brand-new clothing and linen not only provides physical warmth and comfort, but also emotional support. The charities we work with often report on the positive effect these donations of new clothing and bedding have had on their clients. The gift of a new or hand-made item for those facing hardship can restore their sense of self-worth and dignity.

QMCG is known as “a small charity doing a big job.” Running costs are kept low since QMCG is run by volunteers with one part-time secretary and no office. Our ‘QMCG Friends’ organisation is lively and active, with Friends giving their time and skill, distributing the clothing each Autumn, and also knitting and stitching beautiful individual items throughout the year.

There is still a great need for new clothing and bedding, so QMCG will continue to help those in need for the years ahead.

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Message from our Patron,
HRH Princess Alexandra the Hon Lady Ogilvy

I am very proud that the Queen Mother’s Clothing Guild is celebrating the great achievement of 140 years of helping those in need.

Although today we will be reflecting on the long past of this unique charity, it is important that QMCG can continue to provide effective and much needed support to so many.

I hope that the vital work of giving people a loving gift of new clothes will continue for many more years.



Remain seated

THE INTROIT

sung by the choir in the Lancaster Hall

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Music: Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Duke!

God save the Queen!

Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the Queen.

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,

Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:

The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,

That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;

The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,

The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,

Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;

We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;

Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;

And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,

And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Words: Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, GCMG, GCVO (1859-1918)

Tune: 'Thaxted' Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LAST 140 YEARS

The Guild was established in 1882 in response to a matron's request to Lady Wolverton for knitted clothes for children in a Dorset orphanage. The "Guild" of Lady Wolverton's friends and knitters grew quickly, and by 1894 "The London Needlework Guild" was making and distributing over 52,000 garments a year.

During WWI the Guild sent over 15.5 million articles of clothing and surgical items to troops overseas. The Guild also provided much needed help to women and families at the Home Front.

140 years later, QMCG continues to help those in need through its annual support for approximately 60 UK charities each year by meeting their specific needs for new clothing and bedding that will make a real difference to their clients' lives.

For example, in 2020 QMCG Friends made over 600 face masks to help those charities who had difficulty in sourcing their own supplies. In 2021, QMCG provided hospices with new bed linen and towels, women's refuges with underwear and dressing gowns as well as jeans and school uniforms for the children, thermal and waterproof clothing for charities helping the homeless and veterans, and cot sheets and quilts for neonatal units - a total of over 57,000 items.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

Music: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

Remain standing

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Remain standing as the choir recess

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

March 'Dignity and Impudence'

Percy Whitlock (1903—1946)

There is a Retiring Collection
for the work of the Guild.

The service is followed by a reception for the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild's 140th Anniversary in the courtyard and the garden, or in the Lancaster Hall or Robing Room in the case of inclement weather.

Remain standing

BIDDING PRAYER

We are gathered today in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, to give thanks for the founding of a Guild by Lady Wolverton in 1882, in order to supply socks and jerseys to an orphanage. In 1897 the Duchess of York, later Queen Mary, whose favourite charity the Guild had become, began as Royal Patron, having formed her own group. In 1914 the Guild widened its horizons and became Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild. This has developed into the present Queen Mother's Clothing Guild, the work of which has spread far and wide. We give thanks for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, whose personal help and kindness gave inspiration and courage to continue and develop the work. We rejoice that Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra continues this tradition of Royal Patronage. We pray for the many charities helped by the Guild, that the amazing caring work which they undertake may be blessed and strengthened.

The congregation remains standing and prays together the Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31-40

read by

Roisin Tierney, Trustee

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Remain seated

ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

*Music from cantata Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben,
BWV 147 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Set our hearts, O God, at liberty from ourselves, and let it be our meat and drink to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD PRAYER

read by

Gillie Jackson, Immediate past Chair of Trustees

Father of all mercies, we are clothed, we are fed, we are sound in mind and body. In gratitude for these great blessings we offer these material things to those less fortunate. Add Thy blessings, we beseech Thee, to the work of our hands and hearts so that each garment may carry to the wearer not only decency and warmth, but courage, comfort, and hope for brighter days. **Amen.**

Stand

HYMN

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless *Charles Prince of Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE SLEEPING ROUGH THIS DAY

Have mercy, O Lord our God, on those who sleep rough for whatever reason. Bless and strengthen those who seek to help them, guide the charities for rough sleepers which we support that they may be instruments of the divine compassion to love and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION AND COMMITMENT

O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life: we beseech thee to shed forth upon thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort. We have in remembrance Lady Wolverton and all past members of the Guild: grant that we, following the good example of those who have loved and served thee here and are at rest, may at the last enter with them into the fullness of thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us offer anew to God the work of the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild.

SECOND READING

A Mile in My Shoes

by Kelly Rattledge,

Churches Homeless Emergency Support Scheme (CHESS)

read by

Ruth Briant, Executive Chair

People judge. Some look elsewhere, Some shout abuse, And others just stare. I am not a threat, I just have nowhere to go. If you just gave me some time Then you would know. There was a time That I had it all. Then things got too much. Life can be so cruel. I don't ask for your judgement Your stares, or your hate. I know you don't understand But for some this is our fate. I used to have a family And a roof over my head. Now I just pray I will soon have a bed. You may see me begging You may hear me shout but there's so much more to me I'd love you to know about. I just want someone out there To spare me some time, To say hello and acknowledge me. Is that such a crime? I have done stupid things Made many a mistake. I acknowledge my wrongs And the habits I should break. Please if you see me Remember my heart beats like yours. I feel so desperate and lonely Sleeping outside these doors. I may ask you for money, May come across rude, But truly all I need is compassion and food. So next time you see me Please be careful with the words you choose. Please don't judge me Until you've walked a mile in my shoes.

Stand

HYMN

Angel-voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee
And confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
And wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily
Hearts and minds and hands and voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Tune: Angel Voices, E.G. Monk (1819-1900)

Sit

THE ADDRESS
Canon Thomas Woodhouse

Remain seated or kneel

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN'S MAJESTY

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly