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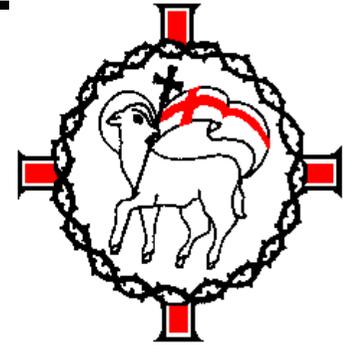
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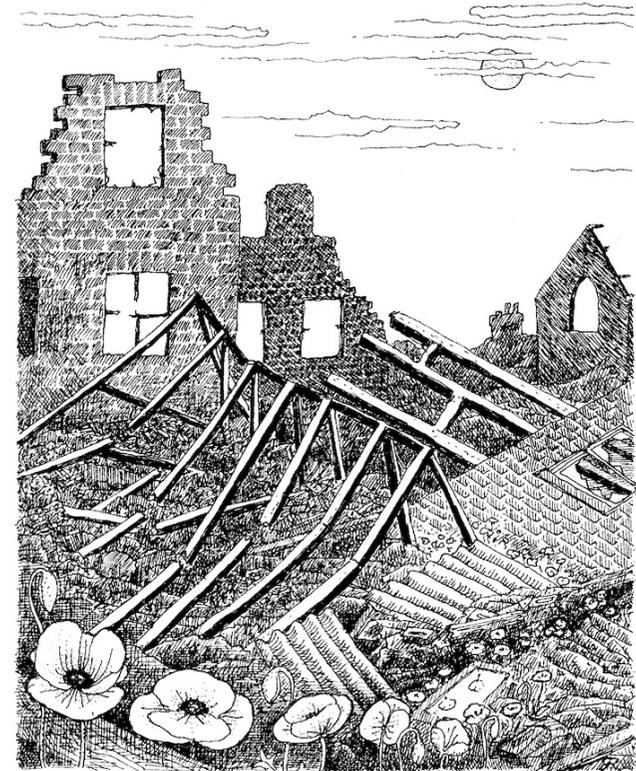
# St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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**November 2012**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

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### Worship

#### Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

#### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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## From the Registers

### Baptisms



**7 October**

Rylan Oliver Whelan, Oxford Street, Stalybridge

**21 October**

Isabelle Chantelle Louise Booth, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge

Rosie Leigh Baxter, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

Mia Lillie Kendall, Hurst Hall Drive, Ashton-under-Lyne

**28 October**

Lucas Stone, Park View, Mossley Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

Danielle Louise Hoole, Wakefield Road, Stalybridge

### Funerals



**3 October**

Mary Williams (72) Hawthorn Grove, Ashton-under-Lyne

**5 October**

Maureen Wrigley (69) Park Close, Stalybridge

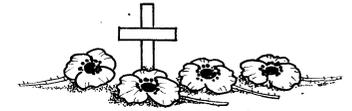
**16 October**

Ethel May West (92) Millbrook Care Home, formerly of Melbourne Court, Stalybridge

### From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010		Florence Wilson	2006
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009		Kenneth Cyril La Touche	1982
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Sydney Dring	1981	21 Nov	Edith Haigh	1993
	Doreen Berry	1988		John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Dennis Holt	1994	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
	Catherine Tetlow	2008	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene Humphries	1994
	Grace Barber	2008			
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel Rees	1974
	Clifford Thomas John	1994		Paul James Smyth	1983
	Jessie Dennis	2005		Andrew John Philip	2001
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Beckwith	
	Lucy Louise Yvonne Taylor	2011		Joan Entwistle	2005
14 Nov	Zoie Vidler	2003			
	Michael S Oliver	2003			

Dear All,



I write this having just returned from a visit to the Netherlands and before undertaking a short visit to France. Now, I am not trying to insult anyone's intelligence but these two countries do of course have several things in common. Both (like the UK) are members of the EU but unlike us, they have the common currency of the Euro and during world war two both were occupied by a foreign power, which brings me to focus upon the fact that when we return from France it will be just before Remembrance Sunday, when I shall again be conducting the service at Stalybridge Cenotaph.

Most years and 2012 I doubt will be any exception, the question is usually posed, in one form or another, should we continue our acts of remembrance, given that the festival's origins are almost one hundred years old? True enough, the last known veteran from World War one died a few years ago and an increasing number of generations separate us from the second world war. It is also true that, at the moment, those serving in Her Majesty's Armed Forces are well to the fore in the minds of many people, for obvious reasons.

The fact remains, however, that over time memories dim. Moral issues can become blurred – think of the controversy that still rages over the second Gulf war. I can't remember the precise figure but many millions of British taxpayers' money (yours and mine) has been expended on the 'Bloody Friday' enquiry in Northern Ireland – in 1971. Decisions have still to be made regarding any criminal proceedings; what a thankless task for the person concerned!

Believe it or not, but since 1945 there has only been one year when the British Army has not been involved in a conflict somewhere and that was in 1968! In 1969 they were sent into Northern Ireland to assist the beleaguered civil power and a great many gave their lives in so doing. Hopefully their sacrifice will not have been in vain but, when I lead our intercessions I still feel obligated to pray for the fragile peace in that part of the United Kingdom. Peace is like gold, there is a big difference between the real thing and the fool's.

There is plenty of literature telling us about the promises made to the troops in 1914-18 of a land fit for heroes to live in. What was the reality? Mass unemployment and world wide depression. As for it being the war to end all wars, only twenty years were to pass before another war started and more promises were made about what would follow. What was promised to the troops who fought in Korea, Malaya, Kenya, Cyprus, the Falklands, the two Gulf Wars, Northern Ireland and currently, Afghanistan? Judge for yourselves. Will, "their names live for evermore"

as per our countless war memorials? Even if the weather does, over time, take its toll, that can be rectified (given the money, of course!) but sadly it's not unknown for such places to become covered in graffiti, vandalised, urinated upon and covered with litter, etc.

I believe, therefore, that we should both remember and honour all who have and still are giving their lives so that we, and others, may live in the safety we so often, and foolishly, take for granted. Of course, if we lived in the ideal world the need might not arise and the fact remains we are a long way from living in the ideal world. That, of course, is no reason for giving up, let alone failing to honour those we shall be thinking about on 11/11 at 11.

With every blessing,

Keith.

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*As we think about soldiers and war here is a prayer written by an anonymous confederate soldier in the American Civil War. What he says applies to all of us fighting our own private battles in life.*

**The Soldier's Prayer**

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I asked for –  
But everything that I had hoped for,  
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## Readings and Psalms for November 2012

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Day
10.45	Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44
15.00	Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33; Psalm 23; John 6.37-40
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Philippians 2.5-11; Psalm 22.22-27; Luke 14.15-24
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Sunday before Advent - <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
8.30	Jonah 3.1-5,10; Mark 1.14-20
10.45	Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-end; Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Titus 2.1-8,11-14; Psalm 37.3-5,30-32; Luke 17.7-10
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Sunday before Advent
10.45	Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25; Mark 13.1-8
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Revelation 3.1-6,14-end; Psalm 15; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King
8.30	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37
10.45	Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Revelation 14.14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21.5-11

### 8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

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### Wordsearch for November

November is the month of souls and saints, gunpowder plots and bonfires, and above all, Remembrance. This year the Queen also celebrates 65 years of marriage.

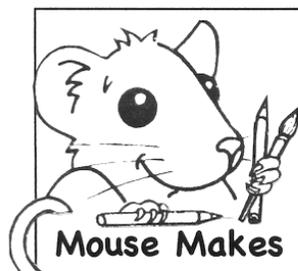
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### October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew. 9. Evil one. 10. Adore. 11. Ran. 13. Oreb. 16. Zinc. 17. Entail. 18. Hung. 20. Lehi. 21. Joshua. 22. Pity. 23. Wide. 25. Age. 28. Alarm. 29. Partake. 30. Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2. Alive. 3. Took. 4. Over. 5. Onan. 6. Emotive. 7. Jehoshaphat. 8. Melchizedek. 12. A light. 14. Beg. 15. Strong. 19. Not have. 20. Law. 24. Iraqi. 25. Amen. 26. Epic. 27. Free.



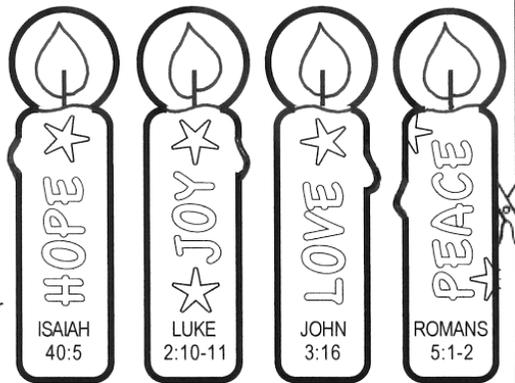
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★ JESUS IS COMING! ★

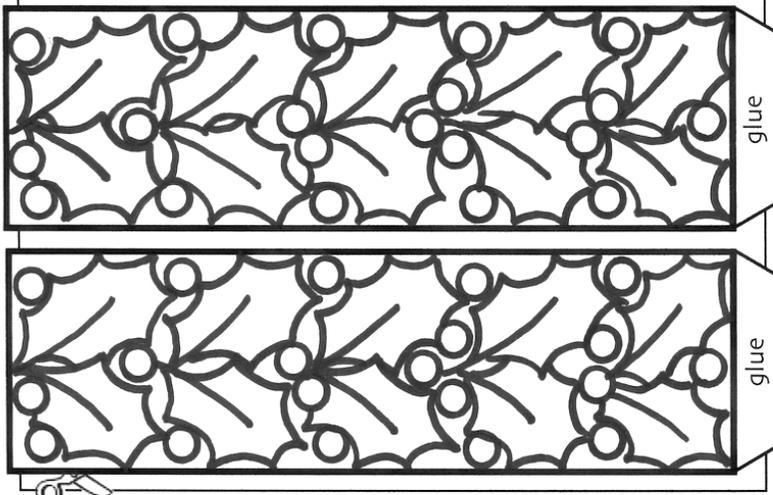
ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children. ★

To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.

On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

HOPE ★ ISAIAH 40:5	JOY ★ LUKE 2:10-11	LOVE ★ JOHN 3:16	PEACE ★ ROMANS 5:1-2
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## Some dates for your diary - November 2012

Sun	4th	<b>All Saints - All Souls - 4th Sunday before Advent</b> 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Baptism x 3 3.00p.m. All Souls' Service
Thurs	8th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	11th	<b>Remembrance Sunday - 3rd Sunday Before Advent</b> 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	13th	7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group )
Thurs	15th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	18th	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	20th	8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	22nd	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	24th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair
Sun	25th	<b>Christ The King - Sunday next before Advent</b> 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All
Tues	27th	7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft
Wed	28th	7.30pm Deanery synod
Thurs	29th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

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### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

### **Clifford Roberts**

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Clifford Roberts on Tuesday 30 October.

Clifford was the Reader at Old St George's and then later at St George's until he moved away to take up a job in Sheffield.

More recently he lived in Blackpool but kept in contact with several members here.

His funeral will be held on Monday 12th November at 1.00p.m. in Bispham Parish Church

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*Thinking of All Soul's Day .....*

### **The other side of the door**

A very sick man visited his doctor in a small rural village. As he was leaving, he suddenly blurted out: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. You go to church on Sundays. Tell me what lies on the other side."

The doctor thought a moment. Then he said simply: "I don't know."

"You don't know?" protested the man. "You, a Christian, can't say more than that?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door into the waiting room of the surgery. On the other side, there was a sound of eager scratching and whining. He opened the door and the patient's spaniel sprang into the room, leaping on his owner with an eager happiness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Here's your dog. He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and so when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. It is the same for me. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens for me one day, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

## **Soroptimists Craft Fayre**

Ashton Soroptimists are calling all crafters or anyone looking for interesting Christmas gifts.

A Craft Fayre is to be held on

Sunday 18th November at

Stanley House, Manchester Road,

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10am (for setting up by stall holders),

public admitted at 11 until 4pm.

Stalls are £10 and refreshments will be available.

If you wish to book a stall or need more information please contact Jacque Garside on 01457 836687.

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### **It's time to pack your shoe box for Operation Christmas Child for the 100m challenge!**

You could help make history this Christmas - by helping Operation Christmas Child send its 100th million shoebox out to some desperately needy child in the developing world.

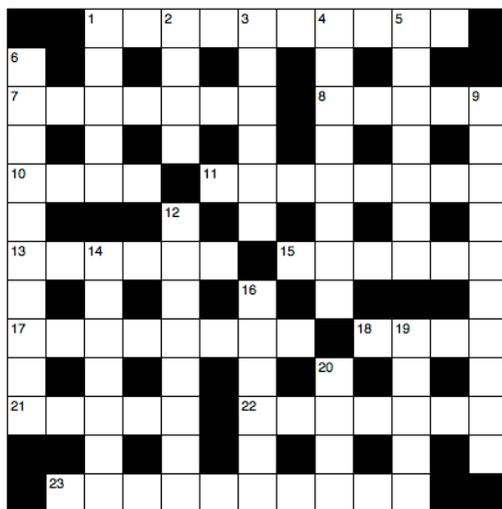
Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project – it has been sending gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world since 1990. OCC has an impressive record – considering the project relies entirely on volunteers to provide the gifts, and volunteers to man the warehouses. What is so good about it is, that whatever you pack here, the child gets out there! You can enclose photographs of yourself and your family, and even write them a short message.

You have until 18th November to pack and send a shoe box full of gifts for some desperately needy boy or girl in Eastern Europe, Africa or even Asia. Your present may be not just the only gift they receive this year, but the only gift they receive in their entire childhood.

To find out more about how Operation Christmas Child works, please visit the website: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) – and help them make it to 100m shoe boxes this year.

If you want any more information or want to help in the warehouse where boxes are prepared for transit abroad please speak to George Vernon or Paul Roberts.

## November Crossword



### Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

### Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)
- 20 See 18 Across

## St George's Church Christmas Fair

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*Diamond*



*Jubilee*

*This month we offer you the tenth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC, has compiled this. This month we consider...*

### **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 10 : THE DEATH OF DIANA**

If 1992 was the Queen's annus horribilis, in some ways 1997 was even worse. Charles and Diana had finally divorced in 1996 - a public recognition of a personal tragedy. Diana, now to be known as 'Diana, Princess of Wales', had continued her work with good causes, including what looked like a dangerous one, publicising the menace of buried land-mines. She had also formed a friendship with Dodi Fayed, the son of the owner of Harrods, and it was while she was in Paris with him that she was killed in a late night car crash on August 31st 1997.

Most of us can recall where we were when major news broke. In this case, as it happened in the early hours of the morning, that probably meant bed. My wife woke me to tell me, first of the accident and the death of Dodi, and then of the death of the Princess. Shortly afterwards the phone rang. A producer from the BBC asked if I could go to London that day to present a programme for Radio 2 celebrating her life and achievements. It was a Sunday, but I was able to clear the day once the early morning communion was over, and I agreed to do it.

I went into the church at a quarter to eight to find a bunch of flowers on the altar, put there by some early riser who wished to honour Diana. No question there of 'copy-catting'! After breakfast I set off to London, making my way along the A40 just before the road was closed as the plane bearing her body flew in to RAF Northolt. You could almost smell the adrenaline in Broadcasting House. This was the news story of the year, perhaps of the decade.

For the royal family, however, it was much more than a news story. The Queen reacted as one would have expected, mindful of protocol, outwardly calm. She was at Balmoral, and attended church service that morning as usual. But she also reacted as a grandmother, anxious to protect her two grandsons, then teen-agers, from the wave of public grief and the intrusive cameras of the media. Diana was no

longer technically a member of the royal family, so the Queen opted to stay at Balmoral and the flag above Buckingham Palace was not lowered.

Hindsight suggests she got it both right and wrong. She was absolutely right to protect William and Harry, and to avoid exposing herself and the family to the intense scrutiny which turns grief into a media show. She was, though (most people came to think) wrong in her judgment of the mood of the nation. On reflection, she and the rest of the family abandoned their Balmoral holiday and travelled to London. The royal standard was then flown at half-mast, whatever protocol decreed, and they briefly joined the enormous crowds that had gathered along the Mall and Buckingham Palace to mourn their beloved Princess.

The funeral followed, held in the presence of the Queen. It was watched by a vast world-wide television audience, and William and Harry followed the hearse. Crowds lined the route and gathered in front of a giant television screen in Hyde Park. You could literally smell the flowers which lay around the Palace and the Mall half a mile away. London had probably never seen anything like it.

Time has passed. The extraordinary outburst of grief which marked the death of Diana has also passed, and any temporary criticism of the Queen's reaction is long forgotten. More importantly, Diana's elder son (and for that matter her less restrained younger one!) seem to have inherited many of the qualities in her life which made her so widely loved and admired. The future of our monarchy, it is generally recognised, is in good hands.

