

# Westminster Abbey



Dedication of the Window to  
Celebrate The Queen's Reign

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
11.30 am



## THE QUEEN'S WINDOW

The reign of Her Majesty The Queen is already the longest of any Monarch of England and of the United Kingdom. It is always an enormous pleasure to receive The Queen when she visits the Abbey for a service or on another occasion, most recently for the opening of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries in the Abbey's Triforium.

For many years, I pondered how we should celebrate The Queen's reign in the Abbey. A statue seemed wrong, though there are many from earlier centuries. We already have a portrait of Her Majesty in the Diamond Jubilee Galleries. A stained glass window seemed the obvious thing, and a great window was available, a double lancet surmounted by a circular oculus containing sexfoil tracery, on the west side of the North Transept, the only window there without stained glass.

If we were properly to celebrate The Queen's reign, we should therefore choose one of Britain's most celebrated contemporary artists. David Hockney is a Companion of Honour and has been awarded by Her Majesty the Order of Merit, which is in the Monarch's personal gift. But how could I reach him? I discovered that Tacita Dean, the sister of Ptolemy Dean, our Surveyor of the Fabric, lived in Los Angeles and knew David Hockney well.

David Hockney, who had never before designed stained glass, came to see the window and the next day sent me a draft design: as I wished not heraldic or representational, but a country scene to honour someone we know to be a lover of the countryside, a design evocative of his work in East Yorkshire.

The window has been manufactured and installed by the Barley Studio in York, who made two great windows in the Lady Chapel.

It will be an honour to dedicate the window.

*The Very Reverend Dr John Hall  
Dean of Westminster*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, gives*

## THE WELCOME

*The Reverend Jane Sinclair, Canon in Residence, reads*

## THE READING

**I** APPEAL to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

*Romans 12: 1–11*

## THE DEDICATION

*The Dean says*

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster gratefully receives this window and I gladly dedicate it.

**T**O the greater glory of God and in celebration of Her Majesty's reign, I dedicate this window in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Reverend Christopher Stoltz, Minor Canon and Precentor, leads*

## THE PRAYERS

**O**LORD our heavenly Father, 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 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.**

**O**VERLASTING God, with whom a thousand years are but as one day, and in whose name are treasured here the memorials of many generations: grant to those who labour in this place such measures of thy grace and wisdom, that they may neglect no portion of their manifold inheritance, but so guard and use it to thy glory and the enlargement of thy Church, that the consecration of all human powers may set forward thy purpose of gathering up into one all things in Christ; through whom to thee be glory, world without end. **Amen.**

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, source of creation and fount of beauty: bless the work of thy servants who, through their creativity and skill, reveal to us a glimpse of thy perfection in their art and craftsmanship; continue, we pray thee, to inspire men and women in their artistic endeavours; and, in thine own time, bring to perfection the work which thou hast begun in us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As Christ himself taught us, so we pray:

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those 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.**

*All stand. The Dean pronounces*

#### THE BLESSING

**G**OD 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 sinners life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All sing*

#### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**G**OD save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save The Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
happy and glorious,  
long to reign over us:  
God save The Queen.