



The Mid-Wydean Churches

serving Coleford, Broadwell, Clearwell, Newland,
Redbrook, Staunton and surrounding areas.

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Following the sad news of the death of HRH Duke Edinburgh, our prayers are with Her Majesty The Queen at this sad personal loss for her, and for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who have lost their father, grandfather, great-grandfather.

Echoing in our hearts and minds are all those, especially from this parish, who have also lost a loved one in this difficult of year. Our prayers are with them too.

We invite you to take a moment to reflect, light a candle, offer a prayer, as you wish. There is a link to an online Book of Condolence, as this is the method advised by the government. www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip

A message from Bishop Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester:

The Queen has announced the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek said, "It is with deep sadness that we hear the news of the Duke of Edinburgh's death. This is a huge loss to the nation and one which we will all feel deeply for a long time to come. We give thanks for Prince Philip, his unwavering love and support of the Queen, and for the good he has championed and enabled within our country and beyond over so many years.

"We offer our deepest condolences to the Queen and the Royal Family as we pray for them to know God's comfort and everlasting love in the days and weeks ahead. May the hope and peace of Jesus Christ sustain us all.

"While not all of our churches are able to be open at the moment, everyone across our communities are invited to join our online worship, which can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com.

"May he rest in peace and rise in glory."

A prayer on the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

