

18th September 2022 - St Helen's Church Escrick

**Vigil on the eve of the funeral of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.**



7.50pm. *We will Meet in Church for a National moment of reflection on the eve of Her Late Majesty's funeral, including the 8pm one minute silence. Church will remain open until 9pm for people to call in, to reflect, light a candle or share their thoughts in the book of condolence.*

Book of condolence. *Escrick Church is open daily between 8am and 5pm. The book of condolence will be available for all until 5pm on Tuesday 20th September.*

'Thank you all for gathering here this evening for this brief vigil on the eve of the funeral of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

In a few moments we will join with people across the United Kingdom in a time of Silent Reflection, when we will have an opportunity to remember the lifetime of service which her late Majesty devoted to United Kingdom, the Realms and Territories and to the Commonwealth.

The Queen was sure in her faith and steadfast in her duty, bringing constancy through 70 years of change. Change which saw us move from the steam age and old-fashioned telephones through to the jet age, space travel and the digital era of the Internet and social media. We will remember her late Majesty with affection and gratitude and silently give thanks in our hearts for her unswerving devotion to us and to our Country.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now 8 pm so let us keep the minutes silence.'

(Led by Nigel Wood)