



Accession Day 2022

The Queen, aged 95, is now the world's longest serving head of state here along with 14 other countries that are part of the Commonwealth realm. The Commonwealth itself is a voluntary association of 54 independent countries which retain ceremonial links with the Queen as the Head of the Commonwealth.

Whether you are in favour of our monarchy or not, everybody will agree that her Majesty, The Queen has displayed a consistent commitment of the highest level to a life of duty and public service. The Queen has provided outstanding leadership throughout her long reign and has remained an international symbol of stability through seven decades of social and political turmoil.

On Sunday, February 6th we celebrate the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne after the death of her father, King George VI on this date in 1952. It is another awesome milestone to be recognised in Queen Elizabeth II's 70 year reign.

Ansty Village has nearly always celebrated Royal Events in the past. As this 70th anniversary fell on the first Sunday of February 2022, St James' Church, Ansty, held a special Accession Service of Mattins as laid out in the Book of Common Prayer. Led by Lesley Simm, it was a simple, moving occasion attended by regular members of the congregation and the proceedings concluded with the hymn 'I vow to Thee My Country'. Click picture to find out more.

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