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With our humble duty,

The Bishop of Rochester, The Bishop of Tonbridge and the Dean and Chapter of Rochester offer His Majesty the King and all the Royal Family their most sincere condolences on the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

The Queen's long reign has provided stability and reassurance to every region of the United Kingdom and beyond. Her Majesty's commitment and service to nation and commonwealth, both in times of celebration and distress, has been a source of constant encouragement to all. The Queen's personal faith and life-long support for the Church have also stood as an example to many.

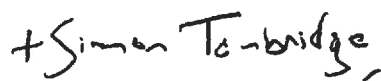
Her Majesty's death will be felt deeply by many, not only in Britain but across the Commonwealth.

During these official days of mourning, prayers will be offered each day in Rochester Cathedral for The Queen and for all the members of the Royal Family in their bereavement. Books of Condolences will also be made available in Rochester Cathedral and across this Diocese in thanksgiving for The Queen and for all to express their thanks and gratitude for The Queen's long reign and exemplary model of Christian service.

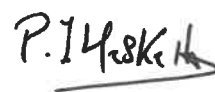
We have the honour to be Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.



Bishop of Rochester
The Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs



Bishop of Tonbridge
The Rt Rev Simon Burton-Jones



Dean of Rochester
The Very Rev Dr Philip Hesketh