



# EDITORIAL

*Marian Izzard*

We have selected the theme of this spring edition of MET Connexion to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations taking place in June as we felt that it was only fitting and right to mark this special occasion. We have entitled this edition: *Serving the King: Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee* to recognise and celebrate the Queen's Christian faith and how she draws strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel to inspire and guide her in her rule and reign in this land.

Two of our contributors in this edition have written on some aspect of the service of our servant Queen and the King she serves, whilst others have written on serving the King and Queen, what Jubilee means and what we can learn from the ancient church.

Jonathan Burnside, Professor of Biblical Law at the University of Bristol explains why our Queen upholds the Biblical ideal of Servant Monarchy.

Catherine Butcher, Director of Communications at HOPE Together writes on celebrating the Queen's 70 years of faithful service.

David Moss, Methodist Superintendent Minister and former Army Chaplain reflects on what service to her majesty the Queen means for Christians in the Armed Forces.

Tim Thorlby and Matt Williams from the Jubilee Centre explain how the Biblical Jubilee remains a radical vision of the church for the twenty-first century.

Carl Trueman, Professor of Biblical and religious studies at Grove City College, Pennsylvania, shares lessons for today from the church of the second century.

Our song selections of 'The Servant King', 'King of Kings, Majesty' and 'Rejoice the Lord is King' have been chosen to reflect the kingship of Jesus as the one who came to serve, who reigns victorious and whom we live to serve.

Our new Bible Study series is part one of a three part study on Micah, compiled by Catherine Hutton.

Praying Always is compiled by our Prayer Coordinator, Roz Addington who encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on God through these troubling times and provides us with a four week cycle of prayer pointers.

The next edition of MET Connexion will be the autumn edition.

Every blessing

*Marian*

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