

**A Time for Everything**  
**President's Letter October, 2022**

Dear Sisters,

What events we have seen in the last month. We are all still slightly numb from the death of our beloved Queen. Who would have thought that only a few days before her death she was meeting with a new Prime Minister. What a 'Wonder Women!' She performed her duties loyally, with respect for all the people she met and with a certain amount of humility. This was continual even at the age of ninety-six. What a woman! Do you think we could have done the same for seventy years?

I am sure most of us watch the events leading up to her funeral and the funeral itself. We must have had the Lord guiding us when we chose our theme for this year – A Time for Everything. My ears pricked up when I watched the service at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh as Nicola Sturgeon read the lesson. This was the very one Sr Diane chose in her first paper – Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, verses 1 – 15.

Let us also remember her family who acted with such strength and dedication throughout the whole, very public, act of grieving. We all know that losing a loved one, especially a mother, is not easy, but the family showed such dignity. She would have been proud of them.

Just as the Queen was not frightened to go against tradition, I read that Princess Anne, who else, had done the same. Do you know that she is the first female royal to take part in the procession and vigils held for her mother. This was only right as not only is she a sibling she was with her mother at the end.

We must now let them have some time for private grief and I know your prayers are with them all.

It will seem strange to most of us that we have a new monarch. I for one have never know anything other than a Queen. I was born in the year she came to the throne. However, there is a time for everything.

**God save the King.**

Sorry this letter is not all cheerful, but I think we need to mark such events.

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the MWA gathering on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

***The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.***

Yours in Christ

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