

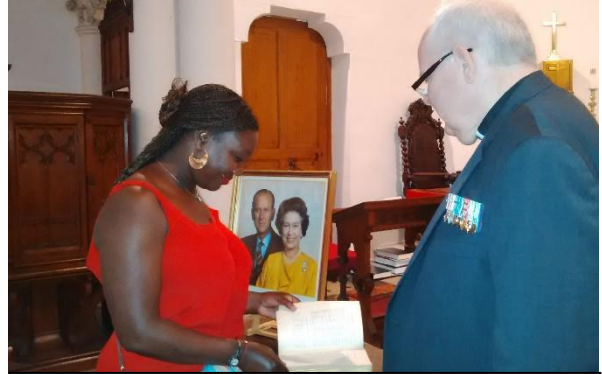


## A BIRTHDAY PARTY FIT FOR A QUEEN

10 June 2016

On Friday 10 June a birthday gathering was held at All Saints' Marseille France to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Queen Elizabeth. Father David Greenwood, Priest in Charge of All Saint's and Helen Brooking, Church Warden, welcomed all the guests. Helen, Jo Le Borgne, Anne Roumieu, Elizabeth Bernasconi, and Rhonda Peck assembled a massive spread of homemade food and Gaston Roumieu, Tony Peck, and Jean-François assembled the beverages. 65 guests listened to music over the past 90 years assembled by Jo and read the large panels on the wall which listed the All Saint's with Aix-en-Provence ministry ventures of the past nine decades researched and written by Amanda Haste.

Clergy guests included Pastor Richard Chenette and Mrs Carol Chenette of the International Christian Community of Marseille, Pastor Patrick DeNeut of the Marseille Baptist Church, and the Rev Malcolm Dodd and Mrs Janet Dodd. Mrs Steph McLean, the President of the Anglo-American Group of Provence and Andrew Buchanan, the Chairman of the Cannes-Provence Branch of the Royal British Legion came from a great distance to join us.



*Aramidé Doussin the Pro Consul of the British Consulate in Marseille and Fr David look at the Book of Common Prayer presented by the British Consul General, Mrs Meade on the occasion of the Queen's coronation in 1953.*



*Friends and neighbours gather at All Saints under the flags of the Commonwealth nations ready to share stories, food, beverages and to toast with prosecco and sing "God Save the Queen".*

After much time to speak and share stories, Fr David called for everyone to charge their glasses and introduced the Venerable Ian Naylor, Archdeacon in France who led in the official 90th Birthday Prayer. Then Mdm. Aramidé Doussin the Pro Consul of the British Consulate in Marseille proposed the official toast to Her Majesty and we all toasted with chilled prosecco. Then three verses of the national hymn were boldly sung.