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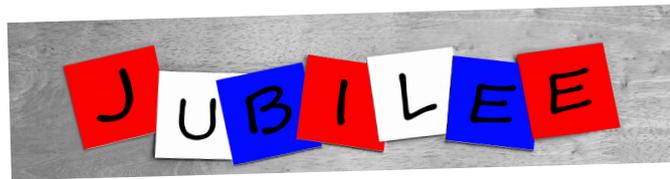


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Tea Party for the Jubilee Bringing all ages together

An Intergenerational Resource to help celebrate
The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

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INTRODUCTION

This resource has been created by the Family Ministries & Older People's Ministries Teams to bring all ages together as we celebrate The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. We believe that intergenerational ministry should be at the heart of every church. This means that everyone is included and no-one is left out. Holding an Afternoon Tea Party enables you to specifically bring all ages together and we hope that some of the ideas we offer to you within this resource will support you in doing so.

How you run your Tea Party is entirely up to you but hopefully some of our hints and tips will give you ideas of how to set up your party so that everyone is included and made to feel welcome.

We would love to see any photos of your Tea Party Celebrations, so if you are willing to share these with us please email us your stories and any photos that you are willing to share with us.

If you would like any further support with setting up any expression of intergenerational ministry please get in touch as we are here to support you.

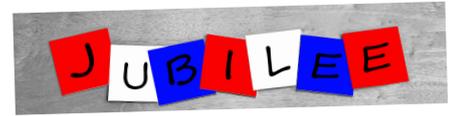
God bless you as you celebrate!
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SETTING THE SCENE – WHAT YOU WILL NEED



VOLUNTEERS

Every good tea party needs volunteers to help you and ensure that everything runs smoothly.

We would suggest volunteer roles for the following:

Welcome Team

Cake makers

Sandwich makers

Table Setters

Place Setting Creators

Transportation (if required)

Befrienders (to sit with those who may need some form of extra support)

Washer Uppers!

Please consider your Safe Mission Risk Assessments & Guidance that will need to be in place for your own venue to ensure the safety of everyone attending. Also bear in mind that whilst there are no current COVID Government Guidelines in place people may still wish to wear face coverings and we suggest Hand Sanitiser is available to all.

Handy Tip
Ask for people to donate ingredients to keep the cost down

BASIC ESSENTIALS – Beg & Borrow but do not steal!

Ask if people will let you borrow nice tea pots and crockery which will give you a mismatched vintage style look to your Tea Party.

Tables & Non-Wobbly Chairs

Table Cloths

Napkins

Plates

Cups & Saucers (*mugs just don't really have the Tea Party Vibe*)

Tea Pots

Sugar bowls & Spoons

Milk Jugs

Cake Stands

Children's Tea Party Sets

Bunting (*gives a real Tea Party Feel*)

Name Cards (*can be made on arrival*)

Handy Tip
If you choose to use Paper Plates try choose those that can be recycled

THOUGHTFUL SET UP



Making the Tea Party look special will help your guests feel that they have been invited to a very special celebration indeed. Ensure that all tables have table cloths and that a person's place is set out clearly with their own plate, tea cup, saucer and name place. Invite some of your younger people to help create place settings - it's a great way of getting teenagers involved.

We would suggest, where possible, that you place an older person with a child and their parent in groups so that not all the children are sat at one side of the table and older people at the other. The idea is that people of all ages are mixed up together so they can share with one another and experience the full beauty that comes from all things intergenerational. Very much like the Kingdom of God!

Ask all those attending to bring either a teddy, doll or toy from their childhood. So the children will bring their favourite toy and the older people will be able to bring theirs too. You may find that some of the older people have Dinky Cars stashed away, a favourite game, train or even an old teddy. This is very much about enabling the generations to share together.

Handy Tip - If you can obtain/borrow some children's tea party sets, we suggest that you dot these around the tables so that it's not all grown up tea pots that are around and fill the children's tea pots with something like orange squash. They might even like pouring the odd cup of squash for their older friends too!

Handy Tip – Choose some music to be playing in the background so that whilst people are eating they don't feel too self-conscious if there is more eating than talking happening. You could choose something like gentle classical music or a mix of music that spans the ages. The choices are endless!

Photocopy the cards below to help get conversations started and remember these are for everyone of any age! (Place on all tables - enough for everyone to see)

The background of the card is a blue sky with white clouds. A string of four triangular Union Jack bunting flags is strung across the scene from the bottom left towards the top right.

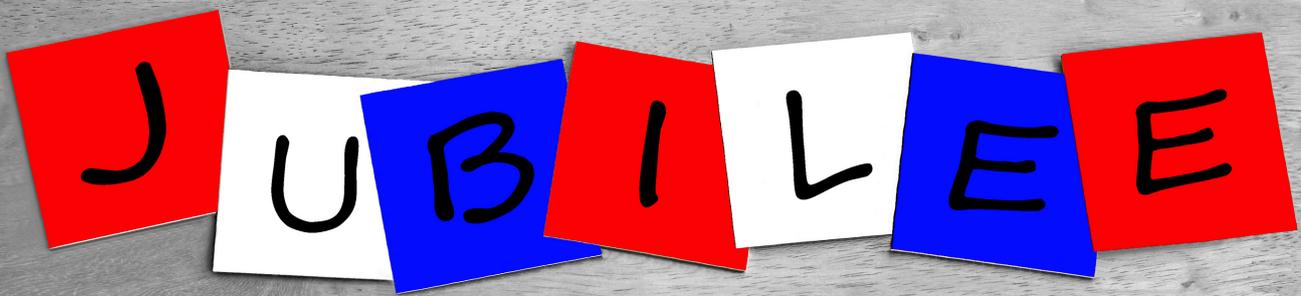
**If you could be a Queen
or King for one day what
would you do?**

**Would you wear a
crown or not?**

The background of the card is a blue sky with white clouds. A string of four triangular Union Jack bunting flags is strung across the scene from the bottom left towards the top right.

**If you could eat a cake
every day which one
would you choose?**

**What is or was your favourite
game to play and why?**



BUNTING PRAYERS

Give everyone attending a piece of colourful card bunting. Ask them to do one of the suggestions below:

- Write a prayer for the person sitting next to them or someone at the Tea Party that they know.
- Write a thank you prayer for the fun they have had at the Tea Party.

Gather all these before you play games so that these can be strung up for all to see. After the Tea Party, hang these around your church as a reminder of how important it is to pray for one another and thank God for the fun we have in church.

PRAYERS

Dear Jesus

Thank you that you want to be my friend. Thank you that you are the Queen's special helper. Thank you that you will help me too. Please help me do a good job of loving people and the world. Thank you that I can be a Prince or Princess in Your Kingdom.

Amen

(The Girl who grew up to be Queen, Hope UK)

Thank you God for days of special celebration – like birthdays, Christmas and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We thank you for Queen Elizabeth II and pray especially for her today. Help us to have lots of fun as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Amen.

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GAMES FOR ALL

These are just a few suggestions of games that include everyone or any age. We're sure you have lots of your own too. Ensure that everyone understands the game and that no one is left out for any reason. Think about those for whom mobility may be difficult and ensure that space is left for wheelchairs or walking aids. Try and find out if anyone has a phobia of balloons before you play the balloon game!

Parachute Games

Asking everyone to safely take hold of the parachute place some ball pool coloured balls on top of the parachute, then on the count of 3 ask everyone together to move the parachute up and down trying to stop the balls bouncing off or doing the opposite and trying to bounce them high and off the parachute! Ask the more abled bodied people in the group to collect the balls and repeat.

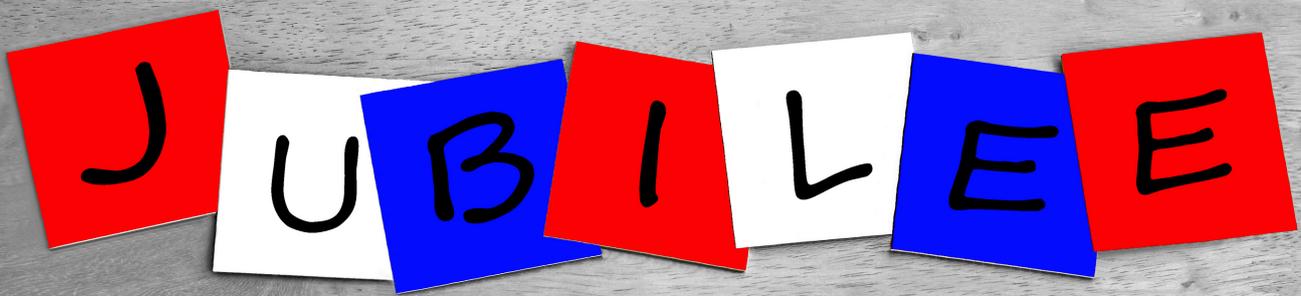
Another game that people seem to love is when the older members raise the parachute and the younger ones run underneath. It's all about fun, so enjoy the colour and the togetherness this brings.

Balloon Games

Sitting people in circles play 'keepy uppy' with the balloons and see how long the group can keep the balloon in the air. Encourage everyone to be part of this and if someone doesn't want to play perhaps get them to keep a check on time and how long the balloons can stay in the air without touching the floor. Then the different groups can have a competition to see who can keep the balloons up the longest.

Pass The Parcel Jigsaw Game

Find a picture of the Queen or Royal Family and cut it into 6-8 pieces like a jigsaw. When wrapping up a present (perhaps a big box of celebration chocolates that can be shared in the group) place a piece of the 'jigsaw' between the layers so that the picture can be built up as each layer is unwrapped. Make sure that everyone gets a go at unwrapping so have someone who can keep an eye out when turning the music down (without anyone else in the group seeing of course!)



ACTIVITIES

• Crowns

Decorate cardboard cut-out crowns with jewels and tissue paper that can be worn at teatime. You could have a photo-booth and take photographs of people wearing their crowns as a souvenir of the event.

• Union Jack Flags:

Flag outline, Stick, Sticky tape, Red & blue pencils or crayons

Colour a union jack outline using the pencils/crayons provided. Stick your flag to a stick using sticky tape. You could wave the flags when you sing together later.

• For other craft ideas see

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/FamilyMinistriesUKIT/royal-occasion-crafts/>

• Ask people to bring any memorabilia they have from the Coronation or previous Royal Jubilees, including photographs, and get them to talk about them.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Book: 'The Girl Who Would Be Queen' (Happyland)

This is a children's story about the life and faith of Queen Elizabeth 2 told using Happyland children's toys produced by Hope UK and available to buy from https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Shop/Products/501464/Hope_Together/Books/The_Girl_Who.aspx

These can be purchased at a cost of around £1/£2 depending on the amount requested and could be given as a gift to any child attending the Tea Party.

An animated version can be watched on <https://youtu.be/Ent3oJSolog>

A Booklet is also available for adults called 'Our Faithful Queen' from https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Shop/Products/501463/Hope_Together/Books/Our_Faithful_Queen.aspx

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THEME SONG:

(Tune: Frère Jacques)

There's a Jubilee, there's a Jubilee,
Celebrate! Celebrate!
Wearing crowns together, wearing crowns together,
Everyone – let's have fun!

There's a Jubilee, there's a Jubilee,
Celebrate! Celebrate!
Waving flags together, waving flags together,
Everyone – let's have fun!

ADDITIONAL SONGS:

'How much is that doggie in the window'

<https://youtu.be/-1fmXsWX6SM>

Popular song in the year of the Queen's Coronation (1953)

'Sing Hosanna!'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIER75m80w0>

'I can love God with all of me'

(Video available to download)

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/2021-10/TC%20I%20Can%20Love%20God%20-%20MASTER.mp3>

'National Anthem, God Save the Queen'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3dR7u7TPNo>

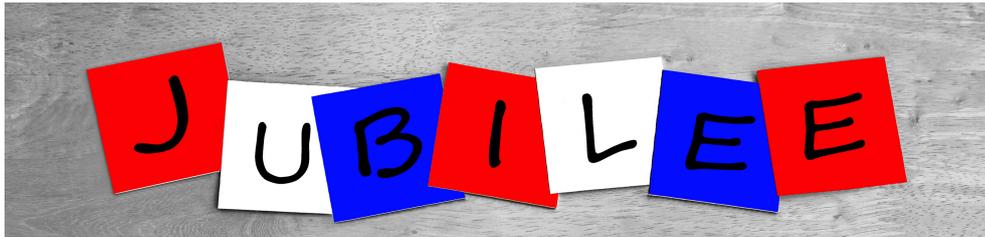
Additional Resources

Connect Session June 2022

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/resources/discipleship-resources/connect>

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/its-jubilee>

https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/371167/Platinum_Jubilee.aspx



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