

Dear Laudato Si Team,

Please could you possibly consider promoting our event?

We were delighted to be the only school in Lancashire to receive one of Queen Elizabeth II's Tree of Trees from the Living Sculpture outside Buckingham Palace during the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June this year. We were in fact only 1 of 8 to receive one in Lancashire (the others were planted in parks etc...). The tree is a ROWAN tree.

Monday 14th November 2022 we had a planting event with several dignitaries:

MARTIN AINSCOUGH, **High Sheriff of Lancashire**

COUNCILLOR STUART HIRST **Mayor of Ribble Valley for 2022/23**

COUNCILLOR COSIMA TOWNELEY, **Mayor of Burnley 2022/23**

PEREGRINE TOWNELEY

VICAR GENERAL, FATHER PETER HOPKINSON

LAURA AIRTON, **Duchy of Lancaster, Estates Director**

CANON PAUL BRINDLE

The Towneley family built the St Hubert's RC Church in Dunsop Bridge in 1865 and the Thorneyholme RC Primary School (down the road from the church) a year later in 1866.

The infant children had made tree crafts and written on them their take of the importance of trees and their opinion of trees. The juniors wrote a poem called The Tree of Life, which was inspired by a story called 'What Did the Tree See?', written by Charlotte Guillain and illustrated by Sam Usher.

In Charlotte's story the reader follows an oak tree through its life from the Viking invasion in 1000 CE through to modern-day Britain, cataloguing what each stage of the oak has seen. The junior's poem is about what our Rowan Tree might see here in Dunsop as it grows. Please see the attached.

The Queen loved Dunsop Bridge and the surrounding area, which is part of the Duchy Estates.

We were absolutely delighted to receive our letter from Lancashire Lieutenancy which stated that:

We are pleased to gift this special tree set in a pot embossed with Her Majesty's cypher to your organisation in recognition of the vital contribution that you make to your community, and as a symbol of a greener environment for the future in the United Kingdom.

We miss Queen Elizabeth II dearly and we are all truly touched to be able to remember her with one of the Tree of Trees, which stood tall on the living sculpture outside Buckingham Palace over the weekend of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June this year. Its purpose

to give the message of hope, regeneration and optimism to our nation and the world. For us at school, it is a symbol of Pope Francis' message in Laudato Si.

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