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A STATEMENT FROM THE REVD BRUCE THOMPSON, CHAIR OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE METHODIST DISTRICT

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Dear Friends,

The nation has lost its finest jewel.

We have lost our wise, gracious, caring leader.

Her Majesty the Queen was an inspiration and example for us all.

She met virtually every leader of the Free World over the past 70 years, yet she said nothing of their conversations or of them, not casting comment on their character or their strengths or weaknesses.

In an age of leaks to the media, she knew how to keep confidences, of when to speak and when to remain silent.

In an age where political leaders come and go so rapidly, she was a constant presence, reassuringly so, everything may change but the Queen was still on the throne.

In an age of self-service, she exercised self-sacrifice based on her unwavering faith.

I personally will never forget, amongst her many TV addresses, the extraordinary address to the nation at the beginning of the Covid lockdown. She said, *'Whilst we still have much to endure, better days will return.'* From someone who had witnessed the blitz and the resilience of the British people at an even worse time, this was what we needed to hear.

The Lincolnshire Methodist District mourns the death of the late Queen, gives thanks for her life and service to the people of this nation and beyond, and prays for His Majesty the King, his family and the Commonwealth of Nations.