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Prince Charming! Harry steals the show as the Queen leads three generations of royals at the Commonwealth Day service at Westminster Abbey

- Royal, 90, looked elegant in yellow after a bright fuchsia ensemble earlier
- Service celebrates continuation of the union, of which Queen is extremely proud
- Camilla looked regal in a purple ensemble and hat with a floral spray
- Was joined by grandson Prince Harry but no sign of William and Kate

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She's had a busy day of engagements but the **Queen** found time for a quick outfit change before heading to the Commonwealth Day service this afternoon.

Earlier today she looked resplendent in fuchsia pink to launch a relay race at Buckingham Palace, and just hours later she arrived at Westminster Abbey in a yellow coat with statement silver buttons and a feather trimmed hat.

The monarch, 90, was joined by her grandson **Prince Harry** who shared a touching moment with a young well-wisher outside the church - while his brother William was mysteriously absent from the event.

Rebecca Thornton, 16, has profound hearing difficulties and uses sign language to communicate, looked delighted to meet Harry, who shook her hand and high-fived her as he left the building.



Camilla looked regal in deep purple with an elaborately trimmed hat



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The Duke of Edinburgh looked smart in a dark suit and red tie as he arrived at the service

Harry looked to be in cheerful spirits as he made his way into church, buttoning up his suit jacket as he went.

Camilla was looking regal today in a purple skirt and jacket with an elaborately feathered hat.

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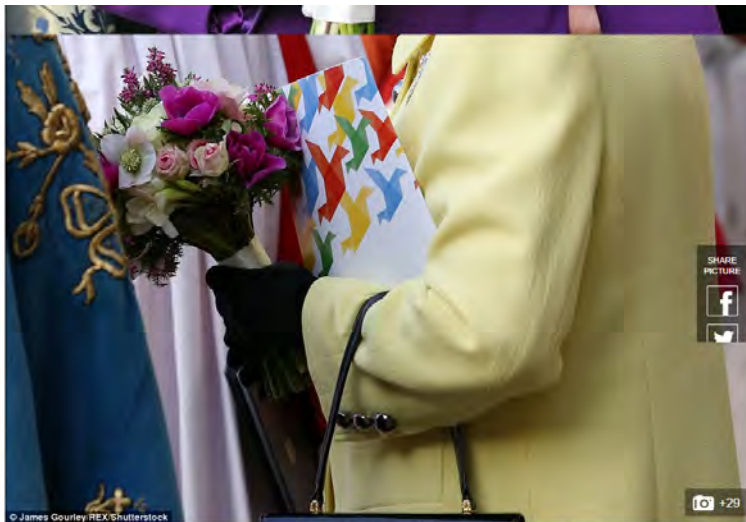


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However, there was no sign of the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William who attended the service last year to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Sophie, Countess of Wessex, was also absent as she is currently in Malawi representing the Queen's Diamond Jubilee trust.





The Queen was all smiles on Commonwealth Day, which is one of the most significant in her calendar

Prince Harry was left in stitches today after a group of schoolgirls told him that he looked like pop star Ed Sheeran.

The royal was chatting with pupils from Francis Holland School in Regent's Park who had been invited to meet him following today's Commonwealth Service at Westminster Abbey.

Just over 70 flag waving girls stood outside in Dean's Yard, lining the route that Harry, accompanied by his uncles Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, was taking to a post-service reception.

As he approached the line the prince stopped to speak to 12-year-old Tiya Thornton who told him that he looked like best-selling artist Sheeran, a fellow red-head but one with a slightly more rounded figure.

Harry roared with laughter before gesticulating to The Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, who was walking with him.

'Did you hear what they just said?' he told him incredulously and gesticulated towards the youngsters.

'He laughed and sounded a bit surprised and said no, but I know him. I'm the real Prince Harry! He was very funny,' giggled afterwards.

Last year Sheeran supposedly suffered a severe facial injury at a party with Princess Beatrice after she apparently struck him in the face with a sword when she pretended to knight fellow pop star James Blunt.



The Queen had managed to fit a quick outfit change in after hosting an engagement at Buckingham Palace this morning

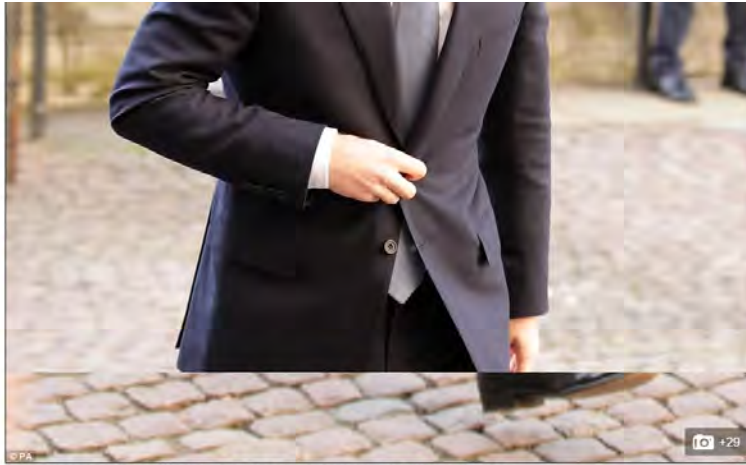


Tasking tips from the Queen? Camilla carried a clutch by Launer, the monarch's favourite handbag brand



Prince Charles looked smart in a checked suit and spotted tie as he made his way to the service with his wife





Harry was seen buttoning up his suit jacket as he made his way into Westminster Abbey

Moments earlier the trio had accompanied the Queen and Prince Philip, along with Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, as they attended the annual service at Westminster Abbey on Commonwealth Day.

Organised by The Royal Commonwealth Society, the Service is the largest annual inter-faith gathering in the United Kingdom and celebrates Her Majesty's lifetime commitment to the 'family of nations'.

The Commonwealth is a vast community which embraces diversity among its 52 countries and almost 2.5 billion people, of which 60 per cent are under 30 years old.

The theme of this year's service is 'A Peace-building Commonwealth'.

Highlights of the Service included performances by Australian musician, Cody Simpson and George the Poet, a British performer.

Achaleke Christian Leke, a former victim of radicalisation and violence, will give reflections.

The Service concluded with a procession of Commonwealth Flags after which the Queen and members of the Royal Family met people involved in the Service.

The Queen has been Head of the Commonwealth throughout her 65 year reign, described by Buckingham Palace as an 'important symbolic and unifying role'.

The theme of the today's service was 'a Peace-building Commonwealth.'

'The cornerstones on which peace is founded are, quite simply, respect and understanding for one another,' the Queen wrote in her Commonwealth Day message.

'Working together, we build peace by defending the dignity of every individual and community.'



The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arriving at the annual Commonwealth Day service and reception





Prince Charles chats to John Hall, the Dean of Westminster, ahead of the service

Faces from the world of showbiz included new mother Geri Halliwell arrived looking remarkably fresh-faced with her daughter Bluebell.

Presenter Floella Benjamin and singer Annie Lennox were also in attendance.

It's a particularly special occasion for the Queen who regards the continuing strength of the Commonwealth of 52 nations as one of her proudest achievements.



The Queen was led into the Abbey by John Hall, the Dean of Westminster





No hint of sleepless nights! Geri Horner looked fresh-faced as she attended the service with her daughter Bluebell



Prime Minister Theresa May was her usual stylish self, wearing snakeskin kitten heels and a printed dress to the annual service celebrating the Commonwealth (left). The service was also attended by former Prime Minister Sir John Major (right)



Earlier today, the monarch launched The Queen's Baton Relay for the XXI Commonwealth Games which is being held on the Gold Coast in 2018 at Buckingham Palace

Earlier today, she launched The Queen's Baton, a 368-day relay covering more than 140,000 miles and will visit every Commonwealth nation on its way to the Games, being hosted by the Australian Gold Coast in 2018.

Inside the baton is a message from the monarch which will be read at the opening ceremony of the Games in April next year.

The baton was given to Australia's double Olympic champion Anna Meares by Queen Elizabeth in Buckingham Palace, before being processed through Westminster Abbey by 2012 British Olympic gold medallist Jessica Ennis-Hill.

