

### Weekly Services

**Sunday Morning** 

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## The Surface vs the Truth

To this day, the name of Anne, Britain's Queen from 1702 to 1714, is linked to a lovely wildflower known as "Queen Anne's lace." Her name has long symbolized luxury, lace, and the love of "finer" things in life, including a style of Baroque architecture in England that projects beauty and wealth.

Symbolism, however, is not always synonymous with experience. Despite her lavish affluence and power, Queen Anne suffered from a "gloominess of soul" fostered by a private life dominated by her grief and agony as a wife and mother.

Although Anne's marriage to Prince George of Denmark was politically negotiated, they became faithful and devoted partners. Sadly, their first baby was stillborn and the next two died of small pox in infancy. Many miscarriages and stillborn births followed--one agonizing loss after another. After at least seventeen pregnancies in seventeen years, Anne was childless. Of her five live births, four died in infancy and one son survived to age eleven. When he died, all hope for a Stuart line of succession was crushed. So, an overwhelming grief and agony dominated their lives together. Anne also suffered from gout and many irresolvable ailments that often put her in a wheelchair.

Anne took the throne in 1702 but was devastated once again when her husband died six years later. Still, she did her duty, attending more cabinet meetings than any predecessor or successor. She oversaw a major union between England and Scotland. But when failing health and a stroke took her life 1714 at the age of 49, her doctors described her death as a welcomed release from a life of ill-health and tragedy.

It is easy to presume that other people are riding high based on what we see on the surface. Actually, the surface may have little to do with the truth. That's why God's call to kindness is not contingent on surface observations or circumstances. Christian kindness is written on our hearts. A wise man once wrote:

"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3).

Joel Solliday