

# Emily Thornberry MP

ISLINGTON SOUTH AND FINSBURY

September Report



## Labour Party Conference

It was great to see party members, delegates, and activists from all over the country gathered in Liverpool for Party Conference this year. It was fantastic to meet so many new people as well as catch up with some more familiar faces. I thoroughly enjoyed grabbing a drink with Islington South & Finsbury CLP members at Conference!

In my speech, I honed in on how a Labour government would tackle the epidemic of crime. I was pleased to announce that Labour in government would change the law to make it easier to prosecute companies who commit fraud.

While the government have never looked so unstable, Labour has never seemed more united in fighting for the positive change that Britain needs in the wake of twelve years of Tory chaos and mismanagement.

At the Conference, we announced so many exciting policies that I know will make real differences to people's lives. This includes creating a publicly-owned clean energy generation company called Great British Energy, fixing the workforce crisis in our NHS, and renationalising our railways.





# The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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Reading my Tribute Speech in Parliament

On the 8th September, we mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I know many in the constituency will have seen this as a time of quiet reflection on the last seventy years and the Queen's lifetime of commitment to public service.

On the 9th September, both Houses of Parliament met to present addresses of condolence. I noted in my tribute speech the Queen's selfless sense of duty and the imprint she made on our community in Islington South & Finsbury, including her links with the Honourable Artillery Company, the Charterhouse, and Farringdon Crossrail.

On the 10th, I was able to witness the swearing in of King Charles III as part of the Accession Council alongside with my husband, Chris. It was a monumental moment to witness in our history.

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## Visit to Whittington Health NHS Trust



Meeting staff at the Whittington Hospital

On 7 September it was a pleasure to visit the Whittington Health NHS Trust with Catherine West MP, to meet with mothers and babies on the maternity ward and to find out more about the pressures currently being experienced by our NHS.

It was fantastic to see first-hand the positive work of midwives, doctors, and hospital staff. It was especially great to learn that 3850 lives began in the unit last year!

I am also pleased to hear of the expected investment and plans for refurbishments of the maternity and neo-natal facilities.





# International Criminal Court Visit

The UK has a duty to help the people of Ukraine fight Russia's illegal war of aggression, including by ensuring there is legal accountability.

That's why, at the start of October, in my role as Shadow Attorney General, I was honoured to visit the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. While there, I discussed with experts how the UK can ensure that President Putin and his cronies and military leaders can be prosecuted for the crimes they have committed in Ukraine.

What really stood out for me at the ICC was the huge commitment that has been made by the international community to ensuring prosecutions can take place. There has been a vast increase in financial and other forms of support for the Court since the invasion began.

Unusually, the Chief Prosecutor has launched an investigation while the conflict is still ongoing, to try and ensure that justice is swift. If this model is successful, it will hopefully provide a template for prosecuting future conflicts, in addition to making Russia and others who might want to commit such atrocities think twice in the future.



# The Angel Canal Festival



On the 4th September, I had the pleasure of attending the Angel Canal Festival. All the boats were moored, and the great selection of stalls and live music made for a highly memorable day.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people, catching up with familiar faces and seeing the whole community come together. Bring on Angel Canal Festival 2023!



# Diary

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## Constituency

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### September

- 2 - St Luke's Constituency Surgery
- 4 - Angel Canal Festival
- 7 - Whittington Health NHS Trust visit
- 10 - Town Hall Constituency Surgery
- 20 - Spa Green Community Reassurance Meeting

### October

- 5 - Ward meetings
- 7 - St Luke's Constituency Surgery
- 8 - Town Hall Constituency Surgery
- 10 - Spoke to students visiting Parliament from City and Islington College

## Media

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### September

- 4 - Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg
- 5 - Westminster Insider podcast with Alibhe Rea
- 5 - LBC Cross Question with Iain Dale
- 7 - BBC Politics Live
- 7 - BBC Radio 4, The World at One
- 7 - Sky News Podcast, and Sky News
- 15 - Interview with Counsel Magazine
- 16 - Interview with Evening Standard
- 21 - ITV Peston
- 22 - iNews interview
- 28 - LBC
- 28 - Times Radio
- 28 - Sky with Sophie Ridge

### October

- 15 - BBC Politics Live
- 15 - ITV News

## Parliament and Shadow Attorney General

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### September

- 10 - King Charles III Accession Council
- 10 - Speech to the Cambridge Economic Crime Symposium on tackling fraud and economic crime
- 20 - Reception at Italian Embassy
- 25 - Labour Irish Conference Panel event on "Working Together to Defend the Good Friday Agreement"
- 25 - Society of Labour Lawyers, Bar Council and Law Society panel at Conference on "The Erosion of Justice"
- 26 - Demos panel at Conference on "Backlog Britain"
- 26 - CILEX panel event at Conference on "Fixing the Broken Justice System"
- 26 - Roundtable for Fabian Society at Conference
- 26 - Hillsborough Law Now Campaign event at Conference
- 27 - Speech at Conference on tackling crime

### October

- 19 - Hosting Charity Auction at the Pink News Awards, having been nominated for the Politician of the Year award
- 20 - Attorney General Oral Questions in parliament

