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King Charles' Coronation took place on Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11am.

There was a Coronation concert on Sunday 7th May at 8pm.

There was an extra Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May.





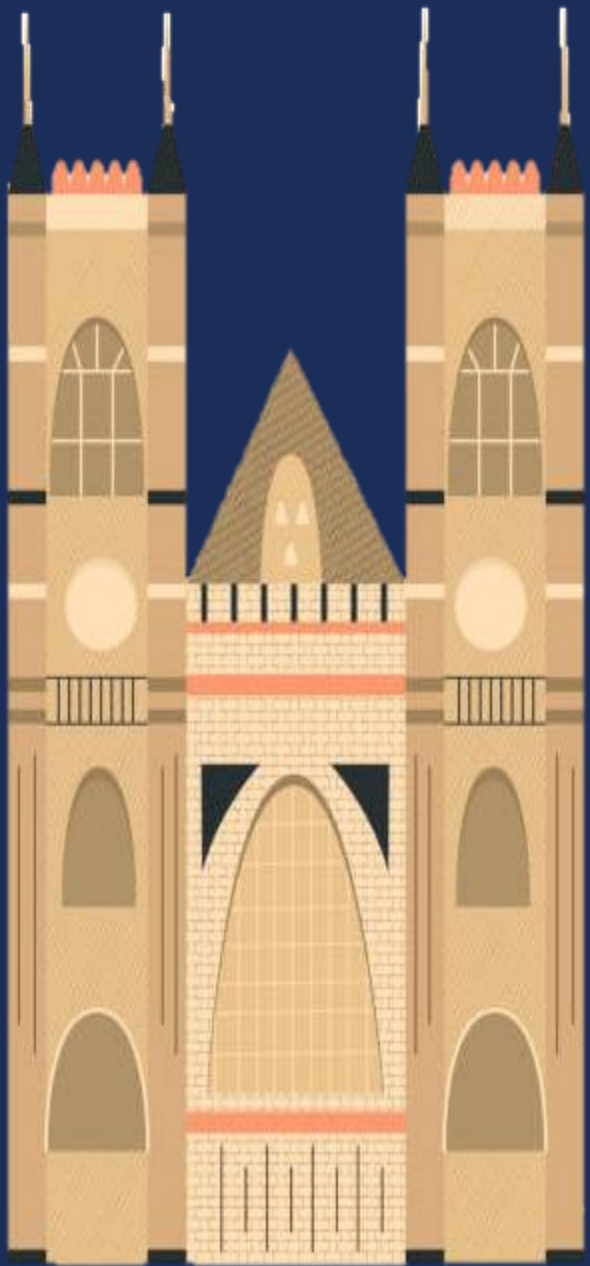
What?



The Coronation is a symbolic ceremony and does not mark the official start of the monarch's reign; their reign begins from the moment of the previous monarch's death. When Queen Elizabeth II died last year, her son Charles immediately became the King.

The Coronation usually takes place several months after the death of the previous monarch. It is considered a happy occasion to be celebrated; this would not be appropriate whilst the family and country were mourning.

It also gives time for such a large event to be planned and



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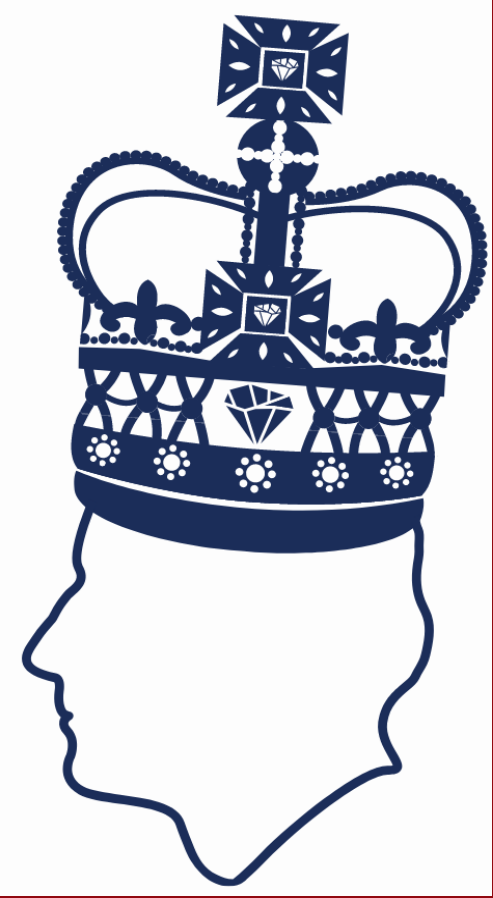
Since 1066, every King and Queen of England/Great Britain has had their Coronation in Westminster Abbey, in London.

This was the 40th Coronation that has taken place there.

The Coronation began and ended with a 1.3 mile procession from and to Buckingham Palace.

The Coronation was broadcast on over 50 big screens around the country and live throughout the world on BBC and other

What are the King's Goals?



To demonstrate mutual respect for, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith. Even though he is now Head of the Church of England, King Charles has made it very clear that all religion is accepted in our wonderful multicultural society and that difference should be celebrated and respected.

Protection of the environment has been a lifelong goal for our new King. He has highlighted issues such as deforestation and global warming for many years.

King Charles founded the youth charity 'The Prince's Trust' in 1976.

King Charles has worked for the conservation of historic buildings and the importance of architecture in society.

How?

The essential elements of the Coronation have remained largely unchanged for the past thousand years!

The King was presented to the people.

The King then swore an oath to uphold the law and the Church of England.

Following that, he was anointed with holy oil.

He was invested with regalia (robe, orb and sceptres) and the crown was placed on his head.

He sat on a 700 year old Coronation Chair, then moved to the throne.

He received the homage of his subjects (people knelt before him).

Camilla, the King's wife, was also anointed and crowned Queen Camilla.

The service ended with a closing procession.

Since the 20th Century, it has been traditional for the Royal Family to





Fun Facts




- 1. Westminster Abbey gets a makeover for each new monarch:** The annexe for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation featured all the animals from her heraldry, and special grandstands had to be built within the Abbey to accommodate all 8,000 of her guests.
- 2. Only three British monarchs have not had a coronation :** In 950 years since the first recorded Coronation, there have only been three monarchs who have not had a coronation. The first, Edward V, was locked in the Tower of London. The next was Lady Jane Grey, who inherited the throne from her cousin Edward VI. Ruling for just nine days, six months after arriving at the Tower as a queen, Lady Jane Grey was executed for high treason. The final monarch was Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne. His brother, [George VI](#), ascended to the throne in his place and was coronated on the same date that had been planned for Edward's.
- 3. The most sacred part of the ceremony is closed to the public** The holiest part of the Coronation ceremony, when the monarch is anointed with the chrism oil, is so sacred that it has to be done in private. This moment is incredibly special, allowing the monarch to reflect on the responsibilities and duties that they are undertaking. It is treated with the greatest of reverence.
- 4. The holy chrism oil was destroyed in WWII.** When preparing for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, it was discovered that the holy chrism that had anointed her father, had been destroyed. Housed in the deanery near Westminster Abbey, the oil was lost due to a WWII bombing raid. Worse still, the apothecary that had created the special



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5. We can thank Queen Elizabeth II' s Coronation for Eurovision. Following her father, whose Coronation was the first to be [broadcast publicly by radio](#), Queen Elizabeth II' s Coronation brought the ceremony into the homes of the general public by being the first to be televised. The first major world event to be broadcast live, the Coronation was also shown across Europe. The success of this test broadcast went on to inspire the birth of the Eurovision Network, which eventually led to the creation of the [Eurovision Song Contest](#).
6. **Botched Coronations.** Not every Coronation has gone to plan, but some Coronations have been exceptionally bad. Queen Victoria' s Coronation was nicknamed, *'The last of the botched Coronations'* , as so many things went wrong, that a special committee of historians was tasked with drawing up a more regimented plan for future monarchs to follow. Hiccups on the day included the Archbishop having to painfully force the Coronation ring on her finger because it had accidentally been made too small, elderly Peer, Lord Rolle, falling down the stairs, and a Bishop



What did
you do on
Coronation
Day?