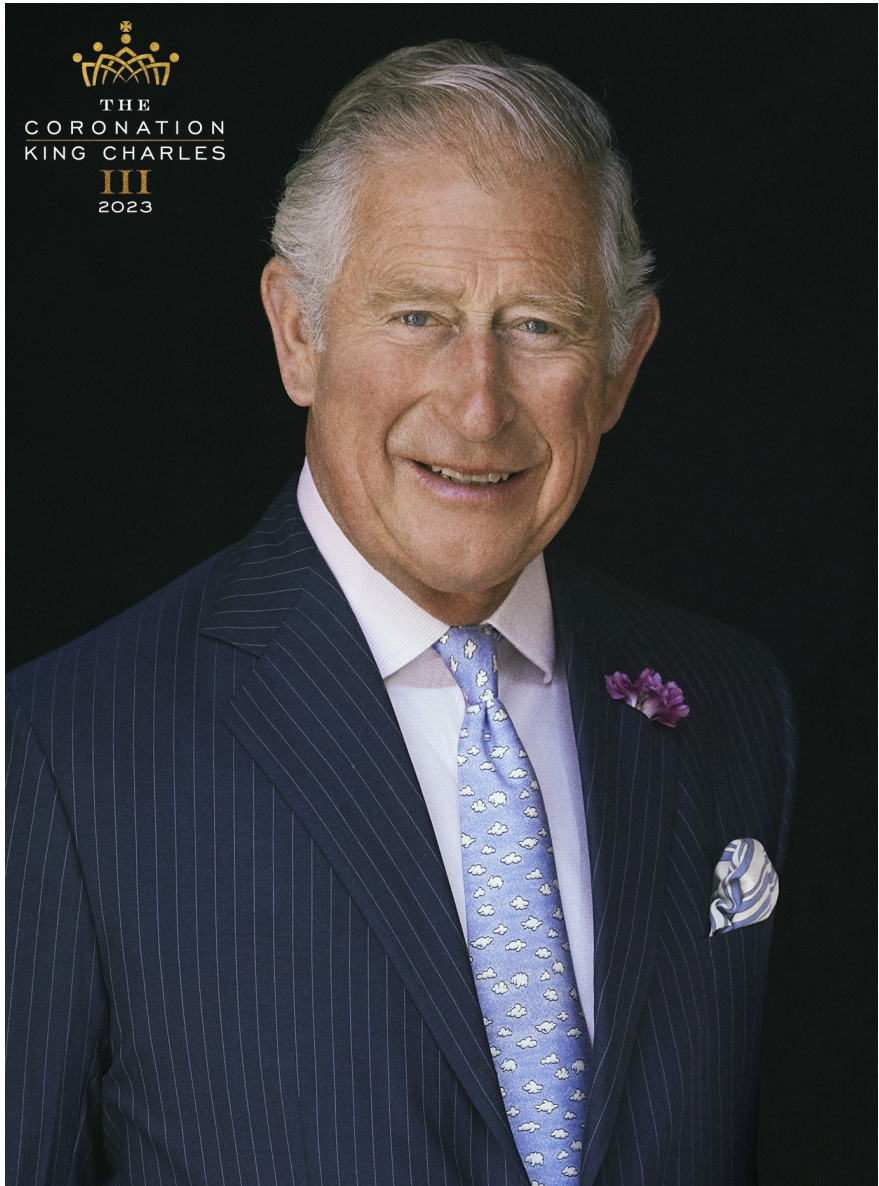


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# From the Vicar

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Dear Friends

Will you be watching the coronation? I am looking forward to seeing it. Having only glimpsed snippets of archive footage of the Queen's coronation in 1953, it will be fascinating to see the whole service – I expect there will be a quite a bit of bowing to the King. The majority of us (myself included) weren't even alive when she was crowned and a number of those who were alive, were probably too young to remember it!

Saturday 6 May will be a historic day – the first coronation in Britain for 70 years, the first this century, this millennium even! A time to celebrate, I hope you will join us at the Church on Sunday 8 May, either for one of our services (we'll think about the coronation in all our services that day, but the 6pm service will be a special one to mark the Coronation), at the Coronation Big Lunch picnic in the Churchyard at 12 noon or the opportunity to go up the tower, see the bells and even try ringing one as part of 'Ring for the King' – you can find details elsewhere in the magazine.

No doubt 'Zadok the priest' will be sung during the coronation – as it has been at every coronation since that of King Edgar in 973 – telling of the anointing in the Bible of King Solomon by the priest Zadok. The Bible also reminds us that there is another King, Jesus – the King of Kings – to whom we shall all, one day, bow ... whether commoner, Lord or King.

I hope you enjoy celebrating this momentous occasion in the life of our country, I hope you will join me in praying for our King, but I hope you will also give a thought to what you will say when you bow before the King of Kings.

Every blessing

*Martin King*