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wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
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and in service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

OUR SERVICES IN MAY

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Thursday 4th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 7th	10.30am	Coronation Songs of Praise	St James Church
	6pm	Reflective Worship	St John's Church
Thursday 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 14th <i>Rogation Sunday</i>	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St James Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church
Thursday 18th <i>Ascension Day</i>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Saturday 20th	10am	Messy Church	St James Church
Sunday 21st	9am	Morning Worship	St John's Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Christ the King Church
Thursday 25th	10.30am	Holy Communion	St James Church
Sunday 28th <i>Pentecost</i>	8am	Holy Communion	St James Church
	9am	Holy Communion	St John's Church
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	10.30am	Holy Communion	Christ the King Church

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THE EASTER JOURNEY CONTINUES ...

Since their inception the Easter and Christmas journeys have changed and developed. As I described, to someone, the formats when I first became involved, they were surprised at the scale of the change but we have tried to move in line with the expectations of schools and children. There is a much greater emphasis now on joining in rather than being talked to. And, of course, as we, the Journey team change, so the drama changes with us, reflecting how each of us interprets our role.

So it is that I never quite know what will happen in journey week, except that children will come to learn about the Easter story. This year we were visited by over 400 and in addition we went to two schools. At one, a first for us, we sent a video of our drama in advance and when we were with them only did the activities. Very full on for the people presenting, and physical for me as I went from room to room giving time checks and making sure everyone knew where they were going next.

We followed our usual format. On arrival we present the story of Jesus' ministry in dramatic form, up to the point of the crucifixion. There are then four activities exploring the last supper and Peter's denial in more detail, making a 'palm' cross out of a strip of paper, and a meditation where the children hear the Centurion's view of the crucifixion and react with words or art. Then we come together to see what happened when the disciples went fishing again in Galilee.

At several times in the week people commented to me about the levels of concentration by the children. Is this due to the quality (!) of the acting, or hearing more detail of a story that they often hear just as headline events? It doesn't matter. For us the joy is that they come, that they listen and that they take part.



To achieve this, we have a team of about 25 people who act, or run activities, or keep an eye out for safety issues, and help with the admin. Without them this would not happen. Thank you.

I should end not with my words but those of a visiting ten-year-old as she scurried up the side aisle from one activity to the next – 'I thought church was boring; but this isn't'.

Sarah Penfold

MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

Linda Pitt opened our April meeting and welcomed Reverend Wendy Carter who led us in thought through narrative, hymns, readings, and monologues of the Aspects of Holy Week covering the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, the Anointing at Bethany, The Lord's Supper and the death of Jesus. Holy week marks the last week of the season of Lent. It reminded us of how God sacrificed His only Son, Jesus Christ, as a sign of love for his people. Thank you, Wendy, for a spiritual reminder of this most sacred week in the Christian Year.



We look forward to welcoming Anthea Tinline to our next meeting on **Wednesday 3rd of May** speaking on her parent's early years in Newfoundland/Labrador.

The MU Theme for 2022-2024 is **Transformation – Now**

Visitors are always most welcome to any of our meetings.

Susan Knight



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OUR ANNUAL MEETING (APCM)

Every year the parish has an annual meeting. This year it will be in St James Church after the Parish Service on **Sunday 7th May**. That weekend is of course the coronation weekend, so the service will be a Celebration Songs of Praise to mark the occasion.

It often happens that a lot of our congregation disappear before the annual meeting, but can I please encourage you to stay. As well as having some legal things to do (e.g. adopt the accounts) it also gives us a great opportunity to look back in thanksgiving and forward in trust, hope and expectation. We will also elect members for our Parochial Church Council (PCC) – the group that has the responsibility of making decisions for the Parish in the year ahead. If you are on the church electoral roll, you can be nominated for the PCC – you don't have to have been around for a long time!



Sometimes it seems that the meeting can be all about listening to people at the front speaking, but it doesn't have to be like that. It is a chance for everyone to have a say, express a view and to ask questions. Why not come along and take that opportunity. It would be great to have the church full for the meeting!

Reverend Paul Day

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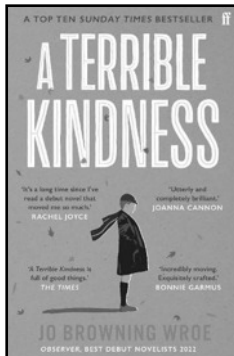
Reading between the lines

Behind Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, with all its gorgeous dresses and practised conversations, behind the romance and satisfying conclusions – there is another world. A world of repetitive, grinding, domestic housework carried out by those, almost anonymous, servants working for the Bennet family. Chilblains, callouses and minimal sleep. This is the world in the foreground of Jo Baker's novel, *Longbourn*. The Elizabeth Bennets and the Darcys are all upstairs.

Yet, it's not a world without romance and heartbreak. There turns out to be as many surprises and plot twists downstairs as there are in the upstairs of Austen's novel.

At the centre of the story is Sarah, an articulate and strongminded housemaid who reads lots of books and has two possible suitors on her doorstep – the wealthy Bingley's ex-slave manservant and, closer to home, a mysterious footman employed by the Bennets. We are taken with this second suitor, James, not only into the world of the Bennets and their neighbours, but also into his past as a soldier in the Napoleonic wars.

Almost all of the Parish Book Club really enjoyed Jo Baker's novel. They found it an engrossing and exceeding *comfortable* read. One or two of us found the space between the original Austen novel and this retake on the story a bit too wide to cross (Jane Austen is, after all, a bit special) and yet despite this minority caveat, most of the group were more than satisfied by the intricacies of the below stairs world and the way the novel turns out.



The Book Club has two future projects in mind. One is the next much anticipated read – *A Terrible Kindness* by Jo Browning Wroe. The second endeavour concerns collecting together our own writing, from the various congregations and the Shirley community at large. Look up Belinda Piasecki's article elsewhere in this magazine for more details.

Our next meeting is at 2pm, on **Monday May 15th** in Church House.

Ray Speakman

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It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part and join in.

SOME FINANCIAL CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US

The accounts for 2022 have been produced and will shortly be presented at the annual meeting. Such accounts are not easy documents to read – they have to be written in a particular format to meet legal requirements.

What the accounts tell us is that for income we are almost totally dependent on giving from our congregations – in other words your generosity – for which a huge thank you!

They also tell us that our day to day expenditure as a Parish is a little bit more than our day to day income. Whilst this is manageable at the moment it is not a good position to be in.

Our motto as a Parish is “Knowing Christ, making him known”. The challenge we face is that everything extra that we do in the Parish to make Christ known costs a little more money. The increase in the size of the ministry team will mean more can get done, but it is also one reason that costs will rise. We are also being hit by increases in energy costs and other costs. The gas bill for December to heat St James Church was just short of £2000!

Can I encourage you, then, to consider what you give to the churches. I know that if we ask for donations for a particular project we will see much generous giving. What I am asking is that you are similarly generous when giving for our general expenses. This will help us do more and grow and develop our mission.

I think it helps to see giving to the church as part and parcel of our Christian life, not as an additional extra. There’s a wonderful verse in the Old Testament where King David sets aside money for God’s work in building the temple and he says: “For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”

In the New Testament Paul talks about offering money as part of our worship, part of our response to who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us.

There are many ways in which we can give to the church – you can read about these on the website <https://www.shirleyparishb90.co.uk/giving> or have a look at the page on regular giving elsewhere in this magazine.

Reverend Paul Day

JUNE 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION & ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY

Friday 12th May 2023

THE FUTURE OF MINISTRY IN SHIRLEY PARISH

It was a great joy to be present as Bishop James licensed Wendy Martin to be Associate Priest in the Parish at the service back in March. Although Wendy has been ministering here since the Autumn last year such a public affirmation was, I know, really important for her. She brings a whole host of gifts to broaden what we can offer in the Parish – the Quiet Day at the beginning of Lent being one such example. We look forward to many more years of Wendy being with us and ministering to us.



It will be a joy as well to welcome Richard Haynes and his wife Ruth to the Parish when he is ordained Deacon at the Cathedral in June. It has been a while since there has been a newly ordained Curate in the Parish. A curate's position is primarily a training position – I have been entrusted with training him as he prepares in time to become a vicar himself. This is a great responsibility – and something I can only undertake with the help and support of all here in Shirley Parish.

We are very privileged in that Richard comes with a vast array of experience as a lay pastoral minister in the Parish of St Hilda Warley Woods. But, like every curate, he still has areas for development (like all of us if we are honest!). Please be patient and understanding as he grows and matures during his time here.

As well as Richard and Wendy, we also have Lucy Bridgens on placement with us. Lucy is studying childrens and families mission on a three year course. As part of the course she needs practical experience working in churches. She will be working with Sarah and others who oversee our activities with children and families over the next few months. It's good to have Lucy on board.

This is all good news for the Parish as we seek to grow the churches and further the Kingdom here.

Reverend Paul Day

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"The first container to leave the UK this year was on February 13-19 and it should now be well on its way to Kitwe in Zambia. Let us Praise God for the 1600 or so toolkits and machines that were on this container which are to go to 75 different communities and church groups in Zambia.



The following is a list of items that were sent out last year:

Sewing machines, knitting machines, carpentry kits, power tools, computers, mechanic kits and lots more."

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Margaret Foreshew



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Do you have a penchant for penning a good short story? Are you a victim of verse? Or do you have a favourite short story or poem you would like to share with others?

Shirley Parish Book Club are planning a compilation of these stories and poems to sell as a fundraiser for the Trees Fund. Books are made of paper, paper comes from trees! We think there's a good link!



Please bring hard copies of your own works or those created by others to the Parish Office (please do check with the author beforehand as we don't want any copyright contraventions), or email them to belinda.piasecki@hotmail.co.uk.

PRAISE INDEED FOR OUR FABRIC BAGS

The bags you make by recycling fabric have had the stamp of approval! When Sue and Paul Knight kindly delivered our bags with food donations quite recently, they were greeted by an effusive Health and Safety officer. He could not praise our bags highly enough! He said that they are the strongest and safest bags he has ever seen at a Foodbank and wished to convey his gratitude to you all.



Thank you for your generosity in continuing to sew for our project to reduce the use of plastic bags. We now know how much they are valued, not only by the recipients but by the officials. Please continue to keep the bags coming in - and if you haven't had a go yet, the bag kits are at the back of St James Church for you to help yourselves.

Chris Speakman

COT NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

The local charity BabyGro (working out of St. Michael's Church, Hall Green) has appealed urgently for a cot.

The family which needs it is very stressed and deserves some practical help. Ideally bedding too.

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Elizabeth Paice

HOLY YEAR WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - Part 1

St James the Great was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He was born, it is believed, near Nazareth at a place called Yafia; a son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John, with whom he worked, along with his father as a fisherman on the sea of Galilee. In St. Mark's gospel we read that Jesus 'called' the brothers James and John and for three years they accompanied him on his mission. At crucial times in his ministry we learn that they were there, for instance at the Transfiguration (St. Luke's gospel Chapter 29 verse 28), the Raising of Jairus' daughter (St. Mark Chapter 5 verse 37) and during his Agony in the Garden (St. Matthew Chapter 26 verse 36).

In response to Jesus' words recorded in the Book of Acts Chapter 1 verse 8 'You shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth' James went to Finisterre in Galicia Northern Spain to preach the gospel, a place understood to be the 'end of the earth'.

After preaching in Spain James returned to Jerusalem and on the order of Herod Agrippa was beheaded. (Acts Chapter 12 verse 2). James' bones were returned to Santiago de Compostela and lie in a silver urn below the high altar. And so, many thousands of pilgrims travel from all parts of the world on foot, bicycle or horseback in order to honour St. James.

A Holy Year occurs when the feast of St. James (25th July) falls on a Sunday. There are fourteen holy years in the 21st century and during each holy year the Holy Door is open for pilgrims to pass through. In order to receive a 'Compostela' certificate at the end of the pilgrimage, pilgrims are required to carry a Pilgrim Passport. This dates back to Medieval times when pilgrims were granted safe passage to their destination. This must be stamped at churches, hotels, town halls or bars along the way. The stamp is known as a 'sello.' However, too many bars are discouraged!

My husband Dave, our friend Reverend Colin Jones and myself set out from Leon airport to walk the 302 kilometres on the Camino Frances route to Santiago. There are many pilgrim routes and starting points to Santiago but as we had only eleven days to spare we set out from Leon. For me the first shock came after twenty minutes when the full realisation of the weight of my rucksack hit home. Did I really need those extra pairs of ...?

The following day we walked 25k to Hospital de Orbigo and a welcome hostel. The town, which lays claim to being the birthplace of Cervantes, the author of Don Quixote, has a magnificent 13th century bridge which spans the river Orbigo. That night we dined luxuriously on trout soup at a Fonda, which is a family home catering for pilgrims. Pleased with our reaction to the soup, which was made from a secret recipe handed down through generations, some of the family decided to stand and watch us eat. Colin had met them on a previous pilgrimage and after much searching, and to their delight, he found his name in their visitors' book.

Next morning there was a hint of muscle ache in the legs but, as no one else was complaining This day took us within sight of Astorga. The town dates from Roman times and has a Bishop's Palace designed by the architect Gaudi. Apparently, no bishop has ever lived in it due to the severe criticism it received in respect of its luxury. Continuing our walk, I learned the first rule of the Camino: reverential silence. The second rule is: do not trip other pilgrims up with your walking pole!

Soon we met pilgrims from a church in Madrid. Some of their journey was to be by car as not everyone was able to walk well. They were very friendly and carried a cross with a shell, which is the symbol of St. James, and a gourd, which was used in the past to carry water. WATER ... yes that's the main requirement on the pilgrimage. You never seem to have enough.

After a fairly gruelling walk our night was spent at Foncebadon which had until recently been an abandoned village; its only inhabitants being dogs. In the twelfth century a hermit, Gaucelmo, had built a church and a pilgrim hospital there; the ruins remain. Two people now live in the village and thankfully run a hostel where we spent the night. The food was microwaved, but the beds were clean and comfortable and so we were grateful. As the days were hot and walking was much more bearable in the mornings, we usually set out at six or seven am. We breakfasted on the way, which meant that we were able to get a few miles behind us while it was still cool.

There was plenty of goodwill on the route. Cycling pilgrims might call out as they passed: 'Buen Camino' – (good Camino), or maybe: 'Animo' (take heart) which was welcome encouragement.

From Foncebadon we set out for the highest point on the Leonese mountains. This next stage was what other pilgrims were calling 'the big one'. Colin spoke of a Dominican Friar who had said in respect of this stage: 'Pilgrim, if there is any merit in suffering, prepare to earn it now!'

To be continued...

Reverend Theresa Jones



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FAITH, FOOD & FAMILY ...

It's the first week of Ramadan and a neighbour brings round a sharing meal from the family's Iftar meal, the evening breaking of the fast. We know from past experience that from her, and others, more meals and giving will follow. In turn, I will visit with dhal and flatbreads, offerings I know will be appreciated for the significance of the thought rather than the depth of the taste.

We are no longer surprised by the unifying and consistent force of this holy month of prayer, fasting and personal review. There is a comprehensive response from our neighbours and friends to its requirements for even young children look forward to taking part both as a rite of passage and as an act of worship. A young man, for instance, whom I had taught was working in the road but graciously turned down an invitation to come and meet my family since he had to get home to his own family and religious duties. The month of denial, prayer, sharing and reflection seems to present no hardship, only joy and opportunity.

I once read that if you ask a modern European child what he wants to be, the answer will include fame and wealth whereas a medieval child would prefer salvation. I'm not sure about that but anyone interested in faith, or maybe looking for it, may find something of it as I did in Iftar food and the kindness of neighbours. I wonder if medieval Lent would offer more of the power that I sense in today's Hall Green Ramadan, and to what extent it matters.

Don Abbey

THIS MONTH'S CROSSWORD

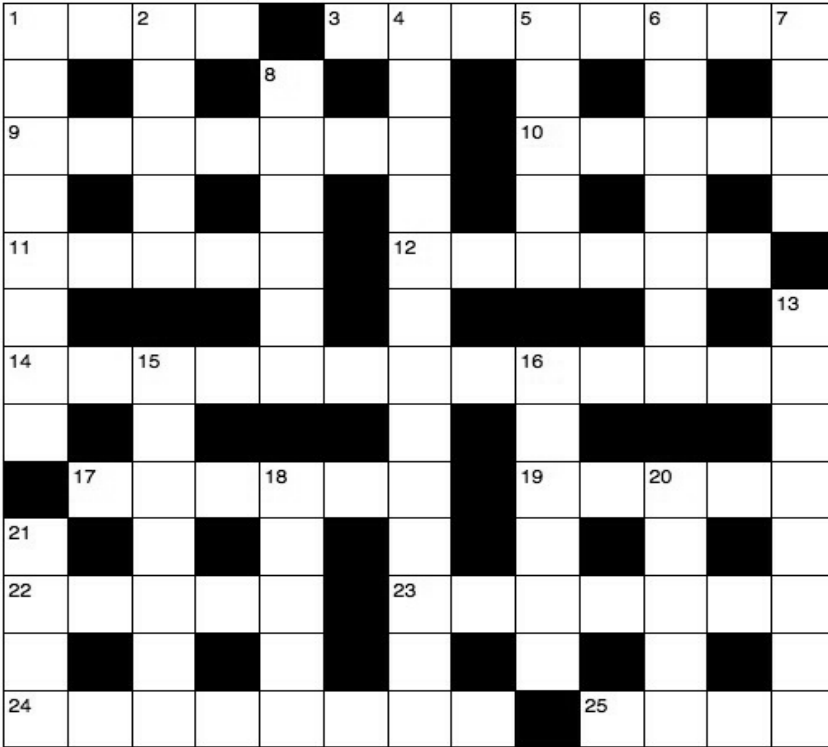
Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

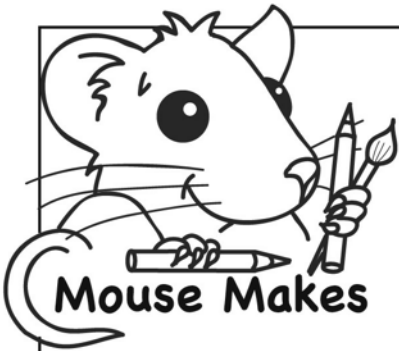
- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004 BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
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Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

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What did Jesus say from the Apostles?

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Acts 1:9

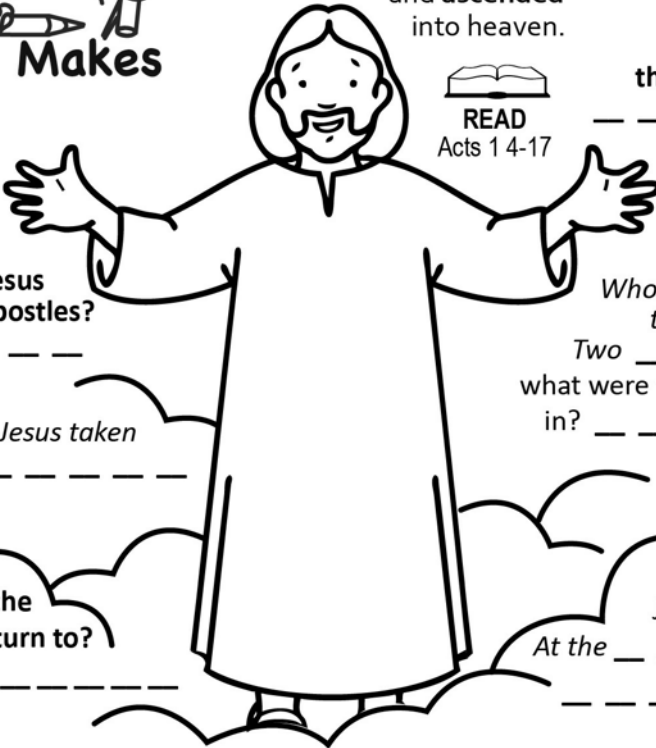
Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to?

Acts 1:12

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?
At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19



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He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author and played the cello at Cambridge.

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Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He became King on 8th September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral.

As King, he is also now head of the Commonwealth.

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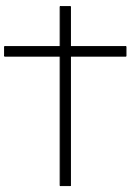
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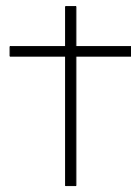
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We ask, that, as he is anointed with oil, you will anoint him with your Holy Spirit, so that he will know in his heart, as his mother knew, that Jesus is alive and able to help him fulfil his unique vocation.

We pray that in all the days he serves as King, he will be aware that first and foremost he serves you, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May his reign be one of wisdom, vision and integrity, inspired by your Kingdom values.

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