

Coronation Coastline

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OF CANTERBURY

From the website of the Archbishop of Canterbury



The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Sermon for
The Coronation of King Charles III

is reproduced overleaf.

Colossians 1:9-17, Luke 4:16-21

Come Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the flame of your love. Amen.

We are here to crown a King, and we crown a King to serve.

What is *given* today is for the gain of all.

For Jesus Christ announced a Kingdom in which the poor and oppressed are freed from the chains of injustice. The blind see. The bruised and broken-hearted are healed.

That Kingdom sets the *aims* of all righteous government, all authority. And the Kingdom also sets the *means* of all government and authority. For Jesus doesn't grasp power or hold onto status.

The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve.

Service is love in action. We see active love in our care for the most vulnerable, the way we nurture and encourage the young, in the conservation of the natural world. We have seen those priorities in the life of duty lived by our King.

Today we have the honour of being in this Abbey with so many who show such love; you work with charities and organisations, you build community, you serve the nation in Armed Forces, in emergency services, and so many other ways. Next door are 400 or more extraordinary young people in St Margaret's Church, whose lives speak of service. Around the world in the Realms and Commonwealth are so many more. You live your lives for the sake of others. The unity you show, the example you give, is what binds us together and offers societies that are strong, joyful, happy and glorious. They bear heavy weights for us.

And the weight of the task given today, Your Majesties, is only bearable by the Spirit of God, who gives us the strength to give our lives to

others. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the King is given freely what no ruler can ever attain through will, or politics, or war, or tyranny: the Holy Spirit draws us to love in action.

This is promised by Jesus who put aside all privilege, because, as the first reading tells us, God will give all things for our sake, even His own life. His throne was a Cross. His crown was made of thorns. His regalia were the wounds that pierced his body.

Each of us is called by God to serve. Whatever that looks like in our own lives, each of us can choose God's way today.

We can say to the King of Kings, God Himself, as does the King here today, 'give grace that in thy service I may find perfect freedom'.

In that prayer there is promise beyond measure, joy beyond dreams, hope that endures. By that prayer, for every King, every ruler, and, yes, for every person for all of us, we are opened to the transforming love of God.



Sunday 7th May at St Gregory's



Photos from the Vigil of Prayer, the first event of the town's celebrations at 5pm on Friday 5th May in the marquee. Bob Simpson could only call to take photos as we were setting up, so you see us just gathering before the service. The display shows a candle for each intercessory prayer we used - for the King, the Royal Family, the Church, the Commonwealth, those who govern, peace..... As the prayer was read, one of the 'congregation' lit the appropriate candle and we spent a minute in silence. Five different churches were represented at the service, and we were delighted that the Town Council chose to start the weekend in this way.

Ann Leigh



Sunday afternoon, the "High C's" in the Marquee.

Stilt walkers at the Monday Bank Holiday market.





St Mary's, Cofton, was decorated in red, white and blue.



In the church, there was some information on organisations of which members of the royal family are patron or president. This reflected the Coronation Trail which was around Cofton, Eastdon and Cockwood.

Cockwood and Cofton



Coronation Trail



Thursday 4th to Sunday 14th May

"Highlight the Helpers"



Join in and deck the village

and surrounding area with displays that represent the "helping" organisations of which the King is patron.

<https://www.royal.uk/charities-and-patronages>

Or ring or email for a suggestion

Everyone is then invited to discover the displays and work out which display goes with which organisation! (List provided!)

This is a chance to give publicity to an organisation, group or charity that you would like to highlight.

Reflecting the theme of the Big Help Out, Monday 7th.

To enter a display and get your number, to find out more including how to follow the Trail

07771842334; prebchris2020@gmail.com



Organised by St Mary's Cofton. Please take every care when creating and following the trail as no liability can be accepted for any accidents!

19 Displays in all, a few are shown on the next 2 pages.

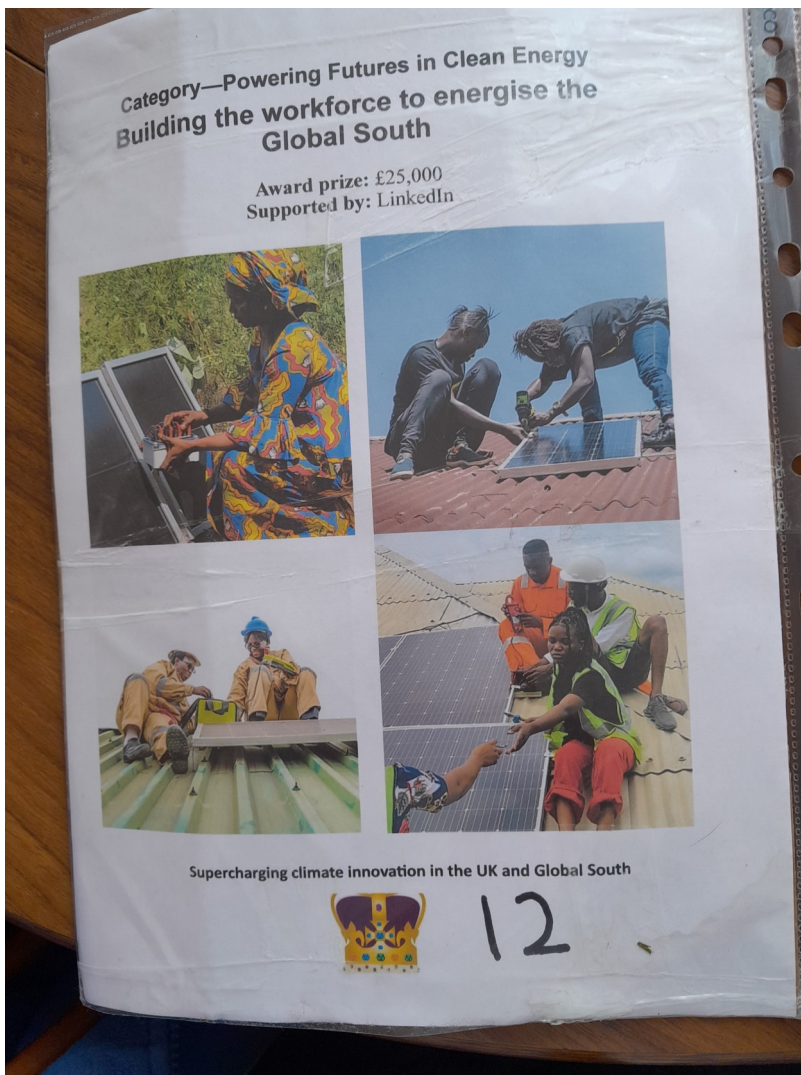
Participants were given a list of organisations of which the King (or in a couple of cases, the late Queen) was patron or president.

They then had to match each display to a name on the list.

See how you get on with these.

1. The Samaritans
2. Ripple Effect
3. RNLI
4. The Soil Association
5. Rainforest Conservation
6. The Queen's Green Canopy
7. Ashdean Awards
8. The Chelsea Physic Garden
9. The White Ensign Society
10. Devon Cattle Breeders Society

The Church porch had displays for the Bible Society and the Prayer Book Society.



Right, middle: the text, tied to the tree at the edge of a wood, read
 “Look above you.”



Above, - this was voted the favourite



Above, representing a charity founded by Christian Devon farmers.

This provided amusement!



St George's Holcombe also hung out the flags!

After the Sunday morning Service a celebration cake was enjoyed and a glass of bubbly was shared to toast the King, after which the congregation repaired to the church garden to plant a commemorative rose "King Charles III".







**Barbara Rains, Pam Stanaway,
Mike Kinsey and Mike Burden
with the name label for the rose.**

**St Gregory's bellringers
joined in the
"Ring for the King"
before the Coronation
Service on Saturday
6th May.**

From the Church website

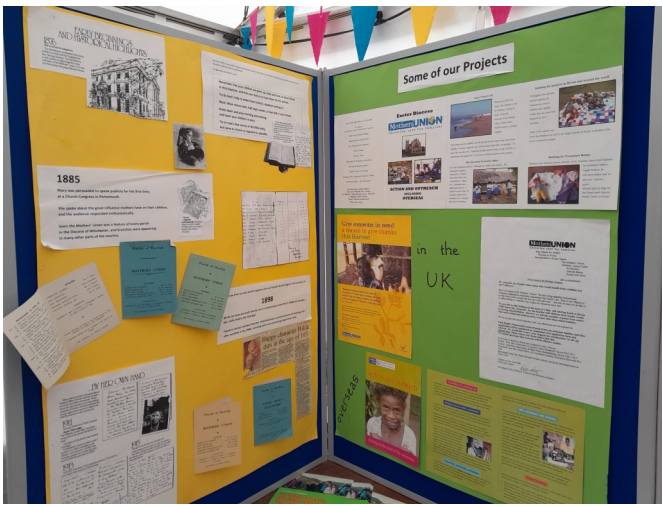


**Supporter Sue - George's nan, Mick Wallis, George Challinor-Brown,
Lindsay Rowland, Cath Chappell, Hannah Pullen, Amrik Tumani, Nicola Twibill,
Kevin Feaviour, Phil Hughes, Liz Wood, Dean Jones and supporter Ria Pullen.**



More of St Gregory's with Georgie Moore!

Top overleaf—the MU display in the Marquee on Monday was impressive.



“Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king.”

“This piece of music must be one of the best known and most memorable from the Coronation Service. The words come from 1 Kings 1: 34-45 and have been used in a similar form at every coronation since King Edgar’s in 973. Since the coronation of George II in 1727, the setting by Handel has always been used.”

(Guide to the Coronation Service, Westminster Abbey website, London UK.)

Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king.

And all the people rejoiced and said:
God save the King! Long live the King!
God save the King!
May the King live for ever. Amen. Hallelujah.

A newspaper article set me thinking about these words and how it is always good to examine the context of any biblical verse.

A quick perusal of 1 Kings 1 is very interesting. To get behind the politics of the day and the somewhat complex relationships, what is basically happening is this.

King David is old and not much longer for this world. He has promised the throne to his son Solomon, Bathsheba’s son (which is interesting knowing the story of that marriage). Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet are aware of this.

Another son of David, Adonijah, on realising how infirm his father was, decided to declare himself King; in effect stage a coup d’état. But Zadok and Nathan did not join the revolution. Instead Nathan went and told King David; the same Nathan who had confronted him decades earlier about his sin.

And so David took action to ensure a smooth transfer of power. He summoned Zadok and Nathan, as well as some others and commanded them to anoint Solomon King and to sit him on his, David’s, throne to reign in his place.

Handel, would have known this story, as would those who incorporated the words into the Coronation in the first place all those centuries ago. It is not just about the king being anointed, but about the transfer of government from one administration to another, in a way that is planned and peaceful. Power is not to be usurped. Of course, there have been times when the actual situation has been more complex. However, the aim is that just and merciful government – as symbolised by the regalia – should be exercised by a peaceful transfer and, of course these days, on behalf of the monarch and people, by the elected government.

Editor