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We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
Our Lord who lights our way.
Amen

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Coronation

On Saturday 6th May 2023, King Charles III's coronation will be held at Westminster Abbey in London. It will be a historic moment in the life of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are, and look to our future.

The coronation will take place within a Christian service, in which His Majesty will be anointed as King. Buckingham Palace says it is “an occasion for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony”.

Coronations emerged from a European tradition where increasing church involvement in the state was used to bring stability to often volatile societies in which several individuals had a claim to the throne. And such services for the monarchs of England and Scotland, Great Britain and the United Kingdom can be traced back more than 1,000 years.

Nowadays, a sovereign succeeds, by law, immediately upon the death of another; Charles became the King as soon as Queen Elizabeth II died so, whilst it remains an important event early in a new reign, a coronation is not actually required but has become our tradition.

Of all the European monarchies, the UK is the only one that still has a religious coronation ceremony.

During the Middle Ages, this rite was considered so vital in some European kingdoms that it was often referred to as the 'eighth sacrament'.

King Charles III is required to make three statutory oaths: the Scottish Oath, to uphold the Presbyterian Church of Scotland; the Accession Declaration Oath, to be a true and faithful protestant; and the Coronation Oath, which includes promising to uphold the rights and privileges of the Church of England as 'Defender of the Faith' and supreme governor.

King Charles has already taken the Scottish Oath and will take the other two at his coronation. Previous monarchs, including Queen Elizabeth II, have taken the Accession Declaration Oath at their first state opening of parliament, so this will be a change to tradition.

Why is all this being held within a religious service? The answer is because the King follows the example set before him by Jesus; whose kingship is not about power or prestige, wealth or status, but service to others.

Most people who came across Jesus in the 1st century would not have thought he was a king of any kind, and when he was sentenced to death and crucified, their faith in him, as God's chosen King, would have been very difficult to sustain. But this faith was affirmed through consistent witness of those who were there, those who wrote about these things, and those who saw and proclaimed that Jesus rose from death after three days, and will one day return to this world. At that point heaven and earth will be renewed and reconciled, and Jesus will reign, as the King of justice and of peace.

Perhaps there is no coincidence that the coronation is taking place during Eastertide, therefore?

Much of this Christian belief lies behind the symbolism of the coronation of King Charles III. For example, the ring he will receive is marked with a cross, a reminder of the Jesus in whose footsteps he follows. The rod he will receive is topped with a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom he will need to rule well. The orb, a representation of the earth, is crowned with a cross as a reminder that Jesus is the ultimate King of

the world. And the oil with which he will be anointed is another symbol of the Holy Spirit, a prayer that God will anoint and equip him to serve this nation.

So while Christians will differ in how they think about the system of monarchy and how they feel about the coronation of our new King, all will agree that Jesus is in the end the world's one King, and will want to pray that King Charles III will be led by the Holy Spirit to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

As the two Archbishops wrote:

"We pray that this might be a moment for the nation, and many around the world, to encounter the person of Jesus Christ, the servant King, and hear His call to each of us to serve others".

Revd Gary Grady



Live Stream Services for May

We will be live streaming the 10am service from St. Peter's most weeks.

This can be accessed via www.stpetersleck.org or

www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton

Readings for May

Date	Day	Readings
7 th	CORONATION SUNDAY	Isaiah 40.12-17,25 Luke 22.24-30
14 th	CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY	Acts 17.22-31 1 Peter 3.13–end John 14.15–21
21 st	EASTER 7 (8am only)	Acts 1.6-14 1 Peter 5.6-11 John 17.1–11
28 th	PENTECOST	Acts 2.1-8, 12-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b–13 John 15.26–27; 16.4b–15

There is no 10.00 service at St Peter's on 21st May as there is the team confirmation service at P & J instead.

Refreshments after church – can you help?

As you are all no doubt aware refreshments are being served again after the morning service in the cottage garden, weather permitting. We are a little short of helpers. Anyone who would consider lending a hand occasionally could they please contact either Ro Baillie - 07747 002752 or Joey Kerr-Wilson - 07990 813122. Thanks.

From the Parish Registers

We congratulate those who were recently baptised:

Henrietta Florence Morris on 16th April

Felicity Wren Morris on 16th April

We congratulate those who were recently married:

Suzanne Hayball and Robert Isaac on 21st April

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have recently died, especially:

Philip Cheeseman on 23rd March aged 89

Gordon Hunt on 25th March aged 95

Sylvia Rona Tarling on 27th March aged 87

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Please contact one of the clergy if you would like to talk about a bereavement.

Please visit the church Wellbeing webpage for more details.



Welcome to Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2023

This year Christian Aid is focusing on supporting Malawi with various projects. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months making life choices very difficult. Due to the increase in school fees parents are now having to decide which child can go to school or continue with further education. The citizens of Malawi rely on crops to sell in order to make a living, again proving difficult due to flash flooding and storms.

We hope to raise funds and have some fun by holding a quiz to appreciate our own education and many blessings. The quiz will be held in church at St. Peter's on **Tuesday 16th May, from 7- 9pm**. Teams should be no bigger than 6, personal donation of money to enter the quiz.

During the Church services on Sunday 14th May, a daily devotional book will be given out. The theme is 'unwavering hope'. Throughout the week of Christian aid, each day focuses on how people are coping in today's world and how we can pray for God's transforming love in Malawi.

By giving, acting and praying, we can all respond to the call of Christian Aid.

Leckhampton Local History Society

St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Leckhampton. GL53 0QJ

Tuesday 30th May 2023 7.30pm

AGM

Paul McGowan TBA

Tuesday 27th June 2023 pm

South Town walk through history

Stuart Manton

All welcome. Members free Visitors £2

Foundation Governors Needed!

Leckhampton Primary is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school. This means that it is a local authority school run by the head teacher and her management team, overseen by the school's governing body. There are three foundation governors, appointed by The Diocese of Gloucester, in addition to the vicar of St. Peter's who is an ex-officio governor. They promote links between the school and the church as well as serving alongside governors appointed by parents, staff and the local authority.

Governors serve a four year term of office. We currently have a vacancy and, with another governor finishing their term soon, we are looking for two volunteers, who would be interested in taking on the role. Training will be provided. All governors attend Main Governing Body meetings at the school. They also are on one or more committee, are involved in visiting the school and reporting back to the governing body. The time commitment is variable, averaging about eight hours a month (term time only).

Would you be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor?
If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat with one of us or with Rev Gary.

Jane Allison (01242 239975 07964 326274)
Sue Marlow (01242 581661)

Reordering Progress so far:

As you will know the full faculty has been granted by the Chancellor, so this is the progress so far:

3-phase electricity was installed by laying cables from the road, underneath the path and into church. This made the fitting of under-pew heating possible as we were not allowed to replace the obsolete gas boiler with like-for-like.

The radiators and some of the associated pipework have been removed.

Two rear pews in the south east corner have been removed and the large cupboard has been moved forward. This enabled a surround for the Giffard memorial to be fitted. The design of the surround echoes the design of the main altar and will enhance the memorial, which is of National significance. The new credence table has also arrived and this too reflects the design of the altar.

A new audiovisual system has been installed. It is early days and everyone is getting used to operating it, so please be patient!

Revd Gary and David Webber, churchwarden

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FRIDAY LUNCH with FRIENDS 2023

Come and enjoy a light lunch with friends old and new

Friday 26 May
Friday 30 June

12.30 – 2pm at the home of Sally & Peter Marlow
1 Vineries Close (off Kidnappers Lane)

Donations for The Children's Society will be welcome
Please come and join us!

Little Pebbles *Tuesdays 10.00 to 11.30 in the Cottages during term time under the leadership of Lara Skinner.*

Remembering the Coronation 1953

I do remember the Coronation Day in 1953. At the age of 13-years it must have been about when I joined the choir at St Peter's Leckhampton. My father had taken delivery of a new Hillman Minx car on which I learned to drive some years later.

The first excursion with the new car, we visited an Aunt in High Wycombe so to watch the Coronation on her new but very small TV. During part of the service at Westminster Abbey I remember my mum drawing my attention to a very large beautiful processional cross which, I learned many years later, was the Cross of Gloucester loaned for this special occasion at Westminster Abbey. Today I am very proud to be a Gloucester Cathedral Crucifer and have charge of that very heavy and lovely Cross of Gloucester.

Peter Davies



Knitted figures inside the case.

Ringling for the King

Assuming that the Coronation starts around 11:00am, the bell ringers are planning to have celebratory ringing from 9:30 - 10:15am that morning. The ringing will start with raising the bells.

Followed by ringing some call changes: going from rounds (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8) into Queen's (1,3,5,7,2,4,6,8) then into King's (7,5,3,1,2,4,6,8) then back into rounds (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8).

Each called change results in two bells that are ringing/striking next to each other in the sequence to change places.

For example, if the current ringing order is 1,3,**5,7**,2,4,6,8 and the conductor calls 5 to 7 then the order becomes 1,3,**7,5**,2,4,6,8.

With call changes, we are always aiming for the change to seamlessly happen at the next handstroke!

We may then ring some methods and will then lower the bells.

Stuart Tomlinson

Parish Giving Scheme

A great way to support St. Peter's is through the parish giving scheme, which enables you to give, and for St. Peter's to receive, a monthly donation towards the mission and ministry of the church and parish. This is administered through the Diocese of Gloucester, so every penny comes back to St. Peter's and is gift-aided also. This provides the church with a regular income and a means with which to plan ahead. It is especially important in 'times like these' when services, bookings and income are reduced. For further information, email Peter Marlow: peter.marlow@softcopy.co.uk or check the Stewardship page of the church website: www.stpetersleck.org.

You can now enrol in the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 to set up a regular donation. All you need is your bank account details and our parish code *LKPT*.

You can also support St. Peter's by making an online donation at:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7930>

There is still the opportunity to make a donation towards the new furniture which is part of the reordering!

The Messenger, May 2023

Coronation of King Charles III

All are invited to a special service to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation at Gloucester Cathedral.

The Coronation ceremony for His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place on 6 May at Westminster Abbey. As well as the ceremony itself, other events are being planned around the weekend of the Coronation, including the 'Coronation Big Lunch' on 7 May, with a concert taking place at Windsor in the evening, and the nationwide 'The Big Help Out' community activity day on Monday 8 May.

The theme of the Coronation celebrations is to highlight the positive impact of community volunteering. We are so proud of our voluntary network in and around the Diocese of Gloucester. From serving our churches as churchwardens, treasurers, Messy Church teams, or foundation governors to serving our communities as Cats Protection volunteers, hospital drivers, or leading Girlguides or Scouts, Church of England volunteers across the country devote over 23 million hours to community action over and above their normal church activities.

As part of the Big Help Out day, everybody is warmly invited to attend a special service at Gloucester Cathedral on Monday 8 May at 11am. The service will be led by the Rt Revd Bishop Rachel Treweek and the new Dean of Gloucester, the Very Revd Canon Andrew Zihni.

However you volunteer, you are making a difference and we really do hope you will come so we can thank you for all you do.

Please book your place via this link:

<https://gloucestercathedral.artsvp.com/aa9b0f>

A message from the Very Revd Andrew Zihni, Dean of Gloucester

The new Dean of Gloucester, who was installed at Gloucester Cathedral on 23 April, shares a message as he begins his role.

“I am much looking forward to getting to know the various worshipping communities of the Diocese, to forming new friendships, and to journeying with you as together we seek to proclaim the light and love of Christ to all.

“Having grown up in the Far East with a Chinese-Thai and Mediterranean heritage, I have a passionate interest in fostering diversity; in sharing hospitality; and in building strong relationships. As I begin ministry in Gloucester, the call to strengthen our commitment to diversity and social justice; to take the Cathedral deeper into prayer and worship; to grow our work with children and young families; to reach out into the city of Gloucester and the wider Diocese as a beacon of hope fills me with a real sense of Gospel joy.

“In my free time, my partner, Lloyd, and I enjoy cooking, reading contemporary fiction, and our Jack Russell terrier, Bertie. The light of hope in Jesus’ love is what I shall endeavour that your Cathedral continues to share, as we seek to be a place of welcome and a place for all.”

Three Choirs Festival launches 2023 programme

The Three Choirs Festival, taking place in and around Gloucester between 22 and 29 July, has launched its programme for 2023.

This year, Three Choirs celebrates its 295th festival at Gloucester Cathedral with 21 premieres and music by almost 50 living composers included in a programme of over 60 events.

Familiar masterpieces will showcase alongside newer works from Gloucestershire composers, with large-scale choral-orchestral concerts, solo recitals, chamber concerts and family events making up just part of this wide-ranging celebration of music. The Festival Village, situated on College Green just outside Gloucester Cathedral, will offer the opportunity to relax in between events, soak up the atmosphere and enjoy free live entertainment on the community bandstand.

Booking and full programme details can be found at <https://3choirs.org/gloucester-2023>

Light up the world in prayer – Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come has released new ideas and resources to inspire you ahead of the annual prayer initiative on 18 to 28 May.

Download the 23 ideas for 2023: thykingdomcome.global/resources/23-ideas-2023

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Movement Worship Night, Tewkesbury

5 May, 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Tewkesbury

Join in with a night of music in Tewkesbury for the next Movement worship night, aimed at youth and young adults.

gloucester.anglican.org/movement-tewkes-may-2023

Love Your Burial Ground week and Churches Count on Nature 2023

16 May, 2pm to 3.30pm

Online

Join the Director of Caring For God's Acre, Harriet Carty, for this webinar on burial grounds, their wonderful wildlife and how you can help to record what species are present. Covering why and how to make a biological record, where the records go, how they can be used when deciding how to care for burial grounds, and the link between a well-managed churchyard and the carbon that it stores. Book here: **<http://bit.ly/3nFhshP>**

Taking part? Share with us what you are doing and send in your pictures to **kowen@glosdioc.org.uk**

The Michael Perham Lecture 2023: Future-fit universities, a Christian perspective

22 May, 7pm

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What does the world look like in the 21st century and how should universities respond? This lecture argues for a higher education sector which embraces the spiritual and social needs of a complex and changing world in which the Church has a key role to play.

gloucester.anglican.org/the-michael-perham-lecture-2023-future-fit-universities-a-christian-perspective

Vocation to Ministry Day

27 May, 10am to 4pm

No. 4, College Green, Gloucester

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them to explore new ways of serving God in the Church and the world.
gloucester.anglican.org/vocation-to-ministry-day-3-2-2-2-2-2

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Postscript:

Extract of letter received from Gill Ford.

I just wanted to write to thank you all for your amazing contribution to our Easter basket project, especially for publicising it at St Peter's and at the church craft group.

We were blessed with so many wonderful Easter baskets, a few of which feature in the photo in the April magazine. These are just a few of the wonderful baskets we received and were able to give to the residents of our local care homes, accompanied by a handwritten Easter card.

Please pass on our thanks and appreciation to all.

Gill Ford

Anna Coordinator

APCM The magazine went to press before the APCM so any news or changes will appear in the June magazine.



St Peter's

Leckhampton Parish Church



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