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Dear Colleagues,

Update on the Church of England's preparations for the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort

Preparations for the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort are now underway. The Coronation Service will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May 2023 and will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev'd Justin Welby.

1. Following the recent announcements from Buckingham Palace, we are writing to you with an update on some of the planning that is being undertaken in the **Church of England**, and to give you information on the resources that you can expect to have available. Below is an outline of resources which are now available on the Church of England website: [The Coronation of King Charles III | The Church of England](#) These resources are offered to support and encourage parishes and chaplaincies to engage with the celebrations surrounding the Coronation in the ways most appropriate for their local situation.
 - **Liturgical resources**, similar in variety to the types of resources distributed to support Operation London Bridge, and including:
 - Special forms of service (Holy Communion and a Service of the Word) for a civic or community gathering in honor of the Coronation. This will include complete orders for Holy Communion for a Special Communion (Common Worship Order One);
 - A Vigil Service for the day or evening before the Coronation;
 - An outline Order of Service for the weekend before the Coronation;
 - Prayers and forms of intercession for use at Morning and Evening Prayer including special sentences, a bidding prayer and responses. These could be used throughout the Coronation weekend, on the weekend before the

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Coronation, or at any other suitable time when people gather particularly to pray for the King;

- Proper texts for use in a celebration of Holy Communion;
- Psalms, Readings and Prayers which can be incorporated into normal forms of service during, before, or after the Coronation. This will include for instance special prayers for use before a community screening of the Coronation.

2. **28 Days of Prayer**

Material designed to be used in the 28 days of preparation, from Easter Sunday to the day of the Coronation. A **Book of Devotions 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III'** is now available, including prayers and reflections for us to use when we pray with and for the King, as he prepares for the Coronation. The book offers for each day in the time between Easter Sunday (9th April) and the day of the Coronation (6th May) a daily theme, reading, reflection and prayer for use by individuals, families, churches, or groups.

This will also feature across the Church of England's Social Media content in the month leading up to the Coronation.

3. Led by the Church of England Vision and Strategy Team, a webinar, '*Celebrating the Coronation Weekend at your Church*', will be taking place on **Thursday 9th March 2023 at 11am**. This will provide an opportunity to find out about resources, ideas and suggestions for planning locally, including educational, liturgical and publicity resources. Further details on the webinar, including joining details, can be found at the following link:
https://churchofengland-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KZqwP5psTJyy8bmRHAj0kw
It is anticipated that the webinar will be recorded and made available in due course on the Church of England website.
4. **Collective worship resources for Primary and Secondary schools.** Available in a *Faith at Home* template (a weekly resource for schools), as well as PowerPoint presentations, and taking 6 elements of the Coronation Service as the structure for reflection on the Kingdom of God, including a prayer, a commitment and elements from the Commonwealth. Other resources for children and families will also be available.
5. A **Digital Resource Hub**, accessible from the Church of England's website, including links to digital resources and social media content can be found here: [The Coronation of King Charles III | The Church of England](#) This includes guidance on the content of the Coronation Service, helping to explain the symbolism of the service to a modern audience, as well as a publicity toolkit that churches and cathedrals can use to promote worship, community and volunteering events. These resources were launched on the Church of England's website and social media channels on 1st March 2023, with regular updates and additional content being shared in the weeks leading up to the Coronation Weekend.

6. In addition, this is also an opportunity to explore creative initiatives and ways in which to promote a **legacy of engagement** and new opportunities for young people and communities that extend far beyond the Coronation weekend.
7. As recently announced by **Buckingham Palace**, there will be a number of opportunities across the Coronation Weekend for people to come together to celebrate including:
 - 'The Coronation Concert' at Windsor Castle on Sunday 7th May 2023;
 - 'The Coronation Big Lunch' on Sunday 7th May 2023 where communities of all kinds, including churches, chaplaincies and cathedrals, are invited to run events to take part in the Coronation Big Lunch, sharing food and celebrating this historic occasion together. Further details can be found at the following link: [Organise a Big Lunch | Eden Project Communities](#)
 - 'The Big Help Out' on Monday 8th May 2023. A day for volunteering and service to shine a light on the thousands of people volunteering each week, as well as presenting an opportunity to reach out and engage with new groups, communities and individuals to help fill volunteering opportunities. Further details can be found at the following link: [The Big Help Out](#)

More information on Buckingham Palace's plans for the Coronation Weekend can be found at the following link: [Coronation Weekend plans announced | The Royal Family](#)

8. **BBC permissions for screening events of National Significance.** It has been confirmed that the BBC will be waiving licensing requirements for public screenings of both the Coronation Service, and the Coronation Concert provided that tickets to public screenings are not sold and no profit is to be made from the screening. The BBC has produced guidance and as was the case with public screenings of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and the State Funeral of Her Late Majesty The Queen, the broadcast would need to be screened live without interruption or edits. The terms and conditions will be the same as those for the Platinum Jubilee events and the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth, which can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3kMJGbZCMLS8vj9Dbp5kyjP/ts-cs-to-screen-the-bbc-s-coverage>
9. **National Lottery Funding.** Funding of up to £10,000 is available for events and activities surrounding the Coronation through the National Lottery 'Awards for All' programme. Community groups are encouraged to apply, and although there is no deadline for applications to the 'Awards for All' programme, it should be noted that it can take up to some weeks from the point of application submission to receiving funding if successful which means applications for the Coronation Weekend should be made as soon as possible. All funding criteria and terms and conditions are here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>.
10. **Bell Ringing Guidance** has been produced by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. This includes materials for Associations or individual towers to download and use as required which can be accessed using the following link: [Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023 – CCCBR](#)

11. **Sing for the King:** The Royal School of Church Music (RCSM) have announced an open invitation for all choirs to join in song to celebrate the Coronation. As part of this a new Coronation anthem, '*The Mountains Shall Bring Peace*', has been commissioned as part of this. Further information on the anthem can be found using the following link, as can details for a webinar to be held on 22nd March from 7pm providing an introduction to it: [Sing for the King! | Coronation Anthem | The mountains shall bring peace \(rscm.org.uk\)](#)

12. For **flag flying guidance** please check the Flag Institute's website here: [Welcome | Flying High Since 1971 | The Flag Institute](#)

Please could we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you and your colleagues in advance for the dedication and hard work that will go into preparations for celebration of the Coronation. The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will not only provide an opportunity for communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth to come together in celebration, but will too provide a unique global opportunity for the Church of England. We very much look forward to supporting you and your colleagues over the coming months as part of this, and kindly ask for your patience in waiting to receive further updates and more detailed resources which will be circulated in due course.

With warmest good wishes

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