

A Coronation to mark change



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This weekend I watched the Coronation with my mum. Despite dementia she still has very strong memories of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation when she was 10 years old. She still talks about being allowed to watch the events of 1953 at a neighbour's house because they had a TV. I'm not sure which was most memorable – the Coronation or being allowed to watch a TV!

How things have changed since then.

Yet a Coronation is a historic event and it made me wonder how our children and young people will remember the events of this weekend in their future lives. I also wondered how they will have made the connection to the Christian service at the heart of the events and celebrations.



I spent a few moments exploring the liturgy for the Coronation, reflecting on its meaning and symbolism. Information about it is available [here](#). They throw light on all aspects of the service and particularly how the ancient traditions of Coronation were adapted to reflect the 21st century country we are now. The liturgy also brings to life King Charles's vision for his reign. It made me reflect on how we build our present day Church School visions on our older foundation documents. Also, how through our visions, we interpret them to reflect an ever-changing world and the needs of our communities.

The King's prayer

God of compassion and mercy
whose Son was sent not to be served
but to serve,
give grace that I may find in thy service
perfect freedom
and in that freedom knowledge of thy
truth.
Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy
children, of every faith and conviction,
that together we may discover the ways
of gentleness
and be led into the paths of peace.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The resounding theme of the Coronation was servanthood. It culminated in the anointing of the King. A sign that he is set aside for service to his people.

Of particular note was the personal prayer which the King made. It reflected the words of the popular hymn, '[I vow to thee my country](#)' and the words of Galatians 5, "*serve one another humbly in love*". I know that many of you will connect with this idea of servanthood and that this will be a feature of your day to day work.

The prayer also references another strong theme of the Coronation – diversity of faith and belief. In doing so, it reflects changes in our country since the last Coronation. No doubt those of you who watched the service will have seen the diverse group of faith leaders and representatives who took part in the inclusive church service.

For me these themes reflect in the work of our church school family. As servant leaders we blend the ancient and modern as we build on our historic foundations, bringing to life the Christian vision for education in the modern day. We share and interpret stories from 2000 years ago. We make them relevant to guide our staff and pupils for their future lives. And, particularly at the moment, we work to ensure our schools are inclusive and equitable, valuing and celebrating all.

After all the pomp, circumstance and partying of the weekend many of you will be hoping for a quieter week. I know you will all be serving humbly. My wish is that you can find a few moments to reflect on this new period of British history and consider what that might mean for your pupils, staff and communities.

Have a great week.

from June Richardson, Schools
Effectiveness Advisor

Dear God,

As your servants we come before you
Guide and strengthen us in our work
Grant that we may humbly follow your
example

Give us wisdom, patience, compassion
and hope.

Today and always.

Amen



Bishop Nicholas is cycling 407 miles to raise money for charity!

Since the pandemic and the onset of the cost of living crisis many families are under huge financial pressure. Bishop Nicholas is cycling 407 miles to raise money for the Bishop of Lincoln's Ready for School Fund.

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407 miles isn't a random distance! It will allow him to complete his two-wheeled visits to every mainland Anglican cathedral in England, Scotland and Wales - a bicycle journey that he began when

We began in rain in Berwick upon Tweed - but things got better! Thank you for your support! 25% of the way to the target.



he was a parish priest and that he hopes to end in Inverness on Sunday 14th May 2023. It is his way of saying 'thank you', also, to everyone who kindly supported him following his surgery last autumn. He starts his epic journey TODAY!

To sponsor him and follow his progress you can use the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicholas-chamberlain>



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