# Around The Spire Coronation Special



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lovely
Coronation
front cover
this month
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Saint James' Church *FREE* magazine for the parishioners of Quedgeley & Kingsway









Services at Saint James' Church Quedgeley

You are warmly invited to...

Morning Prayer - 9.15am daily during term time

Holy Communion - Wednesday 10.00am

**Holy Communion** - Sunday 10.30AM except for the first Sunday in the month when said Communion is at 9.15am.

**STJ'S Family Service** - First Sunday in the month 10.30am

JAM - Every Sunday at 5pm - 6pm

StJ's Family fun, laughter and worship, snacks, coffee/tea

afterwards

1st Sunday in every
month 10.30am

# Plants for Sale

Following church service

**Sunday 21st May** 

Lots of variety, plenty to choose from

A stall will be outside the church

18 Barrow Close Quedgeley GL2 4YP
In aid of church funds



21ST MAY 2PM - 5PM
Please make a note in your diary!



Free Bike Safety and Maintenance Check from qualified mechanics

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Police will be carrying out anti-theft bike registration. Refreshments available.

Followed by the Blessing of the Bikes at 4pm









# Coronation Special Editorial May 2023



### " DON'T FORGET THE OTHER KING"

This month 'Around the Spire' concentrates on the big news of the month THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES.

This is rightly so as it is a momentous event for almost everyone and there are so many ways in which we can be involved at a local level.

So, my Editorial this month has a different slant - to look at the main event in the church calendar which occurs - The Ascension of Our Lord which takes place on Thursday May 18

The Feast of the Ascension is for many people the most difficult to understand.

## SO WHAT DOES IT SAY TO US?

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The clue is when Jesus tells his disciples- "Go and tell my brothers that I am ascending to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God"

And so - the whole story goes to the conclusion, which started with the Nativity, Epiphany. The earthly ministry of Jesus, the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Now it has come full circle as it were as Jesus as Lord and King returns to his Heavenly Father.

Now it is our turn to show our acceptance of this 'King of Kings' as the pattern for living out the Christian life to the best of what we can offer in return.

FR HUGH

Your Editor



# What am I praying for this month? By Revd. Mark.



Every day since Easter Day I have been joining Christians throughout the World to pray for His Majesty King Charles III ahead of his Coronation on May 6th.

There will be much pomp and ceremony around the Coronation. Much to distract from the role his mother, Queen Elizabeth II lived as a servant monarch.

In this age of 'strong-man' leaders and CEOs, more than ever we need the kind of servant leadership that Her Majesty was known for and that King Charles has shown as he has served all the people of our Planet in his lifelong campaign for Climate Action. Just as when I take weddings, my prayers are for a lasting and faithful marriage, so my prayers for the Coronation are for a long and faithful reign as our servant King. Long live King Charles. God save the King. AMEN

# Out and About in Quedgeley & Kingsway with Revd. Mark

Ministry is always a privilege but some of the greatest privileges are those that have take me by surprise. One such privilege is that of ministry in Care Homes. I regularly take Holy Communion to the residents of Chestnut Court, which is next to Beech green School. There I have met those of a profound faith which sustains through the health challenges of aging and all the discomforts that can bring. I have heard poetry written by residents, some of the most beautiful singing I have heard and stories of life and faith that have helped sustain my own ministry in this Parish. Just like the disciples after Easter, sometimes the greatest gifts are those we least expect.

Mark



# "Lights in their Own Generation" A series celebrating, month by month, some of those who left a special mark on the history of the worldwide Christian Church. "Lights" that shine in May by Fr. lan Robb



1st: Philip & James, Apostles Chosen by Jesus and named among the twelve. Their mortal remains rest in a church in Rome which was dedicated to them on this day in 560AD.

2nd: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria Dedicated to the teaching of the faith and determined to overcome the various heresies which were being expounded in the days of the Early Church. He died in 373AD.

8 th: The Lady Julian of Norwich In 1373 a woman of Norwich received a series of visions which revealed aspects of the love of God. She spent the next 20 years pondering them and compiling her book The Revelations of Divine Love. She became and anchoress in the church of St Julian in Norwich and it was by this name that she became known.

14th: Matthias the Apostle After the betrayal by Judas Iscariot, the Apostles chose Matthias to fill the vacant place. He was "chosen by lot" indicating the election was in accordance with the will of God. Matthias spent his life ministering in Egypt.

16th: Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer Caroline & her husband emigrated to Australia in 1838, where she worked among immigrants with a special concern for the women who were being bullied and abused. She set up a free Registry Office to help them obtain work and shelter. On her return to England in 1846 she continued to press for better care of those who were emigrating.

19th: Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury Monk of Glastonbury & subsequently Abbot. He set about reforming the monastic tradition in England, promoting study, teaching & work in the tradition of St Benedict. He was made Archbishop of Canterbury by King Edgar and continued his reforming work until his death in 988 AD.

26th: Augustine, the First Archbishop of Canterbury In 596 he was dispatched by Pope Gregory along with 40 monks to re-evangelise the English Church. Landing in Kent, they were well-received at court where Queen Bertha was a Christian. They established a monastery in Canterbury and Augustine was ordained Bishop and insisted that Canterbury should remain as the base for their work throughout the south of England.

# There are two other major dates to mark in May:

31st The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, as recorded in St Luke's Gospel. Luke sees John the Baptist as the last of the Old Testament prophets and uses John's leaping in Elizabeth's womb as the first time that John witnesses to Christ as the promised Messiah, thereby linking the old covenant with the new.

6 th: The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III During the ceremony the King will be anointed with the oil of Holy Chrism which will seal the vows he will make and acknowledge that he has now been blessed by God for his role as sovereign and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. God save the King!







# **Creation Care for yourself**



It always strikes me as one of the more ridiculous facts of modern life that we are walking less and yet travelling more. Just talk to anyone who struggles with mobility how much they miss walking easily and comfortably. We walk so little that many of us need to count steps to keep ourselves healthy. Some of us even get a dog simply to help discipline ourselves to take regular walks!

It is not just calories either. Walking is the most natural form of exercise available to us. It is what our bodies are purposed for and relaxes and realigns muscles constricted from too much time driving, at a desk or strained if our work involves lifting or repetitive motions.

As we move from Spring to Summer, why not take five minutes to have a think about journeys that you might take on foot rather than driving? We belong on this planet. It is no surprise that caring for ourselves marries very closely with caring for our planet.



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May there is a parade/procession from the Quedgeley Community Centre starting at 1.00pm with marching bands and Colours and Standards. They will proceed to Severn Vale School where there will be some stalls and stands and a display or two followed by a sing song of traditional British music and a short Service to welcome our new King. Come and support the event along School Lane and on the playing fields at the school.

There is a dinner to commemorate the new Kings first birthday parade at The Pilot on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June followed by a visit to Windsor and a boat trip on the Thames through the area not usually visited in the grounds of Windsor Castle.





# **Quedgeley Town** Council







We start this month by saying a massive thankyou to everyone who came along to support the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday. The weather was unfortunately not at its best, however that did not deter many of

you from coming along. Thankfully, the rain held off until

the event finished. Well done to all the competition winners who either won the bunny or chick, a larger easter egg or a craft pack. We have had a steady flow of winners visiting the office over the last week to collect their prizes, meaning we see lots of happy faces! The Easter Bunny is now taking a well-deserved rest! Further pictures can be seen on our Facebook page -Quedgeley Town Council | Quedgeley | Facebook

Your councillors are now working towards assisting Help if we Can with their Coronation Event which appears to be well in hand, including a grant from this council towards costs involved in providing a successful community event. This event will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, commencing with a procession through the streets, followed by a fun day at Severnvale School. We wish Help if we Can all the best with their event.

During the month of May, this council will be holding its Annual Annual Parish Assembly which is an opportunity for our community to **Meeting** come along and meet your Town Councillors. The format is always informal and is not designed to be a council meeting,

more a gathering of local residents and councillors to chat about concerns or issues. We have four new councillors on board, all eager to meet their local community so please take advantage of this opportunity. Refreshments will be provided and the venue will be the Kingsway Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm. Please do not be afraid to come along, vou are all very welcome.

We have now commenced the new financial year which means that the council will be looking at all of its new projects. With a full complement of sixteen councillors, it provides a greater opportunity for new initiatives to come forward

Do not forget to book your parties at either Quedgeley Community Centre or Kingsway Community Centre. Professionally organised football parties can be held at our Waterwells Sports Centre. If you are a Quedgeley/ Kingsway resident you get a reduced rate. Our centres



do get booked up quickly so even if you are thinking ahead, now is the time to contact us with your enquiries.





King Charles your birth right has come to you at last You've had major moments in the past.

But this is the biggest in your life

Your CORONATION with Camilla your wife.

We loved and honoured your mother for years,

your father Prince Philip could allay all her fears.

A new era has begun for this our nation,

We now honour you sir with great jubilation.

We pray that our Lord will protect and sustain,

give you long life, joy, peace, all throughout your reign.

Pam Westwood





# **Messy Easter**

Saint James' in Quedgeley was packed out on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, with youngsters and their parents/carers when it ran its Messy Easter event. Approximately 74 youngsters enjoyed the activities on offer, decorating cross and egg shaped biscuits, planting seeds in pots, making Easter baskets and many more. Thanks to Sportily and the beautiful sun shine, the children were treated to some sports activities in the adjoining church year. Archery, Football and a Giant game of Jenga to name but a few were on offer.

After a hectic afternoon the children watched a short film and listened to Revd. Mark, reading the Easter Story. Everyone was in fine voice and sang a song before tucking in to some yummy refreshments.

#### Revd. Mark said

"We had so much fun. We all gave a huge three cheers for the volunteers from St James and the staff from Sportily for all their hard work. There is no doubt that the Easter message of new life and hope in the resurrection which ran through all the activities was very welcome in these difficult times."













# Field Court Infant Academy—Coronation collage

Pupils from Field Court C of E Infant Academy produced a superb collage to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The collage in the shape of the Union flag with the King's head in the centre will be displayed in Saint James' Church Quedgeley over the Coronation period.

Grace, Lily, Ted and Amy were keen to explain how they had produced the collage. Grace said that it had taken them a full week. Grace, Ted and Amy particularly enjoyed putting together the blue and red colours of the flag whilst Lily thought the King's face was a good resemblance.

Mr Adam Osborne Head Teacher, praised all the pupils involved. He said

"On the Friday prior to the King's Coronation, the school will be celebrating the occasion by, among other things, making crowns and thinking about what it would be like to be King (or Queen) for a day. We will join Field Court Juniors for some activities including dressing in royal or red, white and blue clothes for the day. It will be a great start to a weekend to remember!"



Permission given by FCIA for use of photo. Left to right—Amy, Ted, Lily and Grace

# Last month we asked people to let us know about their memories of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Thank you to those who took the time to respond.



# Lovell & Ríta Cornwall

I was 15 at the time and clearly remember that my father asked me to help him at the manor house where he worked so that he could get back home to listen to the coronation on the





wireless. We lived in wildest Herefordshire and I'm sure that no-one in the village had a television. However, Rita, on the other hand, living near London, was invited by a friend to go to her parents house to watch the event on their newly-bought 9 inch TV. Many of the neighbours also were invited as Rita suspected that it was the only TV in the street.

# Shirley Buckle

This photo of Shirley was taken in 1953 when she spent the night in Whitehall London waiting for the coronation of





Queen Elizabeth II. Shirley is in the

back row in the light coloured head scarf. Six of them travelled to London from Gloucester in a very small car (probably overcrowded by today's standards).

They found a spot in Whitehall and slept on the pavement. It rained and they all got very wet. Shirley remembers the long queue to use the public toilet.

From their spot they saw the whole procession after the coronation. The Queen was in the golden coach and waved as she went past. The whole procession was 'amazing' Shirley says, although she won't be going back to London this time round.



The golden coach with HM Queen Elizabeth II (photos courtesy of Shirley Buckle)



Queen Salote of Tonga

# Caroline Meek

A television set was positioned in the original Quedgeley Village Hall. Only a handful of homes in Quedgeley had a TV in 1953. Local pensioners were taken to the Hall at 9.45am to watch the London proceedings. Later they enjoyed a sit down lunch of ham, tongue, salad, trifles, fruit, jellies and cream, followed by cheese and biscuits, soft drinks or beer.



At 2.40pm there was a highland dancing demonstration and at 8pm a social

with games and dancing. All of these entertainments were free.

Children assembled in the Church of England School yard in School Lane (now the Quedgeley Community Centre) in fancy dress and led by a pipe band headed down to the Bristol Road Recreation Ground, where there was a service conducted by the Rector, the Revd. F. Lanham.



Children in fancy dress waiting to be judged. Left to right, at the back, Ivor Davis and Mrs Sterry.









In fancy dress, Elaine Brint and Jennifer Ely. Jennifer is my sister. She was 5years

After the fancy dress was judged, sports were held in the grounds. The children had ham and egg, cakes, ice-cream and soft drinks for tea. Later, souvenir beakers were handed out.

Teenagers had their sports at 4.15pm, but unlike the youngsters and O.A.P's they had to pay for refreshments from a stall. In the evening the teenagers were invited to the Village Hall with everyone else.

Adults were expected to do their share of sports, but this did not take place until 6.00pm. A slow cycle race was part of the excitement. Many went onto the social in the Hall, to finish off the day.

The main attractions were the Gloucester Pipe Band, the Patterson Highland Dancers and Mrs Hunt's band which played at the social.

To organise all the events a Coronation Committee was formed. It consisted of a sports committee, a pensioners committee, a social committee and a decorations committee.

Families of the people who served on those committees, are still to be found in Quedgeley today. Some of the committee members at that time were Mr. Stroud, Miss Pready, Mrs Calf, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs Boulter, Mrs Nelmes, Mrs Ely and many more.

A good time was had by the young and not so young, but I seem to remember, it finished up with rain.



Line up, waiting to see who was judged the winner.

Left to right, Mr Taylor, Caroline Meek (nee Ely)







# Richard Cale

As every year passes we sadly lose more who remember when Quedgeley was a rural village. Next to where I live was a farmhouse called "Dawes Farm". In 1948 Mrs Nelmes came from Berkeley to take it over. Alongside running the farm they would also take in bed and breakfast guests. This was commonplace at the time to accommodate the needs of long



distance travellers using the main A38 trunk road through the village.

In 1953 Mrs Nelmes had a brand new television and we were invited to watch the coronation. To watch the coronation on a television was a luxury as at the time few people owned one. It was an occasion I shall never forget.

In the year of 1953 Quedgeley was a very different place to what it is today. Houses had no central heating and the majority of houses had no outside toilets. (We had no foul drainage until 1968). Electricity was not available until 1951 and there were no street lights until 1969. A bath was taken in a tin bath by the fire and winters were cold. We would draw patterns on the ice with our fingers on the single pane windows. Our rubbish too had to be buried at the top of the garden as there was also no rubbish collection.

Everybody at Quedgeley School as a child received a special coronation mug. I still have mine today. We also went to a special service at Quedgeley Church just like we used to do on Ash Wednesday. After this I walked back home across Dawes Field opposite the church and under the old elms to home on the Bristol Road where I still live today. Church Drive was built on the field from 1976.

Different times indeed!

Any articles for June edition of the magazine need to be with our Editor by 20th May 2023. Please send them to our Editor hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk



Wednesday from 2pm –4pm, refreshments—home made cakes, quiz and Bingo. Come in for a chat and make new friends!

Everyone welcome!







# Celebrate the Coronation by knitting one of Jackie Broad's Coronation Crowns They are ideal for giving as little souvenirs to mark this very special event!



# The Crown

Cast on 50 stitches using white Garter stitch (all rows knit) 16 rows Change to purple colour

Stocking stitch (1 row knit, I row purl) 12 rows

This will be turned up.

Decrease -k8 K2 tog to end

Purl

K3 K2 tog to end

Purl

Knit

Purl

K2 tog to end

B + T (cut yarn thread through stitch and secure)

Sew side seam up

# **GOLD PARTS**

Cast on 50 stitches in gold colour

Knit 3 rows

Cast off, Make 2

Make into a cross. Sew to crown evenly spaced then turn up white border to neaten.

TOP KNOT

Cast on 12 stitches

Knit 10 rows

Cast off

Sew sides and gather to top of cross.

Add stick on jewels if preferred.



# A dish fit for a King!

In 1953 to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the recipe for Coronation Chicken was developed. It consisted of chicken in a curry sauce that could be eaten with a salad or used to fill sandwiches.

King Charles III and Camilla, Queen Consort have opted for a quiche. It is hoped that this dish will be the centrepiece at many of the coronation's street parties, Big Lunches and community events. The dish contains cheddar cheese, broad beans, cooked spinach with eggs and cream. The recipe was chosen by the king and queen consort in conjunction with their chef Michael Flanagan.

The recipe is below. We have not tried or tested it so no idea what the final product will be like. If you make it, let us know what it tastes like—could become a winner!

The recipe says the dish serves six. It also includes double cream. 1 x 20cm flan tin

# **Pastry**

125g plain flour

Pinch of salt

25g cold butter, diced

25g lard

2 tablespoons milk

Or 1 x 250g block of readymade shortcrust pastry

# **Filling**

125ml milk

175ml double cream

2 medium eggs

1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon

Salt and pepper

100g grated cheddar cheese

180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped

60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

### Method

1. To make the pastry: sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your finger tips until you get a sandy, breadcrumb-like texture. Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough.

Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes.

- 2. Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the pastry to a circle a little larger than the top of the tin and approximately 5mm thick.
- 3. Line the tin with the pastry, taking care not to have any holes or the mixture could leak. Cover and rest for a further 30 minutes in the fridge.
- 4. Preheat the oven to 190C.
- 5. Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes, before removing the greaseproof paper and baking beans.
- 6. Reduce the oven temperature to 160C.
- 7. Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.
- 8. Scatter half of the grated cheese in the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.
- 9. If required gently give the mixture a delicate stir to ensure the filling is evenly dispersed but be careful not to damage the pastry case.
- 10. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Place into the oven and bake for 20 -25 minutes until set and lightly golden.

## FROM THE REGISTERS APRIL

**Funerals** 

13th ANWYN MORRIS

14th MAGGIE TUCKER

21st MARGARET WARRINGTON

"REST ETERNAL, GRANT THEM O LORD"



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