

HOPE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CO-CHAIRS...

Dear Choir Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. We do hope that as you read this you are filled with positivity as spring is in the air and Easter is around the corner.

Easter has a different meaning to different people and at Hope, we pride ourselves on being inclusive to all, whatever their culture and whether you have a faith or not. Whether you are observing lent and celebrating this significant Christian occasion, preparing a bonnet for your younger family members to wear at a parade or simply looking forward to chocolate Easter eggs, this period of time which coincides with spring can for many feels like a fresh start.

We all share the benefit of brighter mornings and longer days. For some, this will be more opportunity for longer walks with friends (both with 2 legs and with 4), a chance to visit family, take short breaks and simply get out into the garden ready for summer planting. Whatever you choose to do, please take a moment to notice your surroundings and appreciate the unfolding beauty all around you. It really does feed the soul.

Your chairs,

Carolyn and Ian

TURKEY AND SYRIA DISASTER APPEAL 2023



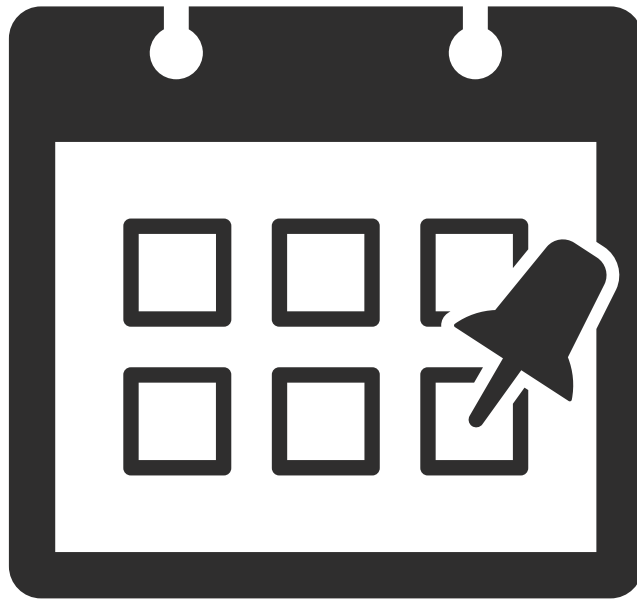
We are sure that you all have seen the new reports detailing the devastation experienced by regions of Turkey and Syria following huge earthquakes.

Several thousands of civilians sadly died as a result of building collapses. Thousands upon thousands who survived have lost their homes and are currently displaced.

We are pleased to share that ' Hope Community Gospel Choir' made a donation to the disaster appeal to support those impacted by this occurrence.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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Date: Saturday 29th April

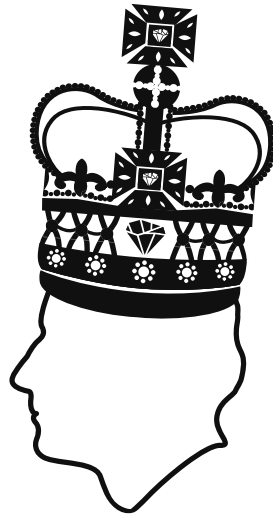
Location: St Stephen's Church, Sneinton

Event: Concert

Date: Saturday 10th June

Location: Nuthall Methodist Church, Nuthall

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - A NEW ERA



Written by Penny Glover

Bonjour et bienvenue à nos amis français. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez la lecture sur le couronnement de notre nouveau roi, Charles III.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the last 12 months have seen huge changes to our monarchy and that we are now standing on the brink of a new era. A year ago, we were preparing to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, yet within a few months, we were mourning her loss and reflecting on 70 incredible years of service. Many will have been deeply moved by the scenes at her funeral and lying in state at Westminster Hall. It is a sobering thought that few people under the age of 75 will remember any monarch other than Queen Elizabeth.

What can we expect from the Coronation of King Charles III?

Due to take place on 6th May, details are gradually emerging about the coronation, and Buckingham Palace has said that, although the coronation will be "rooted in long-standing traditions", it will also "reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future". It is likely to be shorter, smaller in scale and more modest than Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 coronation, with a wider range of religions represented.

The ceremony itself at Westminster Abbey will consist of 5 stages:

The Recognition: The monarch is presented to those gathered in the Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury to shouts of “God save the King” and trumpets.

The Oath: The sovereign swears to uphold the law and the Church of England.

The Anointing: The King sits on the 700-year-old Coronation Chair and is anointed with oil made to a secret recipe by the Archbishop, out of sight of the congregation. The oil will not contain any ingredients derived from animals.

The Investiture: The sovereign is presented with symbolic items including the Royal Orb, representing religious and moral authority; the Sceptre, representing power; and the Sovereign's Sceptre, a rod of gold topped with a white enamelled dove, a symbol of justice and mercy. Finally, the Archbishop places St Edward's Crown on the King's head.

The Enthronement and Homage: The King leaves the Coronation Chair and moves to the throne. Peers kneel before the monarch to pay homage.

What about the music?

Music has always played an important role in coronations throughout history, and this one looks to be no exception. According to Buckingham Palace, “a range of musical styles and performers blend tradition, heritage and ceremony with new musical voices of today, reflecting the King’s life-long love and support of music and the arts”

Alongside traditional offerings from composers such as Handel (including Zadok the Priest, which has been performed at every coronation since King George II), Elgar and Vaughn Williams, King Charles has personally commissioned 12 new contemporary works casting a spotlight on leading British composers and performers. Psalm 98 is the inspiration for a new anthem by Andrew Lloyd Webber and a Coronation March has been penned by Scottish composer Patrick Doyle.

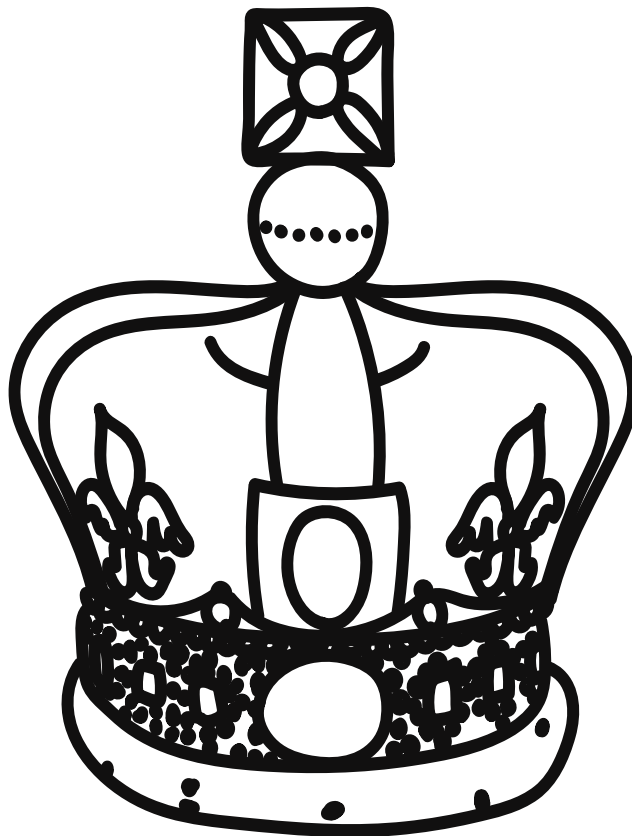
Choir members will be excited to learn that among the singers will be a handpicked gospel choir known as the The Ascension Choir! However, at the time of writing, I was unable to find out any information about them, so I guess we have to wait and see! Other musicians set to perform include the Choir of Westminster Abbey and the Choir of His Majesty’s Chapel Royal, St James’s Palace, together with girl choristers from the Chapel Choir of Methodist College, Belfast and from Truro Cathedral Choir and many more.

What about the future?

As we know, King Charles has had over 70 years to prepare for this moment, and as a result, we know a great deal more about him than we did about the Queen when she took the throne at the young age of 25.

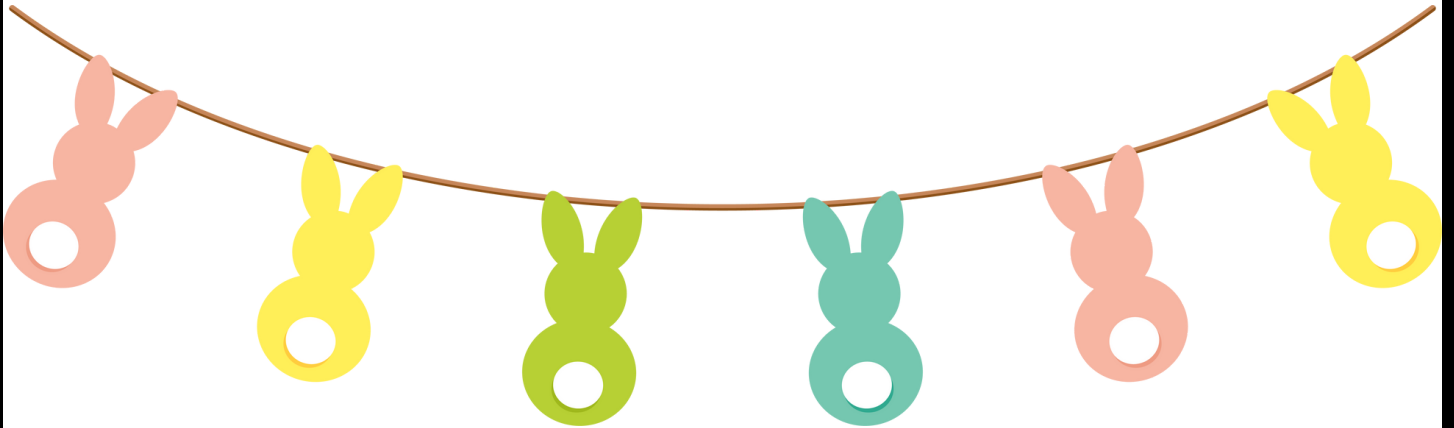
His passion for a wide range of topics, such as the environment and sustainability and young people are very familiar to us, and it will be interesting to see how he can carry these interests forward. It is also well known that he wishes to reduce the number of working royals to give a slimmer, more modern feel to the monarchy.

But whatever the future holds for this ancient institution, we can be sure that it will differ significantly from what went before as we enter the new “Carolian” era, while also maintaining basic traditions.



Thank you to Penny for the insights into the coronation!

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