



The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link

*Loving
God,
Serving
People,
Growing
Community*

Coronation

May 2023

This is the first time in my life that a British monarch has been crowned and I am quite excited by it, although I recognise that not everyone shares my enthusiasm. Even if you are not a fan of the monarchy, we can all enjoy an extra Bank Holiday weekend and time with family and friends. There are lots of events going on around the villages, so here's hoping and praying for fine weather so that we can all enjoy ourselves.

The coronation service is rooted in a long tradition and will take place in Westminster Abbey which has been used for all coronations since William the Conqueror in 1066. The liturgy dates back to King Edward III's coronation in 1327 and draws deeply from the Bible, especially the Psalms. It promises to be a rich and dramatic mix of church ritual and state ceremony, incorporating themes that reflect the king's interests in the environment, community life, volunteering and service.

As you would expect with any formal event like a coronation, it is rich with symbols and meaning that overlap. There will be several changes of robes, each with their own significance, and the presentation of a sceptre, orb, spurs, bracelets, ring and rod, again each one symbolising an aspect of being King. As well as placing the crown on his head, the Archbishop of Canterbury will anoint the king with oil of Chrism. This is a specially prepared fragrant oil used in several Christian rituals. It is beautifully perfumed and vegan-friendly, reflecting King Charles's deep respect for the natural world.

Kings in the Bible were anointed with oil as a symbol of being set aside for service to their nation in maintaining peace, caring for creation and bringing reconciliation where needed. Themes that I think King Charles would embrace. Oil of Chrism is also used at Baptisms and is a symbol of new life and the gift of God's Holy Spirit, which enables and guides. All these

elements have deep and interwoven meanings as the new King accepts being set aside and equipped by God.

We hope that, like his mother, he will model himself on Jesus, the king who came to serve, not to be served, and as Defender of the Faith, will protect the free practice of all faiths. Although the King no

longer has the political power that he once had, he is still a figurehead, a focus of the nation's unity, and a point of stability in a changing political world. He will continue to visit communities, support charities and help to hold together the fabric of community life.

Similarly, we are all called to roles and responsibilities of one sort or another. That may be paid employment, caring for family members or

community service. We all have a role to play in maintaining the fabric of society and building strong communities. We can all do our bit to look after the natural world and our neighbours.

As we watch the pageantry and ritual on the 6th of May and reflect on the King's calling to serve our nation, I pray that we'll also reflect on how we can serve one another, work for peace and reconciliation and strengthen the ties that bind us as a community.

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MAY SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton		Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell	
7th	8.30am Coronation Service	10.00am Coronation Breakfast		8.30am Coronation Service	10.30am Coronation Service		8.30am BCP Comm	10:30am Coronation Service
14th		10.30am Communion	9:00am Communion			10.30am Communion		
21st	8.30am BCP Comm	10.00am Morning Worship		10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion			8.30am Communion
28th		10.30am Communion				10.30am Communion		8.30am Communion

Ratley, Edgehill and Upton
Coronation Celebrations...

God Save The King

A weekend of events and activities to mark the coronation

Friday 5th May 5.30pm at Ratley Village Hall

Ratley and District Youth Club invite people to enjoy tea and sandwiches provided by our young people.

Sunday 7th May at Ratley church & churchyard

10.30am A special coronation family service

12.00 noon Picnic and Fun in the Churchyard

Bring a picnic, dress fit for a king, games and activities.

Drinks refreshments provided or BYOB.

3.00pm King's Tree planting and dedication in the churchyard.



Charity Pop-Up Board Games Café

Friday 19th May at 7.00pm at

The Swan Function room Kineton



Do you want to build an empire, raid the arc, stay in the hive, construct a town, save the world, decorate the palace of the King of Portugal, pig out, find the gold, etc?

If you love board games, then come and join us for a charity board game evening

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Adults and ages 14+ only
(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)

This is a **free event**, but (if you are able) there will be the opportunity to make a donation to the foodbank.

No meal is being provided, but food can be ordered from KitchOut at the Swan at bit.ly/kitchout.

We'll plan to eat at 7 and start playing at 7.30. It helps our planning if we know numbers, so please register for a place on Eventbrite (see QR code) or with Charlotte at charlotte_helene93@hotmail.com



CORONATION SERVICES 7TH MAY

Special services celebrating the coronation of King Charles

8:30am Radway

8:30am Kineton

10.30am Ratley

10:30am Shotteswell



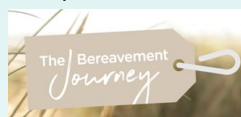
THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

Mondays, 2-3:30pm from 15th May at the Bereavement Café in the Scout hut, Kineton

This five-session course is for anyone who is bereaved, whether recently or dating back several years. It is suitable for people of all faiths and beliefs and designed to help you work through your grief and loss.

For more information or to book your free place email

Helen at hjg.01@me.com



RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm in the Village Hall

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



TEA & CHAT

Friday 26th May 3pm-4.30pm
in Ratley Village Hall

Come and meet up with neighbours and friends for a chat and catch up. Cost £1.00



THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2-3pm Scout Hut, Kineton

Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. Come and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat.

More info from Dr Helen Gunton on helengunton1@gmail.com



BLOKES CURRY NIGHT

Tues 23rd May at 7.00 pm

Shukurs on Bridge Street

An excuse to go for a curry, have a beer, and put the world to rights!
To Book a place, use the QR code or contact Barry

at barry@edgehillchurches.org

We hope you can join us.



CONNECT

A life group for 12-15 year olds on
Films, video clips, pizza, chill & chat about God, life, the universe and everything.

Next Meeting: Sun 7th May 6 to 7:30pm

