

News for the Pews

Date: **14th May 2023**

Sunday: **Sixth Sunday of Easter**



News and Views

Those of us who watched the TV coverage of the Coronation last Saturday were amazed at the size and magnificence of the event. In every aspect quality and accuracy were of the best. But not all past coronations at Westminster Abbey have been of such quality:

Richard II introduced the royal procession at his coronation in 1377; from the Tower of London to Westminster he rode on horseback at the age of 10.

George IV so disliked his wife Caroline of Brunswick that he had her barred from his coronation in 1812. She did turn up and tried several times to get into Westminster Abbey, but eventually left, uncrowned.

Queen Victoria's coronation wasn't all plain sailing. Only the sub-dean and Victoria herself had been fully prepared for the occasion while other people with important roles to perform were left in the dark. One bishop told the Queen it was all over when there was still some way to go in the five-hour ceremony and she had to be called back. A peer fell down the stairs while trying to pay homage to Victoria and a ring was forced onto her wrong finger.

And in case you hadn't yet heard, The King has a frog named after him. It's an Ecuadorian stream tree frog, first identified by Luis A Coloma, an Ecuadorian scientist. In 2009 he collected specimen in the wild at a private reserve in Ecuador. He named it *Hyloscirtus princecharlesi* in honour of the then Prince's work to preserve tropical forests and raise political and financial support for the conservation of tropical forests in developing countries.

Looking ahead

This coming Sunday, 14th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship at Napton

10.30am Communion in the Methodist tradition at Stockton

10.30am CW Communion at Priors Marston

5.00pm Evensong at Priors Hardwick

Readings for the week: Acts 17: 22-31 John 14:15-21

AND – THURSDAY 18TH MAY – ASCENSION DAY

7.00PM AT PRIORS HARDWICK FOR ALL SIX PARISHES

This will be a 'carol service' style of worship in which we examine the importance of The Ascension.

Peter Jackson will preach.

Dr Gerard Hyland will be here to play.

There will be a short performance by the Handbell ringers

And Mulled Wine and Easter Biscuits to follow.

Wednesday 24th May, 10.00am – BCP Holy Communion at Lower Shuckburgh

Services next Sunday:

Next Sunday, 21st May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00 am – BCP Holy Communion at Priors Hardwick

10.30 am – CW Holy Communion at Napton

10.30 am – Morning Worship at Priors Marston

4.00 pm – Messy Church at Priors Marston

God bless,

(For more details of events and diary dates, see our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk or the parish magazines)