

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

The coronation of King Charles III was a magnificent display of pageantry that may be a once in a lifetime experience for many of us with a rare outing of the crown jewels from the safety of the Tower of London to Westminster Abbey. The St. Edward's Crown used in the coronation ceremony to crown the king is valued around £40 million but this was exchanged with the Imperial State Crown with a value of around £4 billion before King Charles III left the Abbey. The sceptre and rod presented to the king symbolise the authority and pastoral care of the monarch for his people. Our sceptre upholds the cross on top of the most precious diamond in the world, the Cullinan 1 valued around £400 million. The sceptre reminds us that God's laws should be the laws of this land and symbolises the prophetic words of Joseph to his sons of the coming Messiah, Jesus (Genesis 49:10):

"The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until He to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be His".

The rod represents a club used by shepherds to fight wild animals and keep the flock on good pasture whilst the dove at the top of the rod symbolises the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us as in Psalm 23:4:

"You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me".

Amongst all the gold and precious jewels, did you notice at the beginning of the coronation ceremony, King Charles III was presented with the most valuable thing the world affords... a Bible! I wonder if he is keeping it safely along with the rest of the crown jewels in the Tower of London? Psalm 119:11 tells us where we should keep our Bibles safely:

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you".

God bless,

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Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:

Sunday gatherings: 10:00am on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings: Mondays 9:30-10:30am prayer on Zoom: please let us know any prayer requests. Thursdays 11:00am-12:30 Worship at South Bristol Christian Centre, 5 Churchlands Road, Bristol BS3 3PW. Fellowship meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. We also offer a range of bible courses that can be arranged at a time to suit you. More details are on our facebook page and web site, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Ukrainian Hub: Please continue to hold these broken families and Ukraine in your prayers.

Keynsham Food Bank: The following can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: Chick peas, Peanut butter, Squash, Sponge puddings, Instant custard sachets, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Razors, UHT milk (semi-skimmed, and whole). If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help.

A number of food banks in Bristol are running seriously short of food so if you shop in Bristol, please consider donating food in the baskets at supermarkets in the City.

Lonely or self-isolating? If anyone is lonely or self-isolating and would appreciate a call, internet meeting or in need of help, please contact us.

To join us online on Zoom: Click on the link on our facebook page / web site or use the Meeting ID: 871 1725 3595 and Passcode: 578732.

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