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THE CORONATION

The coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey reflects a new era of monarchy following the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

The last time Britain held a coronation ceremony was on a very rainy 2 June 1953. The 27-year-old Queen Elizabeth was crowned sixteen months after she had become queen. Four-year-old Prince Charles received a special handwritten invitation to the spectacle.

In his mind, for most of his life, King Charles III has been preparing for his coronation. No British prince has ever waited longer, Charles will be the oldest new monarch in history. The moment the Queen died, the throne passed

immediately and without ceremony to the heir, Charles, the former Prince of Wales.

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Plans for this historic occasion have been in place for many years under the codename 'Operation Golden Orb'. The weekend of celebration will include a special coronation concert at Windsor

Castle, a 'Big Lunch' bringing communities together and 'The Big Help Out' celebrating the impact of volunteering across the nation.

But the symbolic high point of the accession will be the coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, when Charles is formally crowned. Pageantry, tradition, religion and ceremony will combine to create a spectacular occasion.

For over 950 years coronations have been held in Westminster Abbey – William the Conqueror being the first monarch to be crowned there in 1066, whilst Charles will be the fortieth. Alongside him will be Camilla, Queen Consort. They will be crowned and anointed with oil after having travelled from Buckingham Palace through the London streets past thousands of cheering supporters in the magnificent Gold State Coach.