

The Coronation Ceremony

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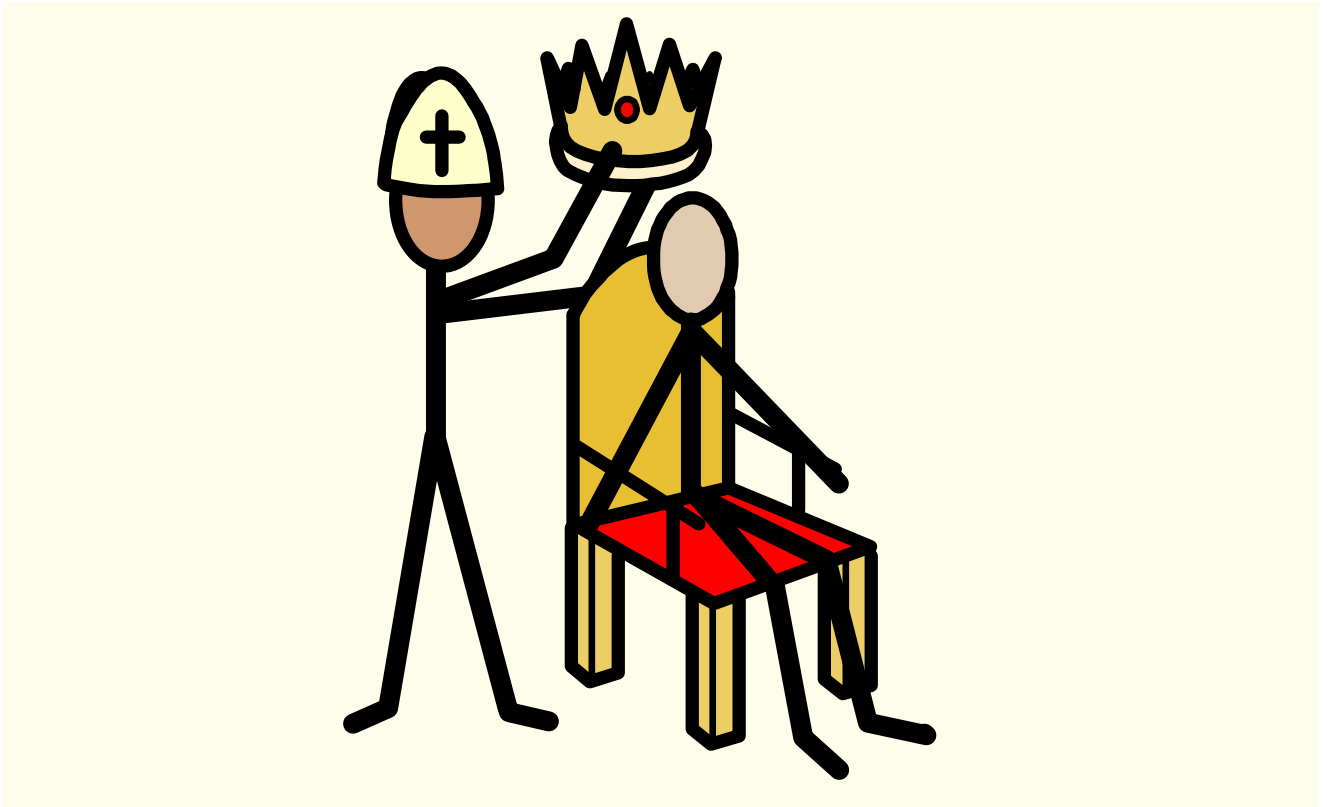
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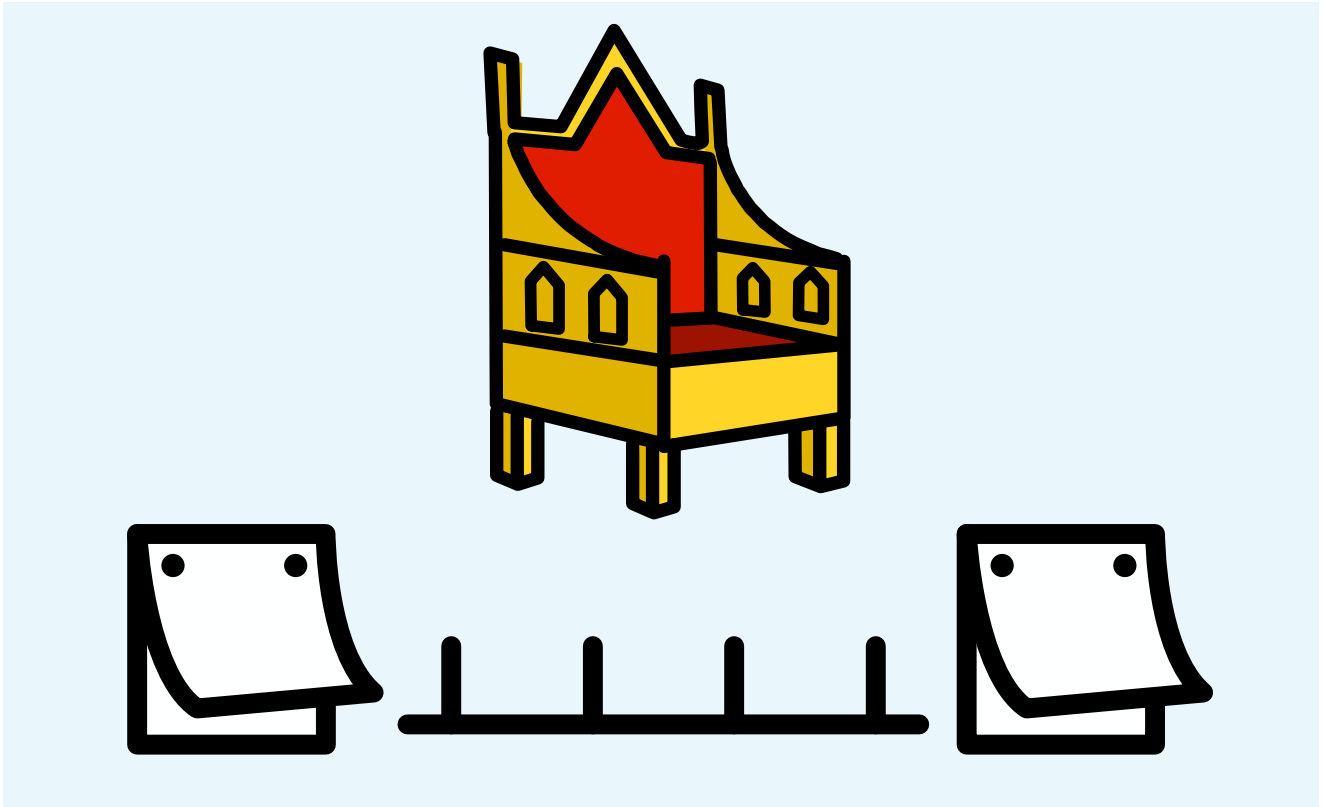


A coronation is a very special ceremony.

A king or queen is given the crown of a country.

The ceremony is full of pageantry.

The ceremony is solemn and religious.

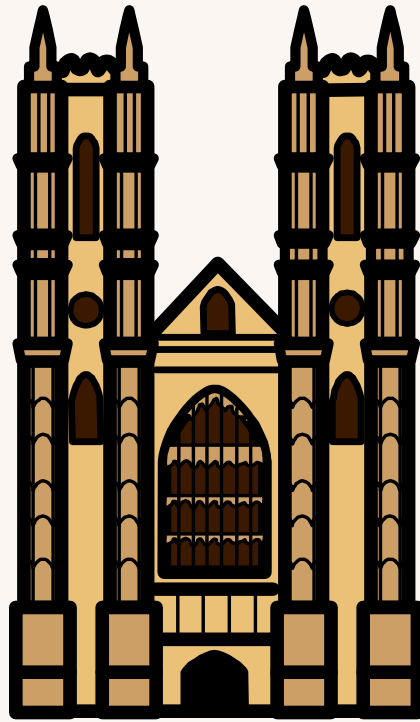


A new monarch reigns as the previous one dies.

This is called accession.

The coronation requires time and planning.

Time is needed to organise the ceremony.

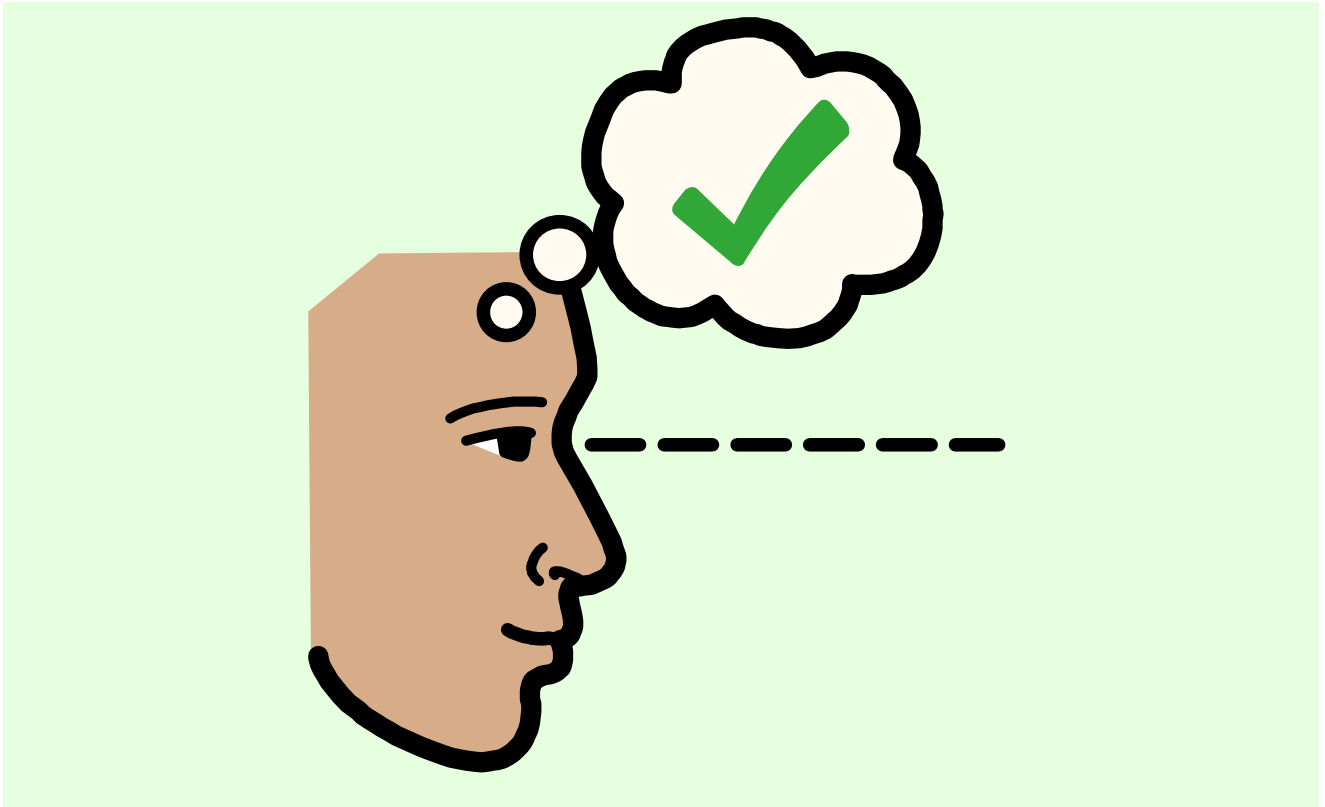


British monarchs are crowned in Westminster Abbey.

This tradition is over 900 years old.

Harold II was crowned here in 1066.

The Archbishop of Canterbury conducts the ceremony.



The first part of the coronation is called recognition.

King Charles is presented to the people.

He stands in the central part of Westminster Abbey.

Charles will turn to each of the 4 directions.



The second part is the coronation oath.

Charles will promise to reign according to the law.

Charles will make a declaration at the altar.

Charles will kiss the Bible and sign the oath.

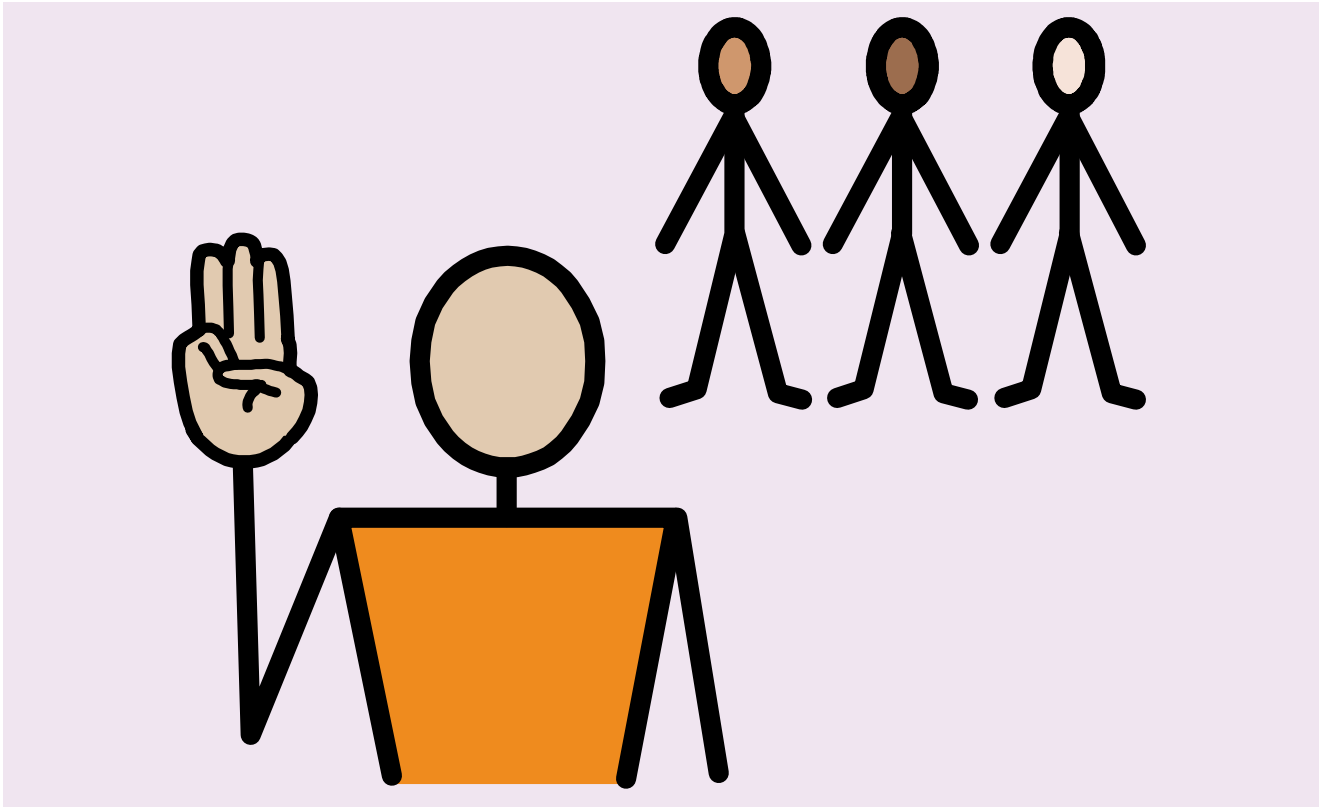


The anointing with oil is a religious ceremony.

King Charles will sit on King Edward's Chair.

The Archbishop pours holy oil into the spoon.

He anoints Charles on his hands, breast and head.

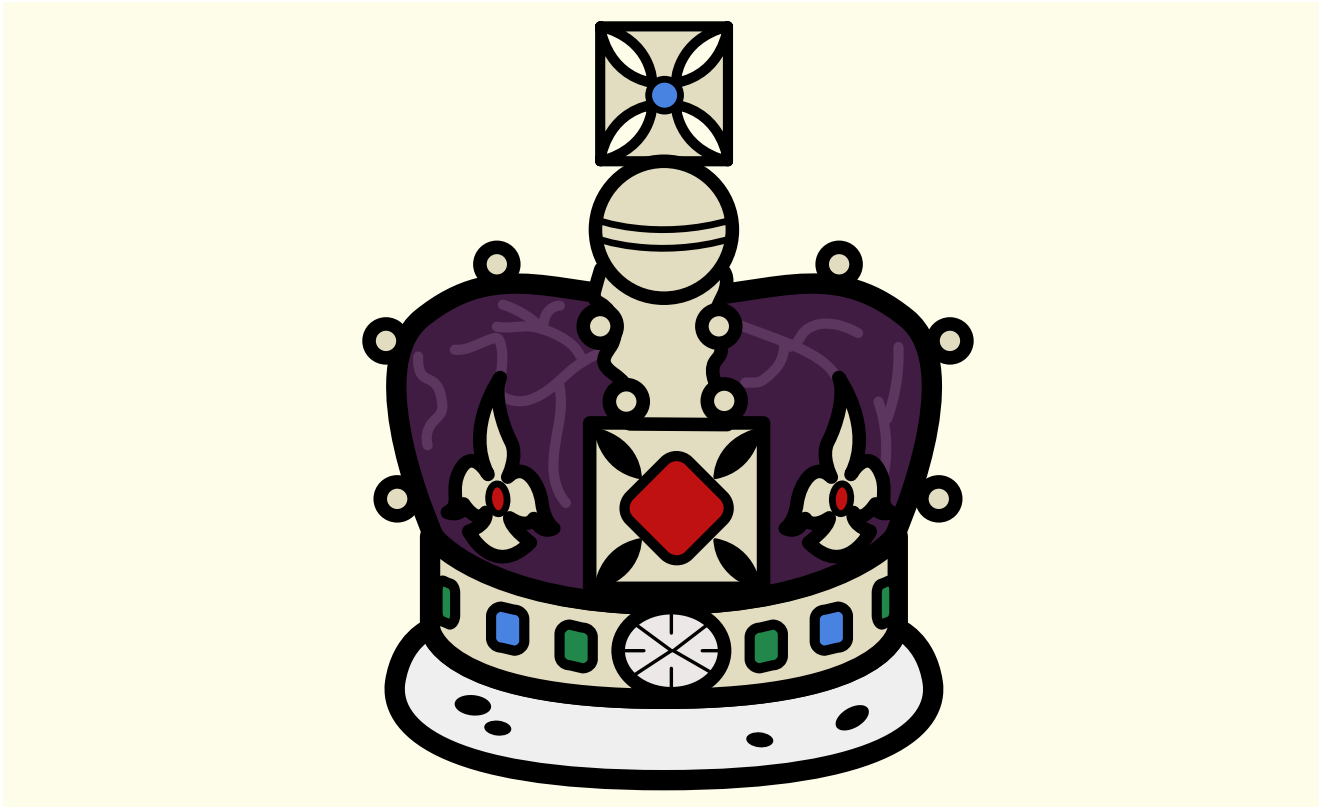


The fourth part is the investiture and crowning.

King Charles will put on the royal robe.

Charles will be given the orb and the sceptre.

The Archbishop places the crown on Charles' head.

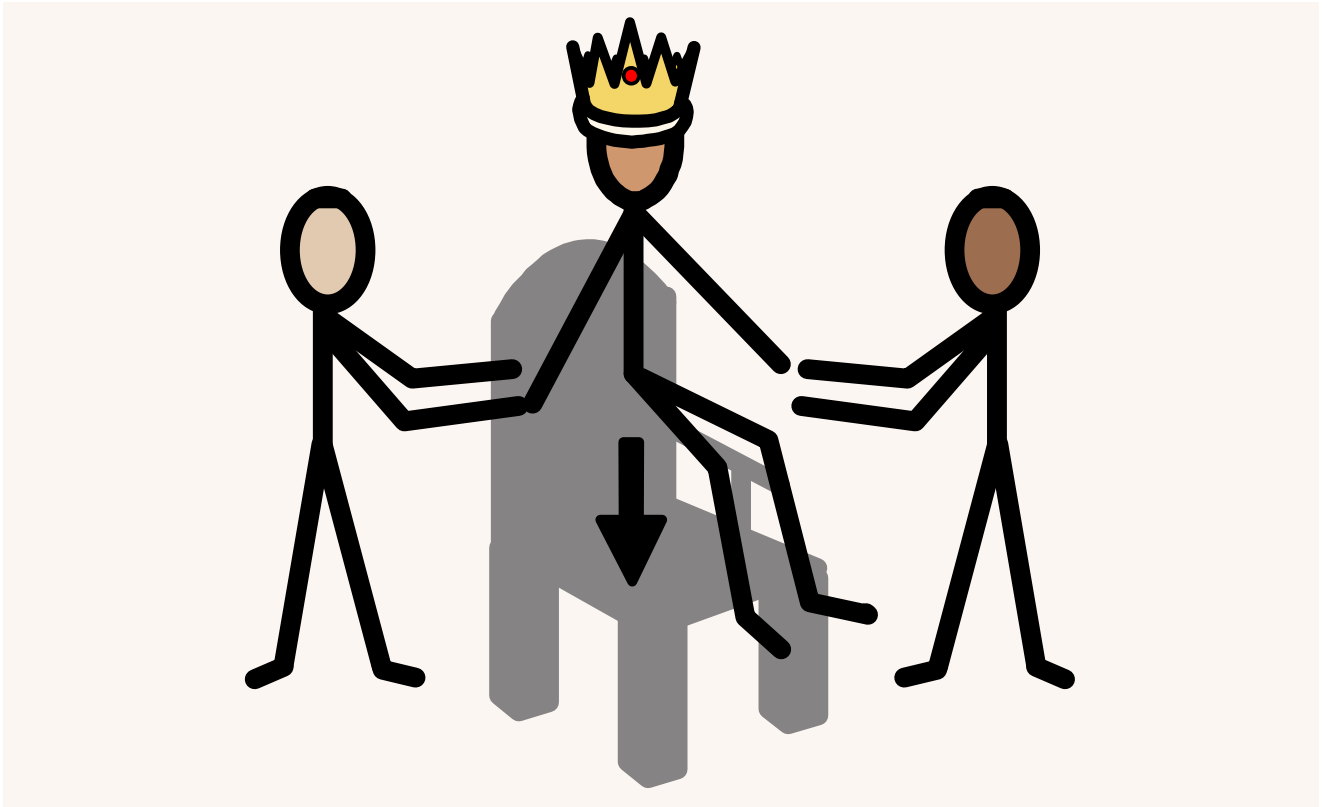


The royal crown is a symbol of power and authority.

The sceptre is topped with a cross and a dove.

The orb represents the world and the cross represents God.

The monarch is God's representative on Earth.

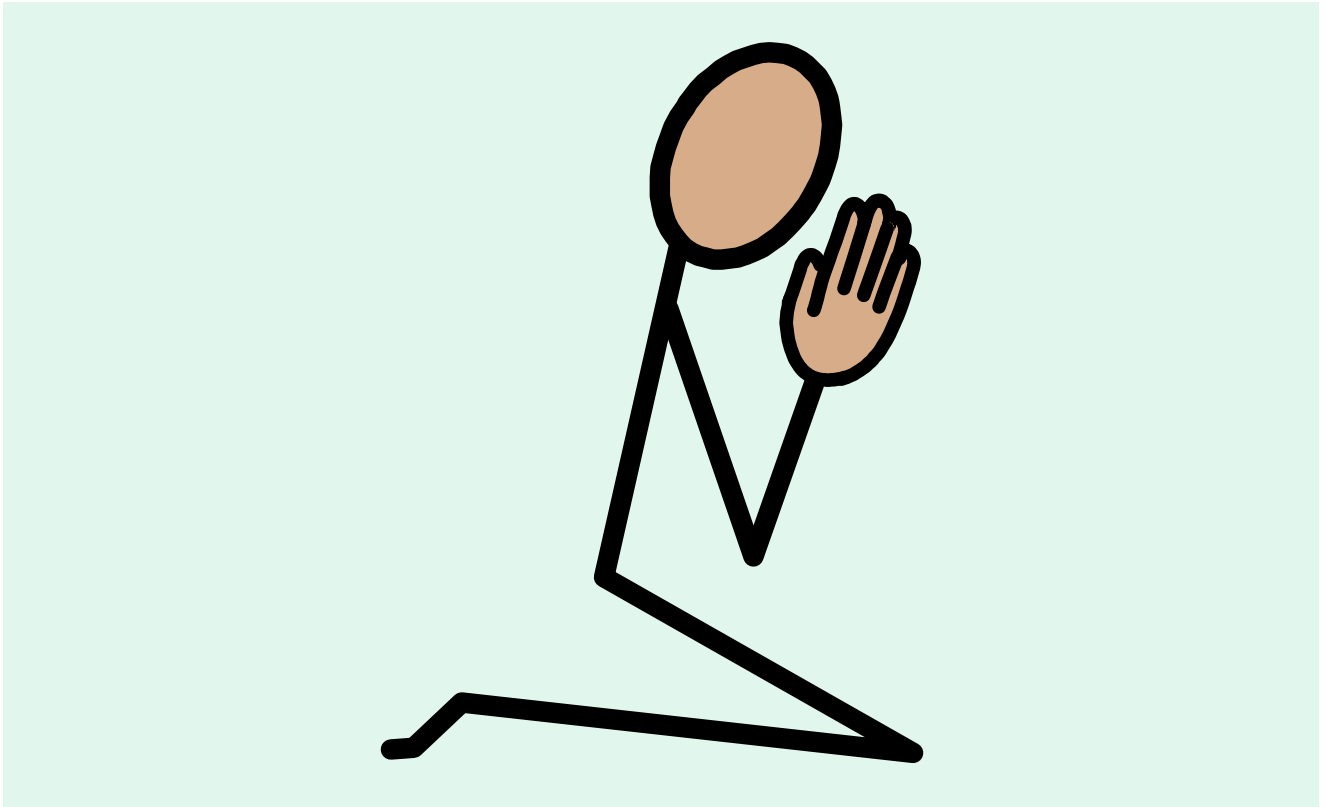


The fifth part of the coronation is the enthroning.

Charles will ascend the steps of the throne.

Charles will be holding the sword of state.

Charles will be lifted onto the throne.

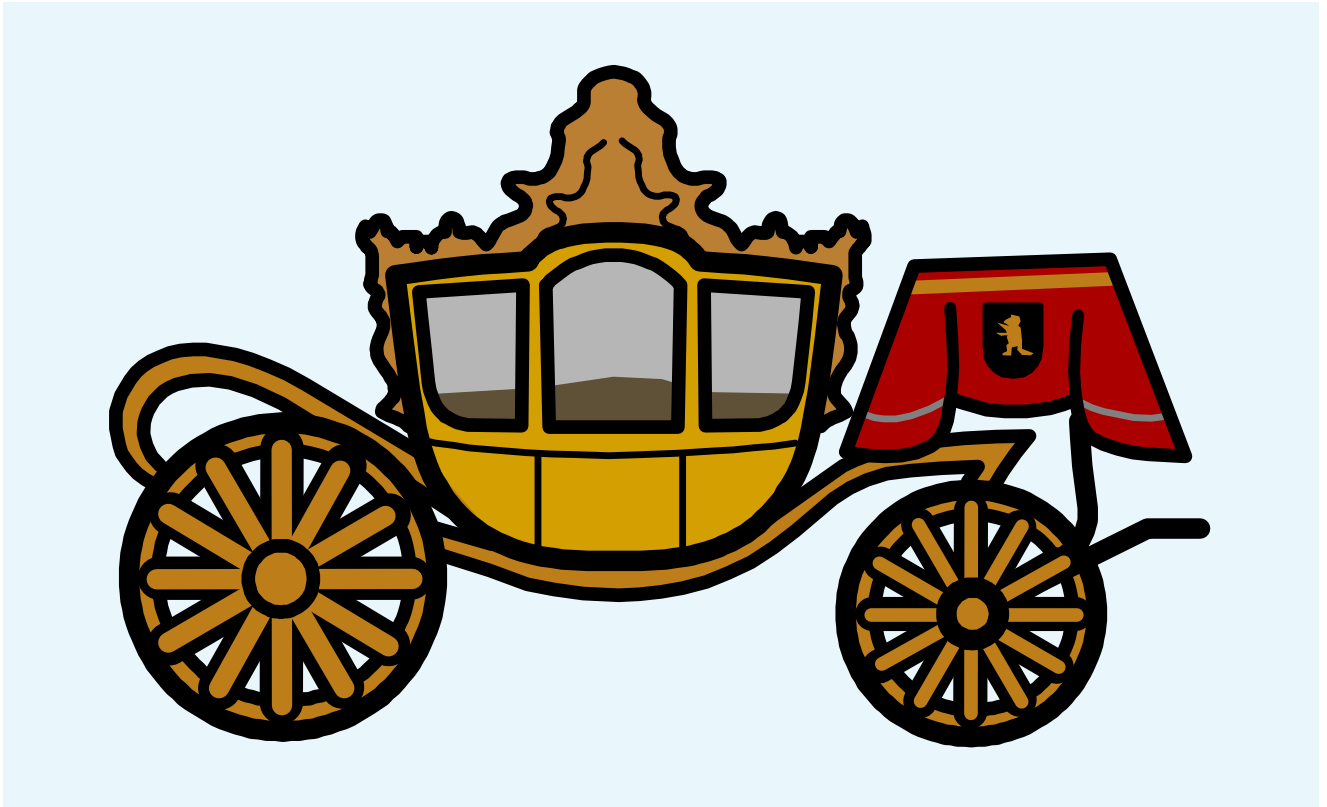


The final part of the coronation is called homage.

Key figures will pay tribute to the King.

They include the Archbishop and the Prince of Wales.

They will kiss the King's right hand.



The Gold State Coach was commissioned in 1760.

It was first used for the coronation of George IV.

The coach weighs 4 tonnes.

The coach is pulled by eight horses.



Queen Elizabeth II died on 8th September 2022.

Elizabeth had been the Queen for 70 years.

Charles then immediately became the King.

He is known as King Charles III.

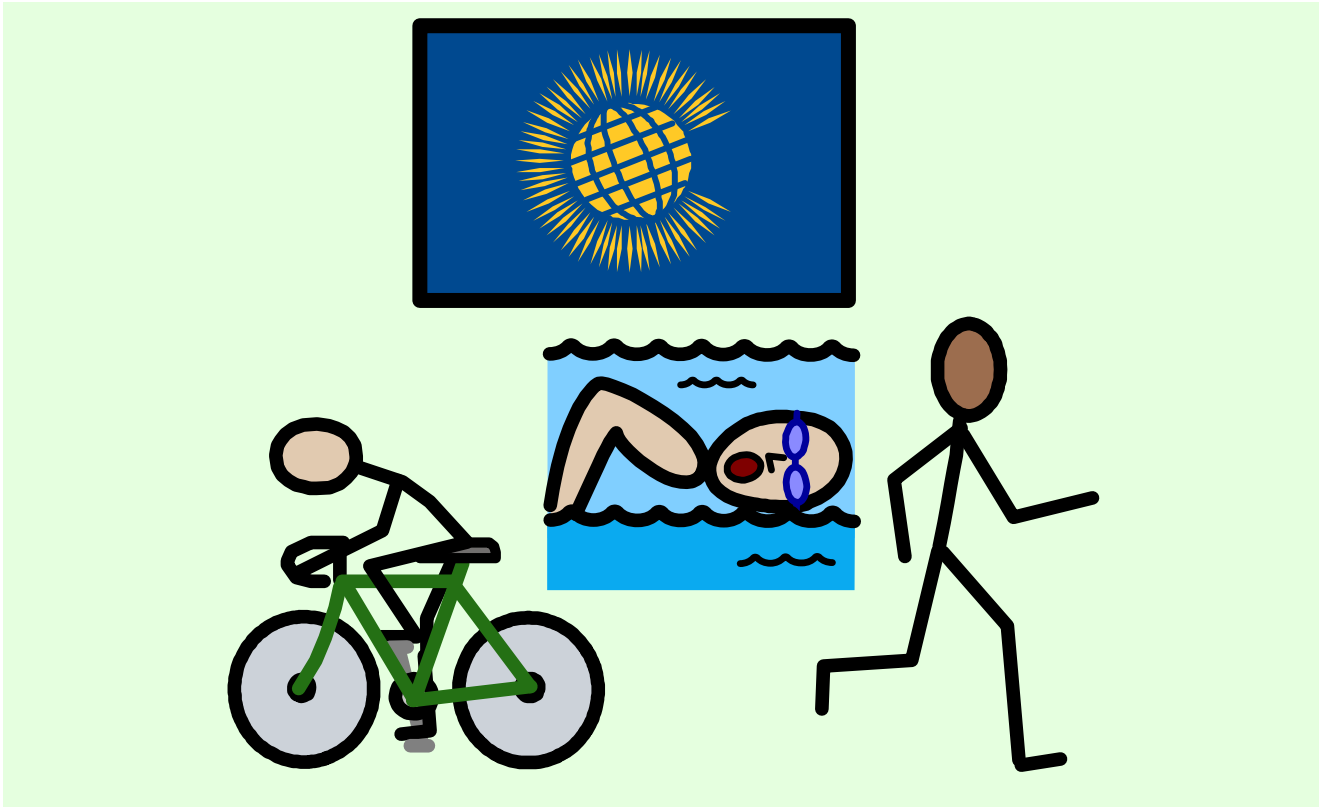


King Charles will be crowned King on 6th May 2023.

The ceremony will happen in Westminster Abbey.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will crown him.

Over 3000 people will be present for the coronation.



King Charles has many important jobs.

He travels to many other countries.

He opens events such as the Commonwealth Games.

King Charles visits many events for charities.