

Arguably, the issue that has remained closest to the King's heart is his concern for the environment, which dates to at least 1970, when he delivered a speech on the "horrifying effects" of all forms of pollution and called attention to the threat posed by "indestructible plastic containers." Since then he has often highlighted the need for rapid action on global warming. He has also been a passionate champion of sustainability, not least through the efforts of his Prince's Foundation, inspired by his philosophy of harmony: "that by understanding the balance, the order and the relationships between ourselves and the natural world we can create a more sustainable future."

During the 2010s the attention of royal watchers in many ways shifted from Charles to his sons, whose high-profile "royal weddings" put them and their glamorous partners in the international spotlight. In 2011 William married Catherine Middleton, and in 2018 Harry married Meghan Markle.

His Majesty King Charles III delivered his inaugural address on 9 September 2022. In the televised speech he paid tribute to his mother's life and pledged "throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation." In addition, he conferred the title Prince of Wales upon his eldest son, William.

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The Coronation of HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III



His Majesty King Charles III, acceded to the throne on the death of his mother, HM Queen Elizabeth II, on 8 September 2022. After private schooling at Buckingham Palace and in London, Hampshire, and Scotland, Charles entered Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1967. He took a bachelor's degree there in 1971, the first ever earned by an heir to the British crown. He also spent a term at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, learning Welsh in preparation for his investiture as Prince of Wales on July 1, 1969, at Caernarvon Castle. He then attended the Royal Air Force College and the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and from 1971 to 1976 took a tour of duty with the Royal Navy. Later he became an outspoken critic of modern architecture. He expressed his views on the topic in *A Vision of Britain* (1989). In 1992 he founded the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, which later became an organization involved with urban regeneration and development projects.

On 29 July 1981, Charles married Lady Diana Frances Spencer, daughter of the 8th Earl Spencer. The royal wedding was a global media event, broadcast live on television and watched by hundreds of millions of people; following the ceremony, she took the title Princess of Wales. The couple's first child, Prince William of Wales, born 2 June 1982 became at his birth second in line of succession to the throne. Their second child, Prince Henry, (known as Harry), was born on 15 September 1984.

Charles's marriage to Diana gradually grew strained amid intense scrutiny from the tabloid press. On December 9, 1992, it was announced that Charles and Diana had decided to separate but would continue to fulfil their public duties and to share the responsibility of raising their sons. The couple divorced on August 28, 1996. A year later Diana died in a car accident in Paris. The Prince of Wales subsequently spent much effort in modernizing his public image as the heir apparent. On 9 April 2005, he married Camilla Parker Bowles who took the title of Duchess of Cornwall.

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