## Coronation ceremony

**King Charles III will become the 40th reigning monarch to be crowned at Westminster Abbey since William I – William the Conqueror – in 1066**

### Coronation schedule

**King Charles** and **Queen Camilla** travel in **King's Procession** from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey in **Diamond Jubilee State Coach**

**Buckingham Palace**

200m / 650ft

THE MALL

WHITEHALL

ST JAMES'S PARK

**Westminster Abbey**

King's Procession includes 200 members of armed forces, with another 1,000 service personnel lining route

King's grandson, **Prince George of Wales**, and Camilla's three grandsons are among eight **Pages of Honour** tasked with carrying King and Queen's robes in procession through Abbey

During ceremony, Charles is anointed and crowned with **St Edward's Crown** – only time he will ever wear it. Camilla will be crowned with **Queen Mary's Crown**

King and Queen return to Buckingham Palace in **Gold State Coach. Coronation Procession** will feature 4,000 members of UK armed forces

Charles and Camilla, with members of Royal Family, appear on Buckingham Palace balcony to witness six-minute flypast
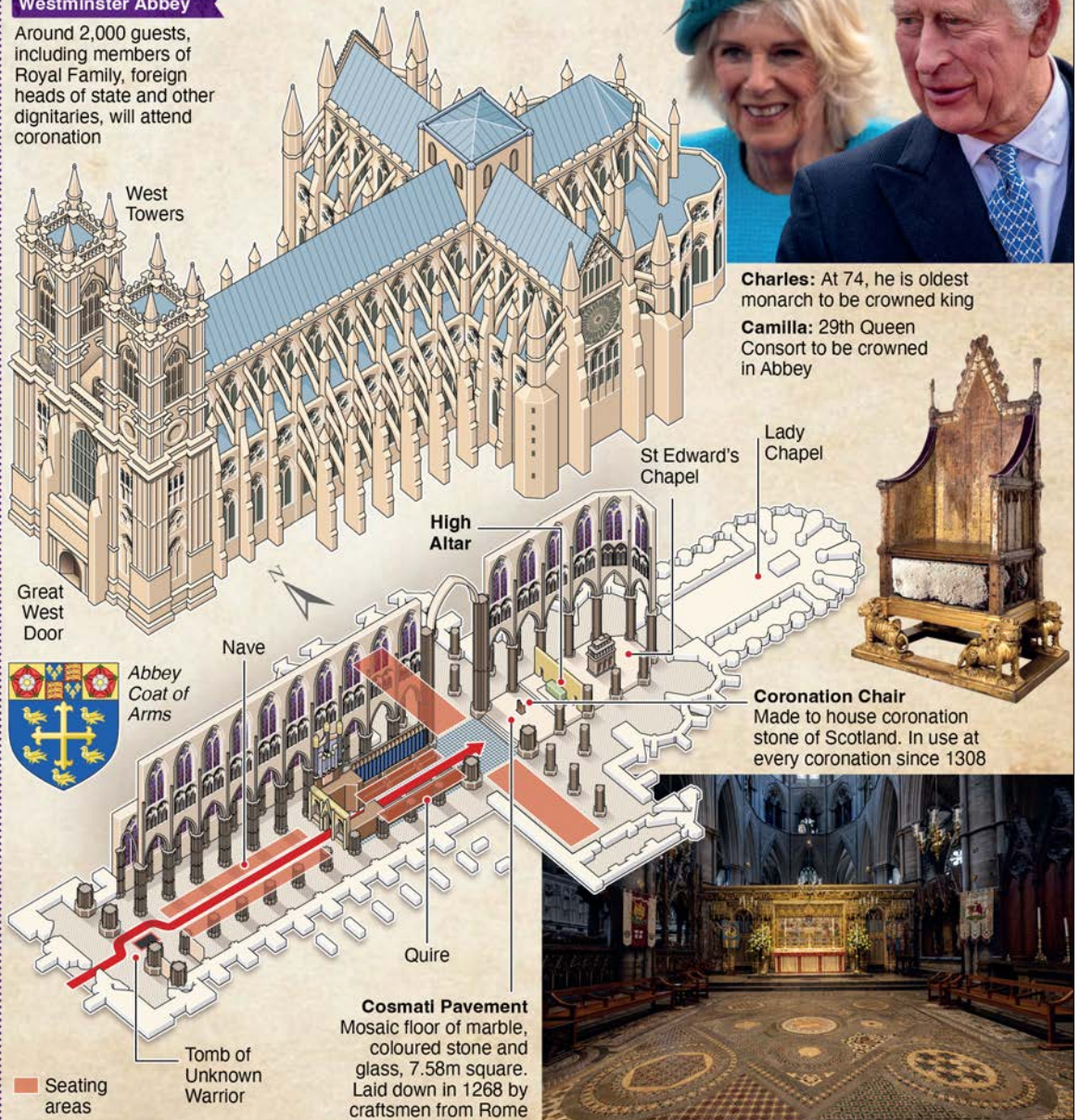
**Further celebrations include Windsor Castle concert and two days of community events**

### Westminster Abbey

Around 2,000 guests, including members of Royal Family, foreign heads of state and other dignitaries, will attend coronation

West Towers

Great West Door

Abbey Coat of Arms

Nave

High Altar

St Edward's Chapel

Lady Chapel

Quire

Tomb of Unknown Warrior

Seating areas

**Charles:** At 74, he is oldest monarch to be crowned king

**Camilla:** 29th Queen Consort to be crowned in Abbey

**Coronation Chair**
Made to house coronation stone of Scotland. In use at every coronation since 1308

**Cosmati Pavement**
Mosaic floor of marble, coloured stone and glass, 7.58m square. Laid down in 1268 by craftsmen from Rome

# Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation ceremony has remained largely unchanged for 1,000 years and comprises five main parts – the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture, and the homage

## 1 RECOGNITION

Sovereign is presented to those gathered in Westminster Abbey by **Archbishop of Canterbury**

Congregation shouts **God Save the King!** and trumpets sound

**CORONATION CHAIR**
**St Edward's Chair** used for every coronation since 14th century

**Stone of Scone**
Symbol of Scottish sovereignty seized by **Edward I** in 1296. It was returned to Scotland in 1996 on condition it would be used in future coronations

## 2 OATH

Only part of ceremony required by law – act passed in 1689

Monarch swears to uphold law and Church of England. Wording altered to reflect any changes in territorial composition of UK or Commonwealth

## 3 ANOINTING

Wearing plain white linen robe, monarch sits in Coronation Chair as hands, breast and head are anointed with holy oil. **Sacred moment will not be televised**

**AMPULLA**
Gold flask holds holy oil consecrated in Jerusalem. Secret recipe known to include orange flowers, roses, jasmine and cinnamon

**CORONATION SPOON**
Used to dispense oil. Oldest item in regalia, dating to 12th century

## 4 INVESTITURE

King dressed in **Supertunica** – gold silk robe – and presented with symbolic ornaments including **Jewelled Sword of Offering** (left)

After receiving **Stole** and **Imperial Mantle**, king receives **Sovereign's Orb** (left) – reminder that monarch's power is from God – **Sovereign's Ring** (above), **Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove** and **Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross**

Investiture culminates with archbishop placing **St Edward's Crown** on king's head

## 5 HOMAGE

King rises from Coronation Chair and sits on separate throne. Archbishop and other senior bishops kneel before him to swear allegiance, followed by peers of realm who pay respects in order of seniority, starting with **Prince of Wales**

**Liber Regalis**
Elements of coronation ceremony set out in manuscript of 1382

**Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove**
Represents monarch's spiritual role

**St Edward's Crown**
Weighing 2.2kg, made of solid gold with 444 precious and semiprecious stones

**Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross**
Linked to good governance

**Cullinan I**
530-carat diamond

**Stone of Scone**

**Imperial Mantle**
Woven in coloured threads, featuring crowns, fleur-de-lis, eagles, roses, thistles and shamrock. Made for coronation of **George IV** in 1821

**Supertunica**
Made for coronation of **George V** in 1911. Worn by **George VI** in 1937 and **Elizabeth II** in 1953

**Cullinan II**
317-carat diamond

**Stole**
Embroidered band of gold silk, remade for late Queen in 1953

### WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**King Charles** and **Queen Camilla** will be crowned in front of 2,000 guests, including members of Royal Family, foreign heads of state and other dignitaries

### CROWNING OF QUEEN CONSORT

Simpler ceremony involves anointing queen's head with holy oil and investing her with regalia, including crown

**QUEEN MARY'S CROWN**
Controversial **Koh-i-Noor** diamond replaced by other Cullinan diamonds

*Koh-i-Noor set in crown for coronation of **Queen Mary** in 1911*

Once queen is crowned, she is enthroned

**Queen Consort's Ring**

### CORONATION PROCESSION

King Charles III, now wearing **Imperial State Robe** of purple velvet and **Imperial State Crown** (left), and Queen Camilla leave Abbey in **Gold State Coach**

King and Queen, with other members of Royal Family, make appearance on balcony of Buckingham Palace

Built in 1762, and notoriously uncomfortable

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