

THE PROCLAMATION - King Charles III

Sunday 11 September 2022 13.00hrs

Chester Town Hall, Northgate Street, Chester CH1 2HJ

CITY OF CHESTER BAND - 'Praise' by Wilfred Heaton

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT - Lady Alexis Redmond

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, I thank you for coming together this afternoon following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest-reigning Monarch. A copy of this Order of Service is available on the Council's website.

But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the centuries the Crown has passed in line of succession. Today's ceremony marks the formal Proclamation to the people of Cheshire of the beginning of our new King's reign.

It is now my duty to introduce the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Jeannie France Hayhurst who will read the Accession Proclamation.

THE HIGH SHERIFF OF CHESHIRE - Mrs Jeannie France Hayhurst

Yesterday the Accession Council met at St. James's Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign. The flags which had flown at half-mast since The Queen's death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty's reign.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. It is that task which as High Sheriff of Cheshire I will in a few moments discharge here today.

The Proclamation of the new Sovereign is a very old tradition which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony does not create a new King. It is simply an announcement of the accession which took place immediately on the death of the

reigning monarch. Today is one of the first occasions when communities have an opportunity to come together and reflect on this moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

When I have read the Proclamation, I will present copies to the Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Mayors of Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington so that they in turn may read the Proclamation in their own communities within this County of Cheshire.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The Proclamation of the Accession.

HIGH SHERIFF TO READ THE PROCLAMATION

- At the end of which the High Sheriff says: God Save The King
- Official Guests repeat: God Save The King
- All present join-in saying: God Save The King

PRAYER FOR THE NEW MONARCH

Bishop of Chester The Right Reverend Mark Tanner

O God who gives us wisdom and power, to make your kingdom come, bless Charles Philip Arthur George thy servant, our King, as he governs this nation with integrity and justice.

Support him at this time of sadness and change, and give him patience and guidance to lead us forward with love and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF A CANDLE

The High Sheriff to light a candle as a sign of hope which the monarchy brings; it symbolises the birth of a new reign

PRAYER FOR THE NEW MONARCH

Bishop of Chester The Right Reverend Mark Tanner

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1. 78-79

The Lord is my light and my salvation:

may God make turn our darkness to be bright

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King,

long live our noble King,

God save the King!

Send him victorious,

happy and glorious,

long to reign over us;

God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store

on him be pleased to pour,

long may he reign:

May he defend our laws,

and ever give us cause

to sing with heart and voice,

God save the King!

BLESSING by Bishop of Chester

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King and the Royal Family,
the Commonwealth, and all nations, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING - High Sheriff of Cheshire

I would like to call for three cheers for His Majesty The King.

Three cheers to His Majesty the King

Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray!

PROCLAMATION SCROLLS:

I would now like to handout the ceremonial proclamation scrolls to the Borough Mayors and Chairman for Cheshire West and Chester Council and following this, the Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Council will hand out scrolls to the Town Mayor for west Cheshire.

On collecting their scrolls, Mayors will then return to their local areas to deliver their local Proclamations

Please can I now invite the Cheshire's Borough Mayors to come up individually to collect their scrolls.

- Mayor of Cheshire East
- Mayor of Halton
- Mayor of Warrington
- Chairman of Cheshire West and Chester Council

THE CHAIRMAN OF CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

Cllr Bob Rudd

Please can I now invite the Town Mayors from Cheshire West and Chester to come and up individually and collect their scrolls.

- Mayor of Ellesmere Port
- Mayor of Neston
- Mayor of Northwich
- Mayor of Winsford
- Lord Mayor of Chester

CLOSING

The Lord Mayor of Chester

On behalf of the City of Chester, please can I thank everyone here today for coming together to celebrate the life of the Late Queen Elizabeth II and to celebrate the Ascension of the New King Charles III. Today has been a unique moment in the history of our nation, borough and city. This ceremony marks the formal proclamation to the residents of Cheshire and the City of Chester and the beginning of our new King's reign.

I would now like to invite our distinguished guests and members of the public to join me in Chester Cathedral for personal time of reflection and to light a candle. Dean Tim and I will now lead the way.

'Prelude for an occasion' by Edward Gregson

City of Chester Band