



Northall Baptist Church – 200 years and still going.

A little Church with strong local links.

Long Live the King

Although we are sad about the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September, there was so much to celebrate about her life. Most of us only remembered the Queen as our Sovereign. I was only aged 2 and don't remember her father as King. Her funeral brought this country together and more or less to a standstill.

The outpouring of respect for her long life and service to this country! The pageant of the funeral procession was breath taking. But what was impressive was the Christian witness she made during her life – a life well-lived - and the amazing Christian focus both in Westminster Abbey and St. George's Chapel, Windsor. We are told that the Queen planned the whole of the events. She was determined to leave us all with a lasting impression of how she lived her life of commitment to her faith in Jesus.

She was ever conscious of the Bible verse written by St. Paul to the Romans, saying that 'there is no authority, except that which God has established'. The Queen was respected for her position as head of the Church of England and as head of this country and many others around the world and knew that God gave her that authority.

There were many Kings and Queens during the Bible years. It says about some that they did 'good' in the sight of God. Others did not. Many made mistakes but asked God for forgiveness. One of the best-known Kings in the Old Testament was King David. He was anointed by the prophet Samuel after God specifically pointed him out. He was the youngest of 7 sons of Jesse. God was looking at their hearts and rejected the older ones. After his anointing David challenged and won against Goliath, the giant. King Saul at that time told David that he was too young to fight as he was only a boy. But God was with him. God had given even a boy, the authority.



We sing the hymn 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed! Great David's greater son'. Jesus' earthly family tree can be traced back to King David. The hymn continues - For those who believe on Jesus, he will take away their transgressions and rule in equity.

That will be the day when all the trials and difficulties, wars and strife will end and peace will reign.

King Charles III has now been given the authority from God. We pray that he will take it as seriously as his Mother did and blessings will follow.

Our Sunday services are at 11 am. We'd love you to join us for our worship and song. You will get a warm welcome. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>
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