

King Charles Pre-Coronation Events: May 5

May 3-5, 2023

1. May 5, 2023: Commonwealth leaders gather at Buckingham Palace:

There were 42 attendees in total, including UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and prime minister of New Zealand Chris Hipkins. President Muhammadu Buhari of Nigeria and Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice-President of India also were at the Buckingham Palace.

From the royal family there were the king, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent.

Later, King Charles III, who is head of the Commonwealth, will also attend a Commonwealth Heads of Government leaders' meeting and garden reception at Marlborough House.

2. May 4, 2023: The Governor-General of Canada (Her Excellency the Rt. Hon. **Mary Simon**) and the following Canadian Indigenous Leaders were received by The King this afternoon: **Chief RoseAnne Archibald** (National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations), **Mr. Natan Obed** (President of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami) and **Ms. Cassidy Caron** (President of the Métis National Council).

The King of the Ashanti, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Asantehene, visited His Majesty. (Today, the Ashanti Kingdom survives as a constitutionally protected, sub-national traditional state in union with the Republic of Ghana. The current king of the Ashanti Kingdom is Otumfuo Osei Tutu II Asantehene. The Ashanti Kingdom is the home to Lake Bosumtwi, Ghana's only natural lake.)

Uyunkar Domingo Peas Nampichkai and **Ms. Atossa Soltani** (Amazonian Indigenous Leaders) were received by The King. They represented the Amazon Sacred Headwaters Initiative (<https://sacredheadwaters.org/>), an alliance of 30 indigenous nations from the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon. They presented HM King Charles III with a feathered crown in recognition of **The King's visionary leadership and commitment to rainforest protection and to restoring harmony between humanity and nature.**



Amazonian Indigenous Leaders Greet King Charles III

Members of Foreign Royal Families, Heads of State and Representatives from the Commonwealth were received and welcomed to the United Kingdom on behalf of The King.

Mrs. Gillian Norton (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, upon the Arrival of The Governor-General of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis and welcomed Her Excellency **Marcella Liburd** on behalf of The King.



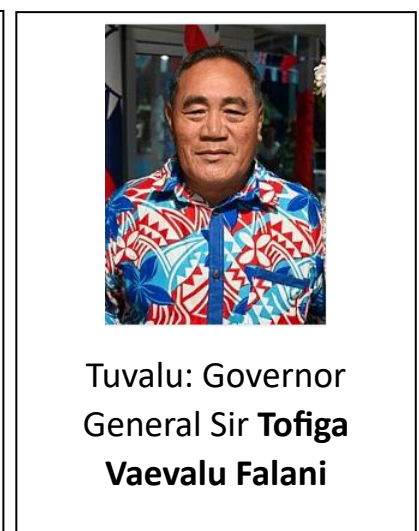
Mr. Neil Hart (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Grenada and welcomed Her Excellency **Dame Cécile Ellen Fleurette La Grenade** on behalf of His Majesty.



Mr. Simon Ovens (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Jamaica and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of The King.

Mrs. Julie Fosh (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex) was present at London Stansted Airport upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and welcomed His Excellency Honourable David Hurley on behalf of His Majesty.

Ms. Rosemary Prescott (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Tuvalu and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of The King.



3. May 3, 2023: The Rt. Hon. **Christopher Hipkins MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand**, received in audience by The King in the afternoon of 3rd May.

The Rt. Hon. **Rishi Sunak MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury)** had an audience of His Majesty.

Earlier The King and The Queen Consort gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of Buckingham Palace to celebrate Their Majesties' Coronation.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke of Kent were present.

His Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Band of the Welsh Guards and the Waterloo Band of The Rifles with support from the Salamanca Band of The Rifles played selections of music during the afternoon.

Mr. Harry Goring (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, today upon the Arrival of the Acting Governor-General of Saint Lucia and welcomed His Excellency **Errol Charles** on behalf of The King.



H.E. Errol Charles



*H.E. Dame Alcyion
Cynthia Kiro*

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Ms. Roxane Zand (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London) was present at St. Pancras International Railway Station today upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of New Zealand and welcomed Her Excellency **Dame Alcyion Cynthia (Cindy) Kiro** on behalf of His Majesty.

4. May 2, 2023: The Hon. **Anthony Albanese** MP (**Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia**) was received in audience by The King.

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau MP (Prime Minister of Canada) had an audience of His Majesty via video link.

Earlier The King and The Queen Consort this afternoon attended a Reception with **Members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons** at Westminster Hall, Palace of Westminster, London SW1, in advance of Their Majesties' Coronation, and were received at the North Door by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the **Lord Carrington**), the Lord Speaker (the **Lord McFall of Alcluith**), the Speaker of the House of Commons (the Rt. Hon. **Sir Lindsay Hoyle** MP) and the Lady Usher of the Black Rod (**Ms. Sarah Clarke**).

Governor General of Canada arrived in London to participate in the Coronation of King Charles III on May 2, 2023:



Mr. David Travis (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex) was present at Stansted Airport, London, upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Canada and welcomed Her Excellency **Mary Simon** on behalf of The King.
