

**What's happening
in the news?**



Let's have a look at the poster

King Charles III



Who is Britain's new King?



Let's look at the story



The UK has a new monarch, following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. From now on, the Queen's eldest son will be known as King Charles III. His wife, Camilla, becomes the Queen Consort, which is a term used for the partner of the King.

Prior to her funeral, the Queen's coffin was taken to Parliament's Westminster Hall, where tens of thousands of people queued to pay their respects. The queue reached about 5 miles long with wait times of up to 16 hours.




Learn more about this story [here](#).


Watch the useful video [here](#).




Look at the information below, which shares more about King Charles III.

Who is King Charles III?

 Charles III was born on the 14th November 1948 at Buckingham Palace. His full name is Charles Philip Arthur George Windsor.

 Charles III has a younger sister, Anne, and two younger brothers, Andrew and Edward. In 1952, when Prince Charles was just three years old, his mother became Queen Elizabeth II. From then on, he became first in line to the British throne.

 On the 8th September 2022, at the age of 73, Prince Charles became King Charles III. He has taken on many new roles, which include receiving daily documents from the government and meeting the prime minister every week.

I've had this extraordinary feeling, for years and years, ever since I can remember really, of wanting to heal and make things better. I feel more than anything else, it's my duty to worry about everybody and their lives in this country, to try to find a way of improving things if I possibly can.

King Charles III, 2013, in a Time magazine interview.



Pictured above: Prince Charles on his Tour of Wales in July, 1969



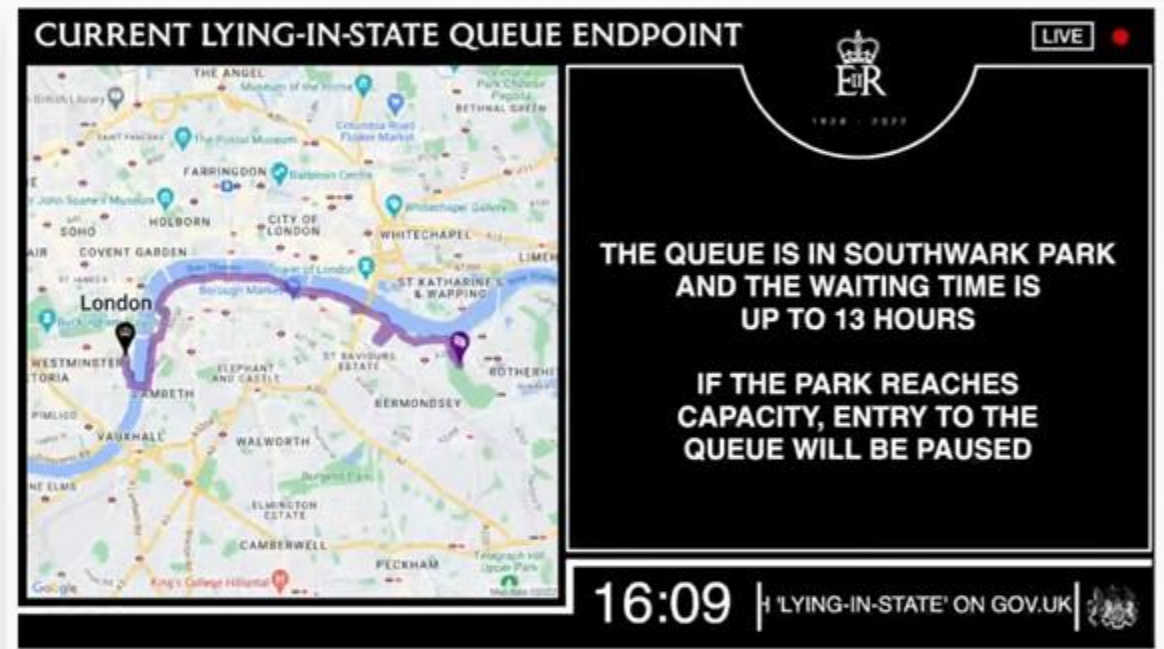
Read more about what's thought to be the world's longest queue.

Why were people queuing and for how long?

Thousands of people joined a queue, which at times reached around 5 miles long, to pay their respects to the Queen, whose coffin was at Westminster Hall. Ambulance teams had to treat members of the public along the route of the queue. The majority of incidents were people fainting from having to stand for so long. The route was lined with Portaloos so queuers were able to use the toilet whilst waiting.



Former footballer, David Beckham, who queued for around 12 hours.



Pictured above: The online tracker, used for monitoring the queue.

We all want to be here together, we all want to experience something where we celebrate the amazing life of our Queen and I think something like this today is meant to be shared together.



Main question

Who is Britain's new King?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- > Look at the poster image and talk about the recent news regarding the new King, King Charles III. Share what you already know about him.
- > Read through the news story and discuss how you think he might be feeling at this time in his new role.
- > Read the information found on Resource 1 and watch the useful video, which provides further details about the new King.
- > King Charles was officially proclaimed King on Saturday 10th September. This happened at St James's Palace in London, in front of a ceremonial body known as the Accession Council. There are many traditions in this ceremony, including trumpets playing a royal salute to announce the King's arrival onto the balcony and flags that had been at half-mast, for the Queen's death, were fully raised. The new national anthem was performed, with the new words of "God Save our King". Resource 2 looks at the huge queue to visit the Queen's coffin before her funeral.
- > Are you surprised to learn how many people wanted to visit and pay their respects? Was it more or less than you might have expected? Talk about why you think so many people wanted to queue for so long. Have you ever queued for a long time for something that was important to you?

Useful Weblinks

- > News story:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-59135132>
- > Useful video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE2hblNNTrc