

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus for 2023 by the President

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TEACHING

The death of our longest serving monarch, Elizabeth II, on 8 September only two days after she installed her 15th prime minister, was a very remarkable *prophetic* event indeed. This in respect of our understanding that the Royal British Throne is descendent from the Throne of David and especially at the Age-end phase of history prior to the return of Jesus Christ to take-up *this very throne*. It was also hugely significant that our first Platinum Jubilee monarch should end her reign in Scotland where the Coronation Stone, '**Jacob's Pillar**,' is held at Edinburgh Castle. This Stone will be returned for the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday, 6 May – this within one month of the 70th anniversary of the coronation of Elizabeth II on 2nd June, 1953.

The United Kingdom was coming under increasing constitutional pressure in Northern Ireland over the Protocol with EU as the centenary of the Irish Free State was passed on 11 December. Added to

the constitutional pressure, the First Minister in Scotland announced on 28 June (Versailles Peace Treaty date in 1919) that the devolved Scottish Government intended to hold another referendum on independence on 19 October, 2023 – **the date proposed would have been 390 solar days (Ten Tribes trouble) from the State Funeral of Elizabeth II**. The Westminster Government refused permission so the Scottish Government appealed to the Supreme Court. After a two day hearing in October, justices said they had *8,000 pages of documents* to review, but would rule as soon as possible. The case against was clear for, just six weeks later, the five judges made their decision and ruled that Scotland cannot hold a referendum without Westminster's backing.

As well as the change of monarch, no less than three British prime ministers were in office during 2022 and with the arrival of over 45,000 illegal migrants in small unsafe boats across the English Channel and numerous strikes going on over

Christmas by workers in the public services, a sense of an out of control National Emergency in the country was apparent as the year came to an end. **In a poll, 57% of the public said that "nothing works any more" in Britain.** Also, a quarter of people polled voted "don't know" including a predominant view that no one can really solve the problem of the economy and inflation. It is obvious that we are approaching a very significant political turning point in 2023, just as the first Coronation and anointing of a new monarch in 70 years takes place for the British Royal Throne.

What we said at the opening of Our Focus last year needs repeating now with much greater emphasis: "From our standpoint as Watchmen we need to recall the words of Jesus recorded by St Luke in his Gospel that when we see the great signs presaging the end of the Age *begin* to come to pass, with men's hearts failing them for fear, that we should '**look up, and lift up our heads, for (y)our Redemption draweth nigh.**'"

This is revealed by the mounting spiritual onslaught against the true Israel people in the covenant nations which is taking the form of a tsunami under the name of 'institutional racism.' The following comment by Douglas Murray published in

the *Daily Telegraph* on 9 December appeared, most appropriately, at the eve of the 86th anniversary of the Abdication of King Edward VIII on 10 December, 1936 – or 2 x 12 x 1290 solar days, significant of government linked to desolation.

America's race-obsessed elites have declared war on British institutions

Our universal tolerance and respect for duty are anathema to those who benefit from racial divides

DOUGLAS MURRAY

What does America have against the Royal family? Strangely enough, given the history, in the main the answer is "almost nothing." I was in the States when Queen Elizabeth II died and was struck by the surge of public sentiment there. Many of the American broadcasters were likewise surprised by the extraordinary welling-up of feeling that occurred in the US. As Robert Hardman has observed, she felt like "our Queen," of course, but also "the Queen of the World." Nowhere more so than in America. When the news of her death broke, American audiences demanded wall-to-wall coverage of events from the UK.

Yet as I mentioned here at the time, underneath the mainstream a tiny undercurrent of unpleasantness could be sniffed. Tentative at first, it soon grew as the Left-wing media in the US decided to change their focus from the passing of a much-loved monarch. In the case of the *New York Times*, having only waited a couple of hours, they soon began to push the news into the same remorseless groove of identity politics into which everything else in America is now played.

Local writers were drafted in to attack the Empire and

Commonwealth (which will sound awfully familiar to Netflix subscribers).

And, as though 10 days of mourning was too much to ask, the one-time American "paper of record" was soon bringing in people every couple of hours to assault the late Queen and her legacy. Left-wing broadcasters like CNN and MSNBC [Microsoft and the National Broadcasting Company] did the same, seeing the death of the monarch as the ideal time to spread exaggerations about the British Empire.

Now these elite anti-British bigots are going to have new material, provided to them by one of their own – the woman born Meghan Markle. As the Duke and Duchess of Sussex bask in the attention surrounding their "tell-all" Netflix show, we can already see the groove that they have been pushed into. It is a peculiarly American groove and one that bears no relationship with either Britain or the truth.

It was the British novelist Zadie Smith who once observed that race in America is what class is in Britain – the discussion beneath every discussion. Whether or not that is

still the case with class in Britain, it is certainly the case with race in America. As the summer of George Floyd in 2020 proved, America is only ever one bad police interaction away from major riots and cities burning down. It is a country on a perpetual knife-edge over any issue to do with race. Some people would say it is unfinished business from history. Others that it simply provides many people in America with an excuse for their own underperformance.

Whatever the cause, it is beyond question that America looks at everything through the lens of race. So it was probably inevitable that the Sussexes, now living in America, would use race as the main lens through which to view the British public and monarchy.

Of course, nothing could be more inadequate as a tool. To many British people Meghan does not even look black. They had to be told that she was a person of colour. We do not go on the "one drop" rule in multicultural Britain. But when the public were told, it is hardly as though there was any negative reaction. Far from it. As the crowds that turned out for the 2018 royal wedding in Windsor showed, the British people were thrilled by the union of the Sussexes. If there were comments on the race of Meghan it was mainly in a feeling that here Britain was doing something very British – seeing its institutions adapt. In a multi-ethnic society it seemed a positive boon to have a multi-ethnic Royal family. What better way to head into the 21st century?

But then Harry and Meghan chose their own way, for reasons they will doubtless now try to justify at inordinate length. Not only on Netflix but also in the Duke's forthcoming memoir, *Spare*. For

the Sussexes seem to have been surprised by aspects of the Royal family. It seems to have come as a shock to the couple that there is a “hierarchy” in the monarchy – a fact that you might have thought was obvious. To Meghan, it clearly wasn’t. She married into one of the most carefully stratified institutions in the world and then expressed amazement that people had their own distinct place in it. Perhaps she was shocked that hers was lower than she had hoped.

In the years since, the couple gave up their royal duties and retreated to California. Ostensibly to escape the press, they have in fact spent all the while invading their own privacy for their own financial benefit. Now the couple seem genuinely surprised that there should have been any turn in public sentiment against them in the UK.

Both of them have retreated into the only explanation that Meghan could possibly have; the explanation for everything in America: “racism.” An innocuous comment from an unnamed member of the Royal family was already blown up through the

megaphone of Oprah Winfrey into “evidence” that the Windsors are (wait for the originality of insult) “institutionally racist.”

The truth is less exciting, far less scandalous, and without doubt something that the Sussexes will never want to hear: the British public only turned against the couple because the couple turned against the British public and one of our great institutions. When the Sussexes chose to keep their titles but spend their time chasing celebrity in California, they rejected the idea of public service to which every other royal is committed. Even worse was that the couple should have made the final months of the Duke of Edinburgh and the late Queen that much more unhappy by appearing as wrecking balls against the institution that had so carefully nurtured Prince Harry and welcomed his wife.

If Meghan were interested in any of this, she could speak to black Britons, many of whom retain an utter devotion to the monarchy. There is no surprise in that. The great secret of all institutions is that people are loyal to institutions that

are loyal to them.

The Sussexes could have been something great – a jewel in the British crown – but they wrecked themselves. If they want an explanation as to why they have become what they have, and ended up where they have, it lies in their own selfish actions.

This comment was first published by The Daily Telegraph on 9 December, 2022, emphasis added.

Your prayers are requested at this time for the Lord’s guidance for the Board of Management conducting intense discussions on the whole future of the Federation in respect of the increasing age of everyone and the lack of younger people to carry on our work and witness at this crucial period for the nation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MORECAMBE RALLY
April 2023

AUTUMN RALLY
October 2023

ROYAL CORRESPONDENCE

The President wrote to Her Majesty The Queen with greetings from the Federation. The following reply was received:

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind message sent on the Seventieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.

In return, The Queen sends her best wishes to you all for a most enjoyable Platinum Jubilee year.

Victoria Tuke, Head of Private Office

The letter sent to His Majesty The King on behalf of the Federation:

2 November, 2022

HM King Charles III
Buckingham Palace
London SW1A 1AA

Your Majesty,

It is with the greatest sense of loss that we write to express our condolences and deepest sympathy to you and all members of the Royal Family at the passing of your mother, HM Queen Elizabeth II.

It has been our constant witness in our teaching over the past 103 years that the Royal British Throne is none other than the continuity of the Throne of David of ancient Israel.

HM Queen Elizabeth II reigning for **70** years, 7 months and **2** days – a spiritually perfected time period, even to her time of her death at **3.10** pm on 8 September; 31 being the number of Deity. Her **Platinum Jubilee** was a unique event in our national history.

We note that when you receive the anointing and are crowned with St Edward's Crown, on 6 May next year, you will be the **153rd** in succession of monarchs and generations from Adam. This is truly significant it being the number of **The Elect** and the gematria of the expression "**sons of God.**"

Our Board of Management and Members will be in constant support to you in prayer that you may receive all wisdom and strength that the anointing will bring to

you during the critical days ahead for our nation and the 'company of nations' in the Commonwealth around the world.

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Michael A Clark, President



NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The challenge to the monarchy from republican forces throughout the Commonwealth are fierce and relentless. The following report from Philip Benwell, National Chair of the Australian Monarchist League (AML) (<http://www.monarchist.org.au/>), is an alert to us all to pray and support their campaign to preserve the heritage of the Australian people.

As 2023 fast approaches your AML team have been busily preparing for what promises to be a demanding and challenging year ahead.

Albanese Government moving fast

The Albanese government is moving fast to implement Labor's long-term plan to change the face of Australia.

They know that they only have six years, or two terms, at best, before the Liberal Party regenerates itself and the people become frustrated at the ever-increasing rising cost of living, unsustainable power prices and other difficulties. With an enlarging population and snowballing burden on an already antiquated power distribution system, it is likely that many parts of the country will start to face blackouts.

However, regardless of these problems the government is

continuing with Labor's priority plans for change: plans which were formulated many years ago and can be basically said to include:

- 1) Removing the monarchy and installing a republic, thus exacting vengeance for the 1975 dismissal.
- 2) Removing the States, enlarging local government, and centralising all power in Canberra.
- 3) Extending the term of government between elections to 4 or 5 years.

The Move towards a Republic



**VOTE NO
REPUBLIC**

Australian Monarchist League
Protecting Our Constitution

The move towards a republic has already started to be implemented with a concerted campaign of republicanism by stealth intent on removing all facsimiles and mention of the King and the Crown together with symbols of our constitutional monarchy wherever they can.

In the last year of her life, Queen Elizabeth was disgracefully attacked as being 'racist' whereas Her Majesty had done everything she could to reach out to people, whatever their race or religion. These attacks are now centred on the King who likewise has, throughout his whole life done whatever he could to make all people welcome. His charities have helped over one million young people, whatever

their colour or social circumstances. Have his accusers done anything whatsoever to help their neighbours in a similar manner or are they only intent on making false slanderous accusations?

The late Queen and now the King are accused of being 'slavers' but it was Britain which led the way in abolishing slavery throughout its empire well over 200 years ago. King George III, the first humanitarian British monarch, ensured that there would be no slavery in the Australian colonies of which he was the first king. Queen Elizabeth, and now King Charles are also accused of being 'colonisers' but what have they colonised? The Queen and her father George VI oversaw the dismemberment of the British Empire even though many people at the time did not want independence from Britain.

As well as these reprehensible and defamatory attacks on our monarch, we are also facing an intensifying assault on our British heritage by radical organisations both within and without the Parliament. There is a saying "*We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.*" Surely this applies to the senseless attacks on the institutions we inherited from Britain some 200 years ago and Australianised to suit us. These sorts of attacks are planned to increase as those who seek to tear down the institutions, the conventions and the precedents that bind us together see it as a means of eradicating the stability

and security we currently enjoy under the Crown.

In January these attacks will concentrate on Australia Day. The government has already made changes allowing Marxist-type local councils to hold citizenship ceremonies on days other than Australia Day. The eventual move will be to change the name of the day. If they had their way, we would also have no King's birthday holiday. We are urging that we all do something to celebrate what Australia Day means which is the evolvment of Australian parliamentary democracy guaranteed by the Crown enabling all, whatever their race, whatever their religion or whatever their social preferences to join together as one united nation.

The VOICE

The Voice to the Parliament is a recent addition to Labor's priority list but it appears to be exploited by the government to test whether the people will be apathetic enough to 'trust the government' to itself implement constitutional change without providing detail beforehand.

Whether you agree with the 'Voice to the Parliament' or not, it is an aspiration of many people whose views should be respected in our Australian democracy. As such the Voice should be treated with meticulous diligence by the government. With a referendum possibly in 9 months' time, the full detail of proposed constitutional

change must be released without further delay.

Whilst the Voice is not within Australian Monarchist League's current mandate, the long-standing convention requiring detail of change to be put to the people before a referendum is, and we will be agitating at every level that this be done.

Because the Australian Monarchist League is now considered to be one of Australia's major political NGOs (Non-Government Organisations) the government seemed to be worried that we might become involved against the Voice referendum. They do not appear to have expressed such reservations in regard to the Australian Republican Movement's declaration to support the Voice.

The Australian Monarchist League
Over the next couple of months, the way in which the League operates will be modified to accommodate our much larger membership. We have already been in contact with State branches and members will be notified of changes as we enter 2023. The Australian Monarchist League has always been a democratic organisation and we are moving further to involve more people in our councils.

We will also be calling upon members to offer their support in various ways. I see from company email addresses that we have people on our lists involved in a multitude of areas that, combined, can ensure

a vibrant and successful campaign.

We will also need professional assistance in many areas to enable us to meet the obligations that are now thrust upon us.

It is important that we all appreciate that, whatever authority the Australian Monarchist League possesses, is due to you and everyone who supports us. Without such support, we would be nothing.

We have already started to reach out to other organisations to eventually form a united front. The new 2023 proposed Referendum Act has imposed stringent requirements on any entity involved in a referendum and few smaller organisations would be able to meet such requirements both in terms of cost and retention of professional advice.

This is why the League, against opposition, commenced our campaign immediately the government arranged for a Minister of the Crown to remove the Crown to be sworn in. The Assistant Minister for the Republic has joined with the radicals in attacking our British/Australian heritage including our monarchy and the Crown. We are considering what action we should take in regard to the seditious comments he has been making. Don't forget, he has sworn that he "will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Her heirs and successors according to law" for all that that is seemingly worth to a republican Federal politician. (The allegiance

sworn to the Queen is automatically carried over to the King).

It is an unlevel playing field that we are forced to compete in. Totally un-Australian and unlike any move towards constitutional change that has ever occurred before in our entire history as a nation since 1901.

Ring out the Old, Ring in the New
However, we now have a new King, a new Prince of Wales together with a constitution that has maintained our democracy for 122 years making us, one of the youngest nations on earth, into one of the world's longest serving democracies. As Peter Dutton said in his Christmas message "it is the best country on earth" but for how long if the government succeeds in implementing major constitutional change?

Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote "Ring out the old, ring in the new." Even though it is now one hundred and seventy-five years later, let us all join to ring in our own New Year of 2023 and together face what is to come.

With my very best wishes for the New Year.

PHILIP BENWELL

AUSTRALIA 2022

BRITISH-ISRAEL-WORLD FEDERATION, VICTORIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

September 22-24, 2022

Michael Clark and David Aimer were introduced by Clifford Smyth, having been invited for a second year to speak (via zoom) at this event, which was organized again by Perry Thorp at Grace Chapel, Archies Creek in Victoria. It was very encouraging to know that a number of churches joined online

for this session on the first full day of the Conference.

Michael spoke on the prophetic significance of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, while David explained the Israel evidence in the Great West Window of Westminster Abbey dated at 1735, which in view of the coming Coronation on 6 May, 2023 (*2 x 144 years from 1735*), will enable us to alert a new generation to the evidence of the Israel truth. The addresses were followed by questions and very informative discussions.



AUTUMN RALLY

The first Autumn Rally after the 100th Annual Congress held in Peterborough in 2019 was held at the Auckland Hotel in Morecambe. Headquarters was grateful for them stepping in to replace the Carlisle hotel which cancelled due to accommodation problems. The Rally in the Spring, which is reported on in this Newsletter, was the first return to gatherings and people were glad to be able to share worship and fellowship again in October. The theme was 'Britain's Royal Throne after Elizabeth II. What kind of Future do we face?'

The opening lecture on Friday evening was by Michael Clark, President, who spoke on 'Into the Fiery Furnace' with *Daniel* 3 as his text. He drew attention to the many significant time periods which have occurred recently, especially the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth and the 50 years since Royal Assent was given to joining the EEC. He expressed his pleasure at being able to join everyone again after experiencing serious illness in the Spring. Clifford Smyth spoke first on Saturday morning on 'When the Spirit moves' using *Isaiah* 59:19. He encouraged listeners to live lives of holiness and to be willing to be sent as the Lord directs.

Most speakers spoke to the theme and David

McLure gave a very interesting lecture on 'What kind of Future do we face?' with texts from *Proverbs* 21:1, *Isaiah* 55:8-9 and *Psalms* 33:11. He drew attention to the many rainbows seen after her death and referred to Ezekiel's rainbow which is a sign of the Glory of the Lord.

Robert Phillips drew attention to how 'God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform' using *Haggai* 2:6-9, *Isaiah* 13 and 18 and many other scriptures. He encouraged everyone by the reminder that when the enemy comes in like a flood then also the Spirit comes in too to counter the evil.

After tea Alfred Brown spoke on 'The Stone Kingdom' from *Daniel* 2:44. He covered a wide range of information on stone circles, the Great Pyramid and Jacob's Pillar drawing on the scriptures which support his study. The evidence of the strength and continuity of God's Plan is conclusive.

In the evening Martin Lightfoot gave a video presentation of 'The Return of Israel to their Original Homeland' using *Genesis* 28:15. It was a very interesting and enjoyable session. The evening concluded with a Musical Recital by Anne Smyth of songs and hymns, some solo and some for communal singing. Martin Lightfoot demonstrated his ability to play the accordion and Clifford Smyth played a short piece on the bagpipes.

The Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Service was led by David Aimer who took *Psalms* 91:1-7 and *Luke* 7:2-9 as his texts. He also used *Ephesians* 6:10 onwards to remind us to take the whole armour of God and to have the faith to stand firm in whatever situations we face.

Nelson McCausland spoke to the theme and used *Isaiah* 6:1-9. He looked at both history and events of the past year with a view to looking at how to address all the contemporary issues which challenge the nation's understanding of itself. There needs to be a way of putting the B.I. message across which the wider world can receive.

The Rally closed with the Evening Service led by Margery Dowling. It was a fitting end to a special time of renewed contact and shared worship.



MORECAMBE RALLY

At the Rally which was held on 8 – 11 April, the Deputy President, Clifford Smyth, presented the General Secretary, David Aimer, with a gift marking his twenty years of faithful service to the Federation. He was given a Platinum Jubilee mug from the Royal Collection. His report on the Rally follows:

“Many people expressed to me as to how delighted they were to have a meeting again after the Covid lockdown and about two and a half

years. Our previous meeting was our Congress in Peterborough in October 2019. It was really a good joyful and happy time together in the Lord. I would like to thank all the speakers for their contributions that added to this praiseworthy occasion. One highlight was the photocopy of a newspaper article from David McLure’s collection showing King George (Duke of York at the time) expressing his views that the people in these isles are found to be ‘the chosen race.’ (See *The Covenant Nations* magazine, Vol 5 No 10.)

“The change in the Hotel decor and layout was noticed and appreciated as well as the facilities in the rooms, especially the disabled rooms. The service from the staff was excellent and the food was very acceptable. Anne Smyth gave us the music accompaniment for our Hymns as well as doing the musical recital on Saturday night. Who will ever forget Clifford Smyth’s demonstration of his progress in learning to play the bagpipes! They were even muffled for the small room we were in. We wish him well in his progress.”

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1818, after observing the action of the wood-boring mollusc *Teredo navalis* the French-born engineer Marc Isambard Brunel (father of Isambard Kingdom Brunel) designed the first successful machine for tunnelling under riverbeds.

The longest tunnel of any kind in the world today is the New York City/West Delaware water supply tunnel which is 105 miles long.

Suntans in the shade: it is possible to get a tan or a sunburn even on a cloudy day – because about 80% of the ultraviolet rays from the sun get through cloud.

The dynamo, the transformer and the direct-current motor now used to drive battery-powered machines were all invented in a single year by one man. The year was 1831 and the man was 39-year-old British scientist Michael Faraday (1791-1867).

THE ROYAL STANDARD AND COAT OF ARMS

The eyes of the world will be fixed upon the unique splendour of the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May. In particular there will be a visual witness to our teaching in the heraldic symbols of the monarchy. It being 70 years since the Coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953, the present generation will be much in need of the knowledge and significance of the Royal Standard and Coat of Arms, which is the most amazing proof of the identity of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon peoples as the descendants of the so-called ‘Lost Tribes’ of Israel.

The Royal Standard is the personal emblem, or flag, of the King and it will always be seen flying over Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle or in whichever of the Royal residences he is residing. The colours of the Standard have a biblical and Christian significance.

THE RED reminds us of the precious shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah tells us:

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah:18).

At the time of the Exodus it was the blood which put a difference between Israel and the Egyptians. At that first Passover God had said:

“The LORD doth put a difference

between the Egyptians and Israel” (Exodus 11:7).

“When I see the blood I will pass over you” (Exodus 12:13).

The writer of the Hebrews declared that:

“And without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22).

Scarlet was woven into the curtains of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness; it marked the house of Rahab in Jericho, a scarlet cord hanging from her window spared her from destruction; whilst a scarlet cord was bound around the hand of Zarah, the twin son of the Patriarch Judah, by Tamar.

THE BLUE reminds us of the heavenly nature of the Kingdom of God and how Israel were told to wear a riband of blue in their clothing, throughout all generations, to remind them of the Holy Law and Commandments which God had given them:

“That ye may remember, and do all my commandments and be holy unto your God” (Numbers 15:40).

THE GOLD reminds us of Christ’s divine nature and full orb’d Deity. It speaks of a God who never changes. Gold cannot be destroyed by either acid or fire. Buried in the depths of the ground or the sea, it cannot change or be dissolved.

King James I of England and

VI of Scotland put the Red Lion Rampant on a gold background onto the shield to stress his Scottish roots. He moved the six Lions and six Fleur-de-lys into the first and fourth quarters and he added the Golden Harp of Ireland on a Royal Blue background to the shield. The banner divided into four squares or quarters is Israelitish, it shows that *the whole* British Isles owes allegiance to the Throne, the mutual tie that binds; and which still binds together the (British) Commonwealth of Nations today. thus:

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| 1 ENGLAND | 2 SCOTLAND |
| 3 IRELAND | 4 ENGLAND |



COVENANT PUBLISHING

The Royal House of Britain An Enduring Dynasty + Chart

To mark the unique occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of our late monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Covenant Publishing launched a prestige Sixteenth Edition of Rev. W.M.H. Milner's book **The Royal House of Britain – An Enduring Dynasty**.

The First Edition of this major study by Rev. Milner appeared in 1902 and took shape from a series of articles which he wrote under the nom-de-

plume 'Oxonian.' In the centenary year of Covenant Publishing it was fitting to be able to reproduce a book from 120 years ago containing significant information which is vital to a clear understanding of the monarchy in these British Isles and kindred nations.

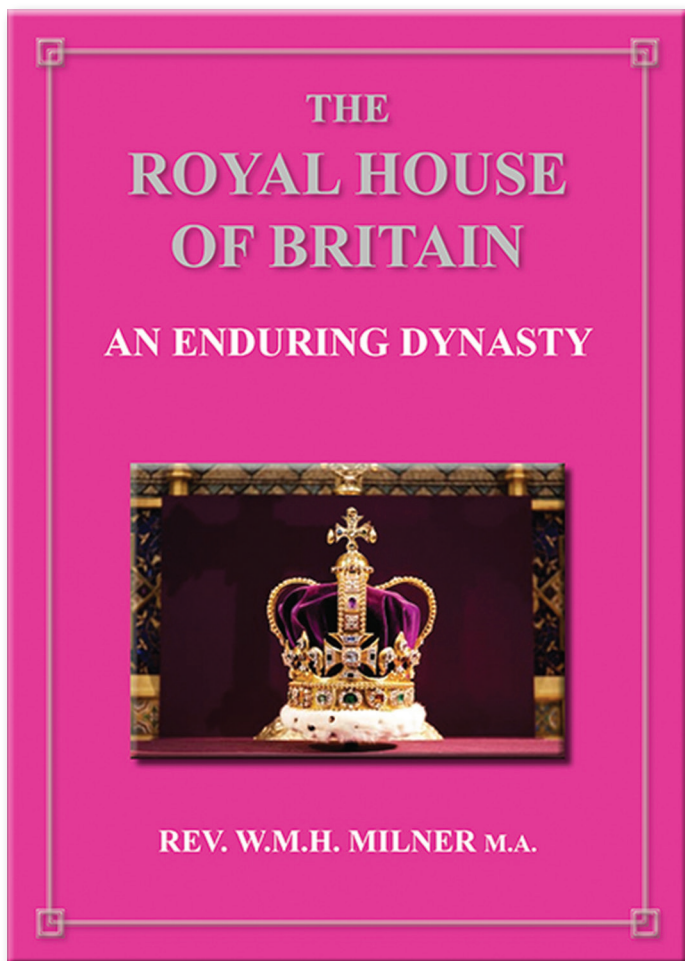
The book is an A4 softback presentation, with new colour illustrations and a new 'Epilogue.' It comes with a fold-out chart, size A1, giving the full 'Illustrious Lineage of the Royal House of Britain,' and is moderately priced at £8.50, plus p&p.

In support of the above prestige Covenant Publishing publication, BIWF issued a free issue 20-page A5 commemorative booklet for the occasion which was sent to all readers of *The Covenant Nations* magazine:

EXPLAINING THE JUBILEE

Its Biblical Significance and Meaning

The Scriptures portray one earthly Throne and royal dynasty which God said should not be overthrown, but should stand 'for ever,' or as long as the Sun, Moon and Stars endured.



OBITUARY

Frank Ernest Tebbutt

18 August 1935 – 23 November 2022

Without doubt we will miss Frank tremendously. He was forever memorable once you had met and talked to him and heard him speak on our platforms. He was born and brought up in Carlisle, meeting his wife, Enid, in Church of England circles at the curate's house. They were married in 1961 and had two children, Alison in 1964 and Christopher in 1966; they have two granddaughters and a great grandson.

Frank worked as an articled Quantity Surveyor for John Laing and for Carlisle City Council over a 12-year period. As a teenager he had volunteered for animal welfare work but in 1963, after the foot and mouth disease outbreak cleared-up, he went full time into this work as an Organising Secretary. He continued in this role which involved raising large funds until retirement. His great personal interest was in antiques, especially in clocks which were numerous at the Animal Refuge living quarters and later at their home in Carlisle after retirement.

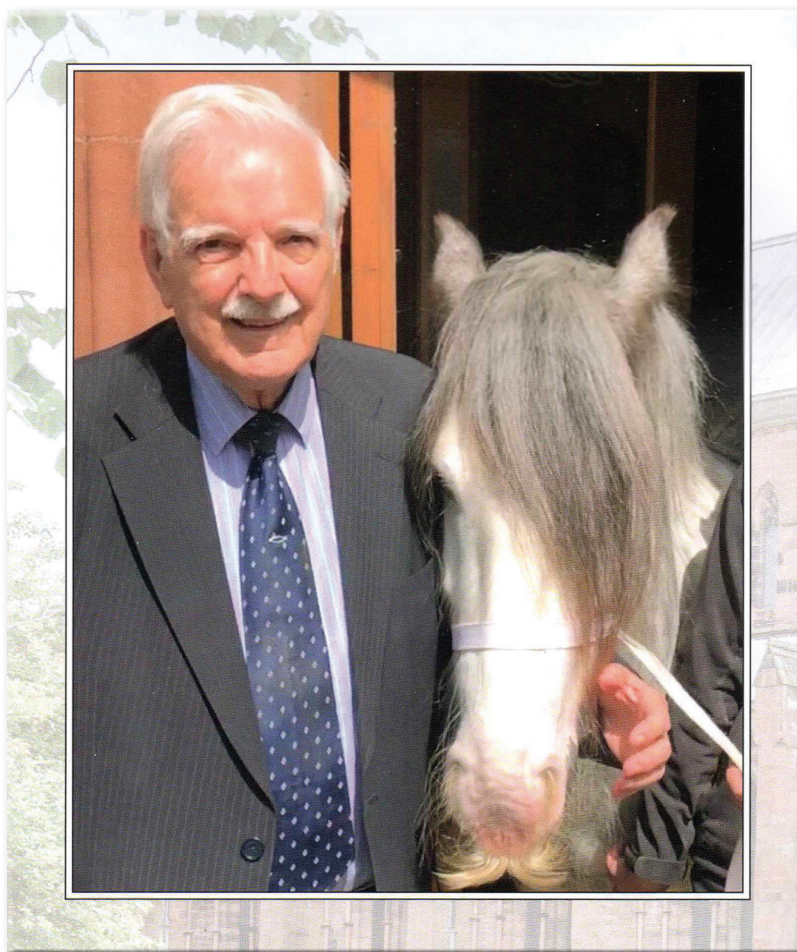
He gave decades of service to the community in Carlisle as a magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, for 30 years and for a similar period as a Cathedral guide and as a lay reader in the C of E from 1959 onwards. He also served as a school governor at his former Creighton Grammar School.

Frank came into British-Israel in the late 1960s through a B.I. in Carlisle by the name of Joe Young. One rainy morning Frank gave him a lift into the city when he spotted him at a bus stop. In just ten minutes of conversation, Joe convinced Frank that the Israel message was worth his further study and, as they say, the rest is history. My first memories of meeting Frank and Enid go back to the early 1970s when going to speak at their home in Carlisle where a B.I. group met.

It was for his sermons and being part in the leading of the Covenant Services of Dedication at Federation

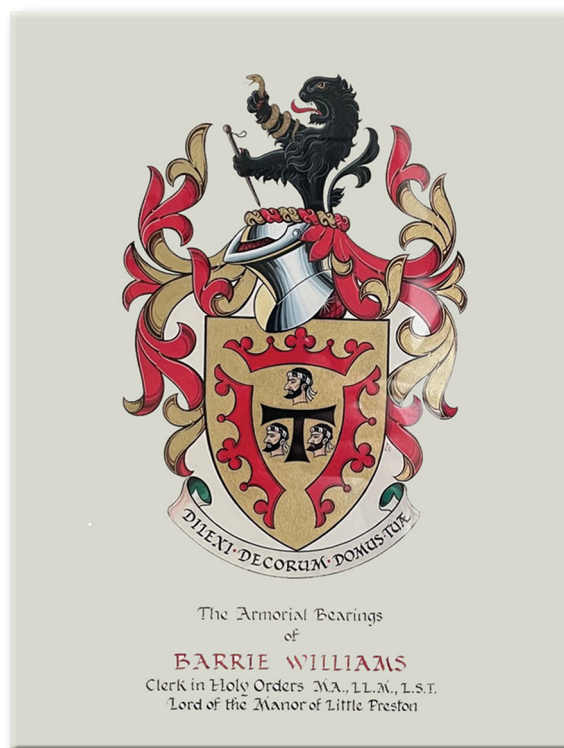
Conventions for half a century that will remain unforgettable in our memories; also for his absorbing conversations, plus his many anecdotes that were so applicable to the great spiritual and national message to which he witnessed. For the last three years of his 87 years of very active life Frank was not well and at the end he said he was 'ready to go.' A Service of Love and Thanksgiving for the life of Frank was held at St. James' Church, Carlisle on 8 December.

Michael A Clark



The Reverend Dr Barrie Williams MA MLitt LST PhD
Patron of the Federation
from March 2012

Reverend Barrie Williams died on 28 March, 2022, aged 88 years. He was a highly-respected lecturer at BI meetings over many years and had been a Patron of the Federation since March 2012. He used his deep knowledge of Scripture combined with his love of history in his articles which he contributed to *The Covenant Nations* magazine. His lectures, delivered in his quiet understated style, were always very interesting and illuminating. In recent years ill-health had prevented him from attending meetings as in the past and he was, and will be, greatly missed by all his friends.



OBITUARY

The Right Reverend Bishop Primus Emeritus John D M McLean Patron of the Federation from July 2010

Bishop John and his wife Betty were great stalwarts in Emmanuel Church, Morecambe.

The BIWF were very grateful to Bishop John for offering his church when we had the Morecambe Rallies in April of each year, and monthly BIWF meetings. We were always made very welcome at both of these events. The rally took on a three day period from Friday to Monday, with many speakers, speaking on interesting topics.

A bring and buy stall was held every year to raise funds for the church, the ladies who ran the stall were Miss Jean Cushing, and Mrs Heather Squires. A buffet meal was also provided each day during the rally. Ladies from the church with ladies from the BIWF helped to prepare and serve the meal for several days.

It was wonderful. A service of Holy Communion on the Sunday morning was attended by BIWF members and the congregation. On the Sunday evening, being the last day of the rally, a 'songs of praise' was the last event on the programme and again members of the church congregation attended. The final hymn "Till we meet again" was sung, all holding hands.

When Bishop John retired, we moved to the Auckland Hotel in

Morecambe, where the Rally and the monthly meetings were held. Due to covid the monthly meetings and the rallies were abandoned. But the rally has since been resurrected at the Auckland Hotel, Morecambe. We are very grateful for their staff who always make us very welcome.

Margery Dowling

Tribute to John Daly Morton McLean 1927-2022

I thought I would share some of the life story of my father John Daly Morton McLean, who was born on 8th January 1927 in Helensburgh on the banks of the Clyde near Glasgow in Scotland. John retained a love of Scotland throughout his life. His early story reminds us how different life was almost a century ago. He often referred to it as a difficult life, bordering on poverty much of the time. However, there

Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England 2010 - 2013
(Consecrated Bishop 11th September 1999)



were some heart-warming nuggets amongst the tougher times.

His father Allan McLean was a baker and became a ship's cook, so spent a lot of time away. John's mother, Isabella, would collect his wage weekly at the office. Grandparents were on hand and John spent a great deal of time with them, particularly his grandfather who had an aviary and was responsible for the municipal horses. He used to help wash and then dry them by riding them around, we have found a photograph of him riding bareback. His family had a Collie dog called Flash of whom he was very fond and when she died, he got his own boxer puppy, Sheila. He remembered carrying her home in his jacket pocket. I think he would have liked to have had a dog as an adult but never did.

John attended Clyde Street Public School and later Hermitage school in Helensburgh but in 1940 his father was called up to the army, so he had to take on many additional duties, including being drafted into the local fire watcher's rota and taking turns on night watch. Another responsibility was for getting local children onto the bus to Sunday School, for which he was paid a penny. He sold tea door to door and was paid according to the amount he sold. I am not sure these things would be allowed now. His first 'proper' job was as a mechanic at a garage, we still have his reference from this role.

In 1944 his father was discharged from the army with heart trouble,

following the siege of Tobruk. He was offered work in Lancashire by a former officer, so the family moved to Darwen, England, John never lived in Scotland again. He had more skills and careers than you may be aware of. On arriving in England, he immediately started work at a munitions factory, training as a tool setter, working 12-hour shifts.

In 1944, anticipating call-up he volunteered for the RAF. His eyesight was poor throughout his life, so he was never going to fly planes, in fact he never did take to the air even to go on holiday! He trained as an instructor in the RAF school of administration but in 1948 he finished his time there and then had a series of jobs in east Lancashire including working for Hollins brush company, an interesting sounding post as a railway station master, where he learnt morse code, before finding a job as a youth employment officer with Lancashire County Council. He studied for a series of qualifications in administration, which stood him in good stead years later.

John met his future wife, Betty, at local government offices where she was a secretary, they were married at Holy Trinity Church Oswaldtwistle by Bishops Cameron and Vaughan in 1954. They moved in with Betty's parents in Darwen and had two children, myself and my brother John. For a brief time, there were three generations of 'Johns' in the house which must have been quite confusing.

In 1955 Bishop Cameron invited

John to become a member of the Church Council at Holy Trinity and so began his long association with the Free Church of England, of which my mother had been a member since birth. When I was five, the family moved to Morecambe, allegedly because I had a 'chest condition' (which we now know was asthma made worse by a cat allergy, the cat came too!).

He took up what would become his main and final secular career, as a hospital librarian at the Moor Hospital in Lancaster. It was a long stay psychiatric unit with, at the time thousands of patients. He provided the patients and staff with books and journals and as children it meant we had an endless supply of new reading materials; I remember looking forward to the next batch every few days. On reflection I realise that the main diet of books was his own taste, such as science fiction and the Lord of the Rings! But it certainly contributed to my own enduring interest in books.

John had some hobbies, including DIY. I have many memories of him painting and wallpapering and allowing us (somewhat reluctantly I recall) to 'have a go' at pasting the back of the wallpaper. I am not sure if it was his eyesight, but shelves he put up always seemed to be at a wayward angle! He prided himself on doing all household repairs himself including plumbing, his early roles no doubt providing the basic skill.

Holidays were usually in a caravan, which John would tow with what then and now often felt like a ludicrously small car. Scotland

was a favourite destination; John O'Groats and the west coast were frequently visited. Wales, in static caravans was a later development and as children we thoroughly enjoyed a chance to swim and play on the beach. But perish the thought John might be seen on the beach without a suit and tie!

John undertook a series of religious examinations and in 1977 Bishop Milner asked him to take on the Ministry of this church. So started 42 years of ministry with Emmanuel Church. I think he felt he had missed an opportunity to go to university and much later in life he and Betty completed degrees with the Open University.

John became Bishop of the northern diocese in 1999, later Bishop primus in 2013. I believe his role as a minister and Bishop defined him and he found it difficult to accept that the time had come to step down from all significant duties in 2017 at the age of 90, even though he would admit it was the right thing.

He remained committed to his wife and even when her health deteriorated, he was determined they should stay together at home. They managed to achieve that, with considerable support from ourselves until April, when his own mobility deteriorated and he decided to move to a nursing home in Derby, so we could see them regularly. Betty joined him from hospital, and they spent 3 months inseparable until his final few days.

Katharine McLean

DID YOU KNOW?

In the early 1980s electronic printers could reach speeds of 450 lines a second and, at that rate, type out a 225-page book in one minute.

The manna eaten by the Israelites on their flight through the Sinai Desert from Egypt may have been the sticky honeydew which comes from the mealy bug, *Trabutina mannipara*. The honeydew is eaten today by the nomadic tribes of the desert.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

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