

# King Charles III

His Majesty the King Charles III became King of the United Kingdom after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## Early Life and Education

King Charles III was born Charles Philip Arthur George on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1948. He was the first of four children born to Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. When he was three years old, he became first in line to the throne when his mother became Queen.

Charles attended schools in England and Scotland, after which, he studied for a degree at Cambridge University. Before being invested as the Prince of Wales in 1969, he completed a term at the University College of Wales to learn Welsh.



## Career and Charitable Work

Charles joined the Royal Navy and in 1971, began his service aboard a destroyer named the HMS Norfolk. He later qualified as a helicopter pilot and joined the Naval Air Squadron. Charles has founded charities, including The Prince's Trust, which he set up in 1976. The Trust supports young people with education, training and employment. In September 2020, the Trust announced that it had supported over 1 million people in the UK.

## Family Life

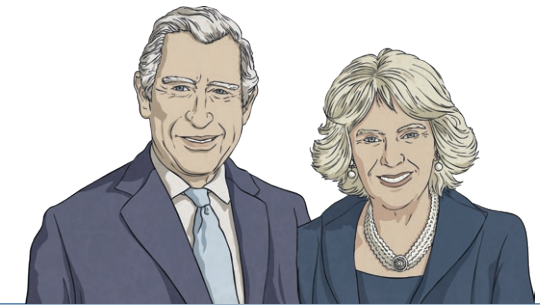
King Charles III has two sons. Prince William was born in 1982, followed by Prince Harry in 1984. He married his second wife, Camilla (now known as the Queen Consort), on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005.



## Royal Duties

As King, Charles III is head of state for the UK and 14 Commonwealth countries, head of the Commonwealth and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. His roles will include:

- representing the UK on visits abroad
- hosting overseas presidents and prime ministers
- regularly meeting with the UK prime minister
- attending the state opening of parliament



## Did You Know...?

King Charles has campaigned about global warming and the dangers of pollution since the 1970s.