



The Chrism Oil which will be used to anoint His Majesty The King on 6th May 2023 has been consecrated in Jerusalem today.

The idea of creating a new oil for the Coronation was initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, partly to honour the King’s personal connections with Jerusalem and partly to highlight the links between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land.

Today’s ceremony took place in The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, one of the most sacred sites in Christianity.

The oil was consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III, and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, The Most



It has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension. The Monastery of Mary Magdalene is the burial place of His Majesty's grandmother, Princess Alice of Greece. The olives were pressed just outside Bethlehem.

The oil has been perfumed with essential oils - sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin and amber - as well as orange blossom.

The Coronation Oil is based on the oil used at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the formula of which has been used for hundreds of years. It



The Archbishop of Canterbury said: "I am honoured and grateful that His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III and Archbishop Hosam Naoum have consecrated the oil that will be used to anoint His Majesty The King. I want to thank especially His Beatitude for providing this Coronation Oil, which reflects The King's personal family connection with the Holy Land and his great care for its peoples. I am also delighted that the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem shared in the consecration of the oil.

"Since beginning the planning for the Coronation, my desire has been for a new Coronation Oil to be produced using olive oil from the Mount of Olives. This demonstrates the deep historic link between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land. From ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place. As we prepare to anoint The King and The Queen Consort, I pray that they would be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit."







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