

# The making of a king, Juventus in crisis and a musical on repeat

**Seventy years have passed since Britain last held a royal coronation.** But, with polls suggesting public support for the monarchy is at a historic low, Charles's big day comes at a moment when Britain feels more generationally divided than ever. Can the 74-year-old king really offer a compelling vision to reunite the realm? As Jonathan Freedland writes, it may be that Charles's best hope is simply to lay the ground for the next generation.

For an outside perspective, Tess McClure and Leyland Cecco report from New Zealand and Canada, where some residual fondness for the monarchy remains, but an air of general indifference also seems to sum up many of the wider challenges facing the crown.

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At 74, Charles is the oldest person ever to be crowned as a new British monarch. This, argues Jonathan Freedland, leaves him facing an uphill challenge to establish his legacy in the shadow of his mother, Elizabeth II, "who, even the staunchest republicans had to admit, barely put a foot wrong over seven decades".

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