

## Queen Elizabeth II – her life



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- Birth:** *21 April 1926 as Princess Elizabeth*
- Nickname:** *Lilibet*
- Parents:** *Duke and Duchess of York  
(later: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth I)*
- Sister:** *Princess Margaret (birth: 21 August 1930)*
- Marital status:** *married, 4 children*  
***engagement in July 1947: Princess Elizabeth & Prince Philip***  
***wedding on 20 November 1947 at Buckingham Palace, London***  
*with Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh*  
***birth of their children:***  
*Prince Charles: 14 November 1948*  
*Princess Anne: 15 August 1950*  
*Prince Andrew: in February 1960*  
*Prince Edward: 10 March 1964*
- Accession to the throne:** *6 February 1952*
- Coronation:** *2 June 1953 at Westminster Abbey, London*

## Special facts about the Queen:



Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

- 1950s:** *State Opening of Parliament, Winston Churchill as Prime Minister (1952); in the 1950s many visits in several regions of the United Kingdom, first visit to Northern Ireland; also oversea visits because of her status as Head of the Commonwealth; family life remained important*
- 1960s:** *gallery at Buckingham Palace opened for general public (1962); the Queen visited West Germany (1963), the first visit by a monarch after the end of the Second World War, including a visit to Berlin; first television film about the life of the Royal family on TV (1969); Prince Charles was formally acknowledged as heir to the throne, the Queen gave him the title "Prince of Wales" (1969)*
- 1970s:** *silver wedding in 1972; Silver Jubilee as Sovereign (1977), on this occasion the Queen and the Duke held a nationwide tour through the Commonwealth*
- 1980s:** *Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, married Lady Diana (1981); visit of Pope John Paul II (1982); military conflicts (Falkland Islands/South Georgia) in which Great Britain was involved*
- 1990s:** *reductions in her duties but the Queen continued her constitutional role as Head of State – foundation of parliaments in Scotland and Wales (1999); British Monarchy website since 1997; Diana's death caused by an accident (1997); golden wedding in 1997*
- 2000s:** *celebration in remembrance of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's reign (2002); the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday (2006)*

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