



Royalty

I am a big fan of our Queen. I think she serves with dignity and grace, in a world where people so often are self-seeking. I am writing this a few days before her actual birthday, and it will be published (all being well!) shortly before her official birthday.

Who rules you?

But to be honest, I am not aware of Her Majesty's direct impact on my life. She is Sovereign of my country, but I don't expect ever to meet her or to speak personally with her. So there is a sense in which she rules me in name rather than in person. Yes, ordinary people like you and me obey the laws of the land, pay our taxes, elect her Government, but on a day to day basis we rule our own lives.

Home Rule

I know that not everyone feels the same as me. 100 years ago the 'Easter Rising' took place in Dublin, with the eventual result being the creation of the independent Republic of Ireland. The people of Southern Ireland

wanted to be free from the rule of the United Kingdom's Monarch, and fought for that right.

Ruling the home

But, as I said earlier, the person who rules in most of our homes is ourselves. We make the decisions; we are king of our own life, and we don't think often of any other 'ruler'.

Ruling the world

So let me disturb that apathy. Even Her Majesty the Queen acknowledges that she is governed by God; that the Creator of the world is its ruler. We tend to live in ignorance of him, but he is the one we should honour as our King.

A personal ruler

The amazing thing about this King, however, is that he is not distant and unapproachable. We don't have to wait for an invitation to the palace; we can speak to him in prayer at any time, and hear him speak to us through the Bible just as easily. We have a Monarch who wants to live with us in our homes. Why not invite him to yours?

