

- 1 Many thought that King James II was not a good king and, for various reasons, he was deposed. In 1688 the throne was offered jointly to his daughter, Mary, and her husband (who was also her cousin), the Dutch prince, William of Orange.
- 2 Mary's sister, Anne, became the next Queen and, under her rule, the Parliaments of Scotland and England were united, forming (with Wales) the nation of Great Britain.
- 3 On Anne's death, the next-in-line to the throne for a Protestant Succession was a distant relative - a German prince from Hanover, who became King George I. He could speak little English and so came to rely more and more on his chief minister of the government who, in George's time, became known as the "Prime Minister". It is because the king could speak little English that power began to change hands from that time on from the king to the elected Prime Minister.
- 4 Yesterday marks the anniversary in 1735 of Number 10 Downing Street becoming the residence for British Prime Ministers.
- 5 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
we pray for all
who are in positions of leadership
in our country,
that they may be inspired
by the values of the Gospel.**

**We pray that they may live
as people of integrity and honesty,
growing in a sense
of duty and responsibility,
always being aware of the needy,
and ready to be of service to others.
Amen.**

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