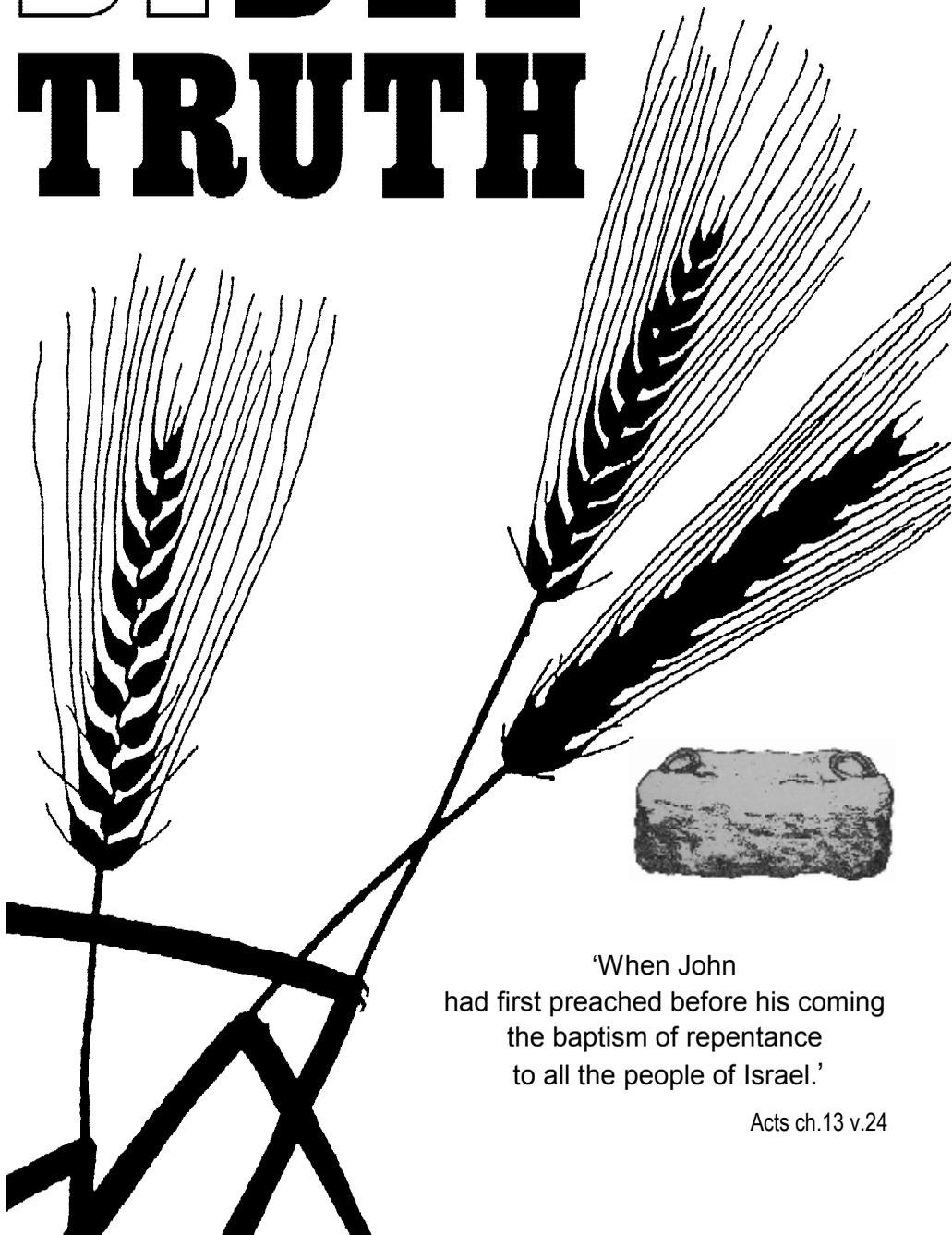


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‘When John  
had first preached before his coming  
the baptism of repentance  
to all the people of Israel.’

Acts ch.13 v.24

## EDITORIAL

June 2013 sees the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coronation; thus it is fitting that several articles in this edition touch on various aspects of sovereignty. They include from ancient days in the Promised Land when the earliest records state, '...all the people shouted, and said, God save the king' (1 Samuel ch.10 v.24), to more recent times in Denmark and London.

2013 though, has its full share of other anniversaries that must be noted – for in the words from Rudyard Kipling's poem *Recessional*, 'Lest we forget, Lest we forget'!

'Recessional is a poem by Rudyard Kipling, which he composed on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The poem went against the celebratory mood of the time, providing instead a warning about the transient nature of British Imperial power. In the poem Kipling argues that boasting and jingoism, faults of which he was often accused, were inappropriate and vain in light of the permanence of God.'

[Http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recessional\\_\(poem\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recessional_(poem))

Seventeen hundred years ago in 313, the Edict of Milan, of which Constantine the Great was a signatory, for the first time granted freedom of religious worship and rights to Christians. It was the same Constantine that was proclaimed Caesar whilst in York, England.

Eight hundred years ago, 1213, King John, who was nicknamed 'Lackland', saw fit to submit to the Pope's demands and accept his authority. A couple of years later the Barons' war began; this culminated in them marching to London and eventually forcing King John to seal the 'Magna Carta' at Runnymede beside the River Thames. This historic and unique document not only set out the feudal obligations of the barons but also confirmed the Church's liberties as well as granting rights to all freemen of the realm and their heirs for ever. It was in fact the first written constitution of the realm.

Half a century ago, 1963, President de Gaulle of France, at a press conference in Paris, for the first time vetoed British membership of the 'Common Market', originally the Treaty of Rome but then changing to the EEC (European Economic Community). It paved the way for his famous speech at the Elysee Palace in Paris in May 1967 containing Le Grand 'Non!' How things have changed!