

As Fergie joins royal church party for first time in 32 years...



Family outing: Prince and Princess of Wales with their children and niece Mia Tindall at Sandringham yesterday **Return: Duchess of York – Pages 4-5**

KING'S CHRISTMAS PLEA FOR PEACE

Charles calls for harmony in face of 'tragic conflict' ++ Urges us all to 'protect Earth' ++ Praises those devoted to 'service'

THE King delivered a Christmas message of peace and compassion for a troubled world yesterday.

In the face of 'tragic conflict' in Gaza and Ukraine, Charles quoted the Bible to call for 'peace on Earth

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and goodwill to all'. He also urged us all to protect the Earth while hailing the ways communities come together in times of trouble.

And he highlighted the nation's

'selfless army' of volunteers, describing them as the 'backbone' of the country and highlighting their key role in his coronation in May.

As if to emphasise his message of peace and reconciliation, the King extended an invitation to his former sister-in-law, the Duchess of York, to join the Royal Family and walk to

church at Sandringham yesterday for the first time in 32 years.

Fergie proved a hit with the crowds at the royal estate in Norfolk, enthusiastically gathering armfuls of flowers and gifts on behalf of Charles and Camilla, even embracing a favourite

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