



Press Release

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Worcester Remembers: Sunday 8th November

Worcester's main Remembrance Sunday commemoration – which will take place this year on Sunday 8 November – is our community's chance to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today, both in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts worldwide.

Canon Dr Georgina Byrne of Worcester Cathedral said : "The Service of Remembrance offers an opportunity for the people of Worcester to pause and pray for peace in the world. We will remember those who have given their lives in service to their country, in two world wars and in more recent conflicts. In music, words and silence we will pray for those caught up in the tragedy of war through bereavement or injury. The Cathedral bells will be rung half-muffled in remembrance of the dead."

This year's service at Worcester Cathedral will start at 10.00am and will last until 10.40am, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial incorporating the two minute silence at 11.00am.

As usual, the service will be open to the public. It is hoped that several hundred Worcester citizens will join the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor, Michael Foster MP, the veterans and others at The War Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony, as was the case last year. A bugler from the Salvation Army will sound the Last Post before the two minutes' silence.

Other organisations involved in The Remembrance Sunday commemorations include serving officers, the Territorial Army, navy, army and airforce cadets, St Johns Ambulance, British Red Cross and city scouts and guides. The Salvation Army band will accompany the hymns and the Worcester Male Voice Choir will lead the singing.

After the two minute silence, The Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor will take the salute as veterans and uniformed organisations march past The Guildhall.

Councillor Andy Roberts, the Mayor of Worcester said : "Over the coming days we will pray for peace and remember those who have died in wars. I hope we can also think of their families and those who have been injured."

Road closures in the city centre will be in place to accommodate the parade and The War Memorial ceremony.

Traffic will also be halted for the two minute silence on Remembrance Day itself, Wednesday 11 November, when wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial by The Royal British Legion and the Mayor.

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