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join the accessible queue.

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[British Sign Language video: Accessibility arrangements for Her Majesty The Queen’s Lying-in-State](#)

Further information

- Time slots cannot be booked in advance.
- This guidance is also available in [easy read format](#) (PDF, 3.05 MB, 9 pages)

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BSL video added

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The information in the 'separate accessible route' section has been updated: "If you require this queue, you may be accompanied by one carer or companion."

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Last updated: 19 September 2022

London

06:30

Lying-in-State will officially close.

11:00

The state funeral for Her Majesty The Queen will commence. At the close of the service the last post will sound and national silence will be marked.

Following the service the Coffin will be processed to Wellington Arch, where the Royal hearse will then depart for Windsor.

16:00

The service at St George's Chapel, Windsor, will begin.

19:30

Private burial, King VI Memorial Chapel.

Other Events

The following public events are taking place in towns and cities across the

UK during the period of National Mourning. For more information about local events in your area please check your local authority's website.

Moments of Reflection – Sunday 18 September, 8pm

Antrim

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will join in a National Moment of Reflection on Sunday 18 September with candle-light services at Antrim Castle Gardens and Mossley Mill.

Blackpool

The Blackpool Tower Illuminations- which have been changed to red, white and blue throughout the period of mourning in tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – will turn off for the Moment of Reflection at 8pm. You can [find more information here](#).

Cheltenham

A Moment of Reflection will be held outside Cheltenham's Municipal Office, led by the Mayor of Cheltenham, at 8pm on Sunday 18 September. For more details please [visit the Cheltenham Borough Council website](#)

Luton

The National Moment of Reflection will be observed in a special event at 7.30pm on the steps of Luton Town Hall to commemorate the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Please [visit the Council's website for more details](#).

Southend

In the City of Southend-on-Sea, the Mayor will lead a moment of silent reflection at 8pm on Sunday 18 September, to reflect on a lifetime of service which Her Majesty devoted to the United Kingdom, the Realms and Territories and the Commonwealth. For more details please [visit the Southend-on-Sea website](#)

Stoke-on-Trent

Stoke-on-Trent will hold a commemoration service on the eve of the funeral, at 6.30pm on Sunday 18 September at Stoke Minster. It will be followed by the observation of the national moment of reflection at Stoke Cenotaph at 8pm. For more details please [visit the Stoke-on-Trent council website](#).

Swindon

The National Moment of Reflection will be observed on Sunday, 18 September with a short service on the steps of Swindon's Town Hall. Members of the public are asked to arrive by 7.45pm for the service to begin at 7.55pm. For more information, please [visit the Council's website](#).

Ceremonial events

Northern Ireland

Belfast

The state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will be broadcast live on a big screen in the grounds of Belfast City Hall.

Coleraine

Coleraine Town Hall will broadcast the National Moment of Reflection on Sunday 18 September. On Monday they will also show the State Funeral.

Lisburn

The State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II streamed from Westminster Abbey will be shown on the screen in Lisburn City Centre on Monday 19 September from 10.00am.

Scotland

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Council will be screening the State Funeral on a big screen in Holyrood Park in front of the Palace of Holyrood House. More information can be [found on the council's website](#).

Scottish Canals

In partnership with The Church of Scotland, Falkirk Council will hold a service of reflection at the Kelpies this Sunday 18th September 2022 at 7.30pm. Further details can be [found on their Facebook page](#).

East of England

Great Yarmouth

Great Yarmouth Borough Council will hold a civic service of thanksgiving and remembrance for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at 6pm on Sunday 18 September at Great Yarmouth Minster. For further information visit the [Council's website](#).

Ipswich

A big screen will be showing the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II on the Cornhill, Ipswich on Monday 19 September.

The screening of the funeral at Westminster Abbey will start at 10am. You can [find further information on the council website](#).

Norwich

The funeral of HM The Queen will be live streamed in the Nave of Norwich Cathedral. All are welcome to watch the live broadcast from 9am, free of charge. No ticket is required. You can [find more information on the Cathedral website.](#)

Norwich Theatre Royal will also broadcast the live coverage of the State Funeral of HM The Queen, free of charge. Please [book tickets in advance here.](#)

Midlands

Bedford

Bedford Borough Council will be holding a public screening of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on Monday 19 September at Bedford Corn Exchange. Residents must book their place to watch the proceedings in advance. For further information [visit the Bedford Borough council's website.](#)

Birmingham

The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be shown on a big screen in Centenary Square on Monday 19 September. For further information [visit the Birmingham council's website.](#)

Coventry

The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be screened live in Coventry city centre on Monday 19 September. A large screen is to be set up in University Square – between the Cathedral steps and Coventry University – to help people watch the 11am service and pay their respects. For further information [visit the Coventry council's website.](#)

Chasetown

There will be a minute's silence and outdoor vigil at the Memorial Park at 8pm, Chasetown. You can [find more information can be found on the Cathedral's website.](#)

Lincoln

The grounds of Lincoln Castle will remain open and a large screen will be displaying the funeral for those wishing to pay their respects. Please check local information for details.

Nottingham

A multi-faith event remembering Queen Elizabeth II will take place in the Old Market Square from 7pm, incorporating the national Moment of Reflection at 8pm. More information can be found on the [Council's website.](#)

Stoke-on-Trent

The City of Stoke-on-Trent Council will be holding a service of commemoration (with procession) for Her Majesty The Queen at 6.30pm on Sunday 18 September at Stoke Minster. For further information [visit the Stoke-on-Trent council's website](#).

Wolverhampton

A screening of the State Funeral will take place on Monday at Queen's Square. [Visit the council's website for further information.](#)

North East

Durham

Durham Cathedral will hold a special Service of Reflection to give thanks for Her Majesty The Queen's life. This event will be ticketed, and the service will also be live streamed on Durham Cathedral's Facebook page. For further information, please [visit Durham Cathedral's website](#).

The National Moment of Reflection will be marked with an event at 8.00pm on Sunday 18 September in Durham Market Place. More [details are on the council's website](#).

Newcastle upon Tyne

Live coverage of the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be shown on a screen in Old Eldon Square, Newcastle on Monday 19 September. Further information on the screening can be found on the [council's website](#).

North Tyneside

North Tyneside Council will hold a service a service of remembrance to commemorate the distinguished service of Her Majesty The Queen at 6pm on Sunday 18 September at the Christ Church in North Shields. For further information [visit the North Tyneside council's website](#).

North West

Blackpool

A moment of reflection for Her late Majesty The Queen by the Blackpool Standard Bearers will take place at 11.00am, at the Fylde Memorial Arboretum on Moor Park Ave. Please refer to the Council's [social media](#) and [website](#).

Carlisle

A live screening of the State Funeral will be shown on a big screen in Carlisle's Bitts Park on Monday 19 September. You can [find further information on the council's website](#).

Chester

Church services will take place on various dates across Chester, including at Chester Cathedral, Neston Parish, St Thomas Ellesmere Port and St Chad's Winsford. For further information [visit the Chester council's website](#).

Manchester

On Monday 19 September, big screens will show coverage of the State Funeral at three locations from 9am: Cathedral Gardens, Exchange Square and inside Manchester Cathedral. Each site will be open to the public without the need for tickets. [More information can be found here](#).

South

Reading

Live coverage of the State Funeral and procession to Windsor will be shown in Reading's Forbury Gardens. Further information can be [found on the Visit Reading website](#).

Winchester

On Monday 19 September, a screening of the State Funeral will be held at 11am, with doors opening at 9am. The day will end with a 'Closing Act of Remembrance' at 7.30pm. Details for [Monday](#) can be found on the Cathedral's website.

South East

Hastings

The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen on Monday 19 September will be shown on a big screen in Alexandra Park on the top lawn (nearest entrance is in Dordrecht Way).

Hastings Borough Council is organising the event, in partnership with Love Hastings, the Business Improvement District for Hastings. [Visit the council's website](#) for more details

Hatfield

On Monday 19 September from 10.00am, Hatfield Park will be showing live coverage of the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II on a large screen in Palace Green outside the Old Palace. Please refer to the [website](#) for more details.

South West

Bristol

Bristol Cathedral will offer a ticketed screening of the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Please [check Bristol Cathedral's website](#) for further information.

Exeter

The funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Monday 19 September is being screened at Northernhay Gardens and Sandy Park at the Exeter City Football Club. Further details are available at [Exeter City Council's website](#).

Plymouth

Her Majesty's funeral will be screened on Monday 19 September at the Lyric Theatre. More information can be [found on the Plymouth council website](#).

Salisbury

Salisbury Cathedral will be live streaming the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Monday 19 September at 11:00. The Funeral service will be shown on a large screen and seating will be available in the Nave. No booking is required. For more details, visit [Salisbury Cathedral's website](#).

Truro

Truro City Council, working with Truro Cathedral, has arranged for a large screen to be placed within Truro Cathedral on the day of the State Funeral for those wishing to attend a public viewing. Further information can be [found on Truro City Council's website](#).

South Yorkshire

Sheffield

Sheffield Cathedral will hold a commemorative service on Sunday 18 September at 6pm, with a National Moment of Reflection at 8pm. The service will also be shown on a large screen outside the cathedral on the forecourt, and streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook and YouTube pages. Head to the [Cathedral's website for more details](#).

Sheffield Cathedral will also be screening the funeral of The Queen inside and outside the Cathedral. The Cathedral doors will open from 8:30am with morning prayer at 8:45am. Please refer [online for more details](#).

West Yorkshire

Bradford

Bradford Cathedral will be screening the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Monday 19 September. Further details are available on

[Bradford Cathedral's website.](#)

Leeds

Live coverage of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be shown on Leeds Big Screen in Millennium Square on Monday 19 September between 10am – 6pm (times subject to confirmation of TV broadcast schedules). Further details are available on the [Leeds City Council website.](#)

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London

Her Majesty's Lying-in-State at the Palace of Westminster is now formally open. You can view guidance on the event [here](#). Details of accessibility arrangements are available [here](#).

International

15:00

The UN General Assembly will convene a special session in New York paying tribute to The Queen. You can view the proceedings [here](#).

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West Northamptonshire

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A service of commemoration for Her Majesty The Queen at 3.30pm on Sunday 18 September at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Market Place, Kettering. For further information visit the [council's website](#).

York

The City of York Council will hold a service a service of commemoration for Her Majesty The Queen (with a respectful procession of City of York Council members and the civic party, between York Mansion House and York Minster) at 4pm on Sunday 18 September at York Minster. For further information visit the [council's website](#).

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[Ministry of Defence confirms the death of Corporal Navin Thapa Magar of the First Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles](#)

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence must confirm the death of Corporal Navin Thapa Magar of the First Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles. He died during a non-operational training incident in Brunei on 11th August 2022.

Corporal Navin was a member of A (Delhi) Company. He grew up in Tanahun District in Western Nepal and attended selection for the British Army in 2013, where he passed the famously challenging Doko Race and received an award as top recruit for the Western Region. He completed his basic training as part of the 2014 Intake in Gurkha Company at the Infantry Training Centre Catterick before joining his Regiment. He spent his career serving with his Battalion in Brunei, the UK, on operations in the Balkans, and on numerous overseas training exercises.

Corporal Navin was an outstanding example of a leader who served his soldiers to the utmost. He was one of the most respected soldiers and leaders in the unit and he cared deeply about the welfare and development of those more junior than him. He would never miss a moment that could be spent educating his soldiers, going out of his way to provide them with the benefit of his own experience. The high performance and team spirit of those around him was a credit to the effect he had on people. He was a constant source of good advice to his commanders; never shy to speak up where the mission or the soldiers could benefit from his insight. His own performance on professional courses was frequently exceptional, and he promoted to the rank of Corporal quickly.

He deployed to Kosovo with the Battalion in September 2021 on Op ALLIED SOLACE where he led a team of soldiers who took part in efforts to provide a safe and secure environment for Afghan refugees. During his time in Kosovo,

he demonstrated all the qualities that make Gurkhas so well-renowned; courage, resilience, and a compassion for those in a time of need. His excellent cultural understanding and warm nature helped him support efforts to assist the refugees and lead his soldiers through testing conditions.

Beyond the routines of work, Corporal Navin was a sociable, energetic, and trusted friend. As with his work, his enthusiasm for fun was contagious. He was a gifted musician and dancer, often playing guitar and leading a chorus of Nepalese songs or encouraging his friends into a dance routine at company events.

Corporal Navin's abilities and his constant pursuit of excellence propelled him toward ever greater challenges. His loss is felt deeply amongst all who knew him. He leaves behind his mother and father and his elder brother and sister. The thoughts, prayers and condolences of his Battalion are with them at this most difficult of times.

Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Stanford-Tuck, Commanding Officer, First Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles said:

Corporal Navin was a phenomenal soldier and leader. Unrelenting in his pursuit of professional excellence he embodied the finest qualities of the Gurkha soldier. His loss leaves a hole in the Battalion which it will be impossible to fill. More than this, he was a friend to all, and the very best of us. We will all miss him, we will remember him. I am filled with the greatest sympathy for his friends and comrades but above all for his family. They have experienced the most terrible of losses. My thoughts and prayers are with them in Nepal at their time of grief.

Major James Devall, Officer Commanding, A (Delhi) Company said:

Corporal Navin had a tremendously positive influence in the Company. He possessed that special blend of high-achievement, humility, and consideration for others. His relationship with the junior riflemen was the personification of good leadership; setting the highest personal standards and challenging his soldiers to reach their own potential, while always demonstrating a genuine compassion and a desire to educate. He was constantly testing himself to his limits but no matter the hardship, I never saw him without a ready smile to encourage those who followed him. We will all remember him proudly, as a great leader and friend. Our thoughts are with his family.

Captain Narbir Galami, Second in Command, A (Delhi) Company said:

Corporal Navin Thapa Magar was an utterly professional, robust, and versatile individual possessing the exceptional qualities of an

infantryman, and a typical Gurkha soldier. An excellent ambassador and a true role model who was always the backbone of the Company. The Company is still in shock and saddened to learn of his irreplaceable loss. At this extremely difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with his bereaved family. Navin "I Do" Bhai, we will miss you terribly. May your departed soul rest in peace, see you at the other end.

W02 Bhabindra Rai, Company Sergeant Major, A (Delhi) Company said:

Corporal Navin was one of the most professional Gurkha Junior Non-Commissioned Officers I've met in my career. He was humble, polite, and hugely competent in his job. He always had time for his juniors and shared a big smile with everyone he met. Navin is inspirational for all of us, his dedication, love, and caring nature for all Delhi Company personnel will remain forever. Our deepest prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends.

Lieutenant Matt Bennett, 1 Platoon Commander, A (Delhi) Company said:

Upon joining the Battalion, I will never forget how welcome Corporal Navin made me feel. He was far more than just a fantastic soldier; he managed to weave creativity, intelligence, and a strong work ethic around a deep care for other people. This was most apparent to me during his tour to Kosovo. His junior soldiers meant everything to him and his efforts to care for them, alongside leading them professionally, were exceptional. A role model in the Platoon, he showed great resilience and took pride in all that he did. My deepest condolences are with his family and friends at this time.

Sergeant Ojasbi Rai, 1 Platoon Sergeant, A (Delhi) Company said:

An incredibly professional, dedicated, and loyal JNCO, Corporal Navin was not only skilful in a military context, but he was also equally talented outside of it, and was a fantastic dancer, football player and video maker. A great leader, friend, and gentleman; always loved and praised by all for his exemplary work ethic and morals he truly inspired all around him. It was a great honour to have served with such an inspiring image of bravery and compassion. Corporal Navin was a remarkable friend and comrade to many people and will be sorely missed. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Corporal Bikram Pata, A (Delhi) Company said:

He was like my younger brother. We were from the same hometown ... He was one of the most versatile athletes during sports. Besides that, he was good at painting, playing guitar and leading a sing song with fellow members during his spare time. I will always feel very lucky to have had him in my life as a brother and close friend ... The last memory I had with him was eating momo dumplings together in barracks where we both shared the same plate of food together ... I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends at this difficult time.

Lance Corporal Ritesh Rai, A (Delhi) Company said:

He was a role model for so many people. His life will always teach us what a phenomenal soldier would look like and for junior soldiers he was the man they could always look to for inspiration ... I still remember his last dance at our company party with a Bruno Mars hat on, he was such a talented individual ... Navin was an all-rounder, he was good at playing football, good at dancing, good at guitar, fittest in the company, he had a great sense of humour, most importantly he was a great soldier, who always fulfilled his duty with great dignity ... You have only gone out of our sight my friend but not from our heart. Much more power and prayer to a family and friends in Nepal.

Lance Corporal Shiva Gurung, A (Delhi) Company said:

Cpl Navin Thapa was a very good natured and kind-hearted person. We have worked together within the same company since Day 1 of our Army career. I have always known him as a very dedicated soldier who showed great influence and motivation to his fellow friends and juniors. ... Not only was he expert in the military field, but he was also always the best in most sports, music and even in dance. It's difficult to accept the fact that I am never going to see you again. Death might have taken you away quickly, but you will live forever in our heart, dear friend. Jay intake 14.

Minister for the Armed Forces James Heapey said:

It is with deep sadness that I heard of the death of Corporal Navin Thapa Magar of the First Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, in Brunei. It's clear from his colleagues that he was a dedicated, professional soldier held in the highest regard and a shining example of what the British Armed Forces stand for. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones at this terrible time.