

Remembrance Sunday service held online to honour the fallen

The British High Commission Singapore, in partnership with the Singapore Armed Forces Veterans' League (SAFVL), held a virtual service to mark Remembrance Sunday today (8 November 2020).

The ceremony, broadcast at 10.40am (Singapore time) on the High Commission's UK in Singapore Facebook page, paid tribute to all who had laid down their lives so that the generations after them could live in peace.

In the UK, Remembrance Sunday is held on the Sunday nearest to Remembrance Day on 11 November; the date marks the official end of the First World War in 1918.

As part of the pre-recorded service, senior representatives from the British High Commission Singapore, the Singapore Armed Forces and its Veterans' League, and UK defence forces laid poppy wreaths at the Singapore Memorial in the Kranji War Cemetery.

The wreath laying was accompanied by a lamentation delivered remotely by bagpipers from the Gurkha Contingent Singapore Police Force.

At 11am, online viewers observed a two-minute silence, in memory of the fallen.

Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Defence Advisers from various nations later joined remotely in pledging 'We Will Remember Them', in response to a reading of an excerpt from Robert Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen'.

A joint choir made up of students from Dover Court International, Dulwich College Singapore, Marlborough College Malaysia and Tanglin Trust School performed the hymns 'Amazing Grace' and 'I Vow To Thee My Country'.

In the segment 'Reflections from Singapore Youth', members of the Singapore National Cadet Corps Command Band – Swiss Cottage Secondary School shared their personal thoughts on peace and conflict. A bugler from the Singapore National Cadet Corps Command Band also sounded the Last Post and the Reveille.

British High Commissioner to Singapore, Her Excellency Kara Owen, said in her speech:

Normally, we mark Remembrance Sunday together, at a morning service at Kranji War Cemetery. We can't do so in-person this year. We have to meet virtually instead. But our method of meeting does not dilute our purpose, nor our sincerity.

Today, we are paying our respects to the fallen and in doing so, we

are living out our promise to remember the sacrifices of those – from all nations – who fought and died. A promise to remember their service and re-affirm the values that they fought to preserve.

And to acknowledge both the courage of those who served their country and our responsibility to work for the peace they fought so hard to achieve.

[Virtual Remembrance Sunday Service 2020](#)

Measures to protect England from new COVID-19 strain extended

News story

Freight exemption removed so UK haulage drivers arriving from Denmark are now required to self-isolate on entry to England.



- exemption for non-UK resident freight drivers removed so those who have travelled from or through Denmark in the last 14 days can no longer enter UK
- passenger planes and ships travelling directly from Denmark, and accompanied freight, will no longer be able to land or dock at English ports
- anyone from the UK who arrives in England after 4am 6 November after travelling from or through Denmark in the last 14 days – including HGV drivers after previous exemptions were removed – must self-isolate along with their household

The government has tonight extended measures to prevent the potential spread of a variant strain of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The government yesterday implemented immigration powers which meant all non-

British national or resident travellers who had been in or through Denmark in the last 14 days will now be denied entry upon arrival.

Non-UK resident HGV drivers have now been added to those restrictions, while all passenger vessels and accompanied freight from Denmark will be halted.

The move follows the release of further information from health authorities in Denmark reporting widespread outbreaks of coronavirus in mink farms, with a variant strain of the virus spreading to some local communities.

Denmark was removed from the UK's [travel corridors list](#) list on Friday. Non-British or resident visitors who had come from or through Denmark were banned from arriving in the UK from 4am on Saturday. Anyone who has arrived within the last 2 weeks now needs to [self-isolate](#) along with their households for 14 days.

Given the significant unknowns regarding the new mutation of COVID-19 originating in Denmark we have moved quickly to protect our citizens and prevent the spread of the virus to the UK.

The UK government is working closely with international partners to understand the changes in the virus that have been reported in Denmark and we are conducting a programme of further research here in the UK to inform our risk assessments.

British Nationals and residents who are returning from Denmark will be required to show a complete [passenger locator form](#) on arrival into the UK. This is critical in being able to track the virus in case of any local outbreaks.

Yesterday the Home Office announced they would step up Border Force presence to ensure that those arriving to the UK from Denmark were compliant with the new restrictions.

The travel ban and expanded self-isolation requirements will be reviewed after 7days.

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#) (PDF, 164KB, 2 pages)

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News story

People across Scotland mark Remembrance Sunday



UK Government wreath

Speaking this morning [Sunday 8 November], Mr Jack said:

Remembrance Sunday holds a special place in our hearts and in our national life. This year's Remembrance Sunday will feel very different, with the covid pandemic meaning that we will be unable to gather together to remember as we traditionally do.

But we must not let these essential restrictions stand in the way of us paying our respects.

I know people in Scotland, as they will across the UK, will still take the time to think, to reflect, and to give private thanks to all those who have served and fallen. We will, individually, take a moment to recognise the sacrifice of all those who have given their lives protecting our country.

Even in these difficult and unprecedented times, we will remember them.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic the normal public events for Remembrance Sunday cannot take place this year.

Today [Sunday 8 November] Alister Jack will make a series of private visits to war memorials in Dumfries and Galloway. He will lay a wreath at each and pay his respects. UK Government Minister for Scotland David Duguid will represent the UK Government at a private Legion Scotland event in Edinburgh.

The Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland a proud supporter of Poppyscotland. Our London headquarters, Dover House on Whitehall, will be illuminated in red from Friday 6 – Wednesday 11 November in support of their fundraising drive.

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Nation falls silent for Remembrance Sunday

- Members of the Royal Family to attend National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph
- Government unveils ways for the public to get involved with Remembrance Sunday from the safety of their own homes

A national two-minute silence will take place across the UK today as we mark Remembrance Sunday.

The National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in London, along with hundreds of local events across the country will still take place this year by being held outside and in accordance with strict social distancing guidance.

Although the public are unable to attend at the Cenotaph, the national event will be broadcast live across Sky, ITV and BBC One with the public invited to remember by staying at home to protect veterans and the NHS.

Ways in which the public can get involved in this year's socially distanced Remembrance Sunday include:

- Joining in the online conversation by sharing family histories, personal stories and messages of remembrance using [#WeWillRememberThem](#).
- Posting a tribute on the Royal British Legion's virtual [Field of Remembrance](#) or on the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Wall of Remembrance](#).
- A series of educational and creative resources for children where they can download remembrance templates to colour and display at home.
- [Ancestry](#) has made over 1 billion UK wartime records free to access over the Remembrance Sunday weekend so you can discover the personal stories and the role your family played in the First and Second World Wars.
- Premier League Academy players have interviewed a range of Second World War veterans, who were also professional football players. Teachers and schools can also use the Football Remembers films as part of their Remembrance activity. You can see the films, and other teaching resources, on the Big Ideas website.
- Writing a letter to a veteran or serving personnel through the Royal British Legion.
- You can watch a livestream of the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on the [DCMS Facebook](#) page.

Visit the [DCMS blog](#) for ways to get involved in Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:

We come together every November to commemorate the servicemen and women from Britain and the Commonwealth who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

In this time of adversity, no virus can stop us from honouring their memory, particularly when we have just celebrated the 75th anniversary of victory in the Second World War.

And in times of trial, our tributes matter even more. So let's come together once again and remember those to whom we owe so much.

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said:

Remembrance Sunday is an important date in our national calendar when we come together as a nation to remember and give thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice fighting for our freedoms.

While this year's service is a little different to normal, I want to encourage everyone to get involved from their own homes – watch on your TV, research your family history – but most importantly, keep safe.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:

Many of the men and women on parade today have already taken part in efforts to fight coronavirus and many more will do so in the weeks to come. I applaud their selflessness.

Whilst remembrance looks different this year, we have made extra efforts to demonstrate our undiminished respect for those who have gone before, and our firm commitment to the continued safety of the British people.

Minister for Defence People and Veterans Johnny Mercer said:

While commemorations will be different this year, the COVID pandemic will not prevent us from remembering the huge sacrifices

of those who have given their lives defending this country.

I encourage everyone to join in the innovative ways in which we can express our thanks to those who serve and have served.

Around 150 socially distanced personnel from the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force will be on parade at the Cenotaph, London, to honour the brave men and women that came before them. Musicians from all three services will play traditional music for the service, including the Last Post played by Buglers of the Royal Marines.

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[Foreign Secretary statement on US Presidential Election](#)

Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab comments on result of the US Presidential Election.



Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, said:

My congratulations to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on winning this election, with more votes than any candidate in US history. President Trump fought hard in what proved a close contest.

We're looking forward to working with the new administration on all of our shared interests, from tackling Covid-19 to counter-

terrorism, and collaborating closely through our Presidencies of COP26 and the G7 next year. The friendship between the UK and US has always been a force for good in the world.

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