

Police Remembrance Trust

Patron: His Majesty The King

Newsletter - July 2025

Register for National Police Memorial Day 2025 Open to all to attend



National Police Memorial Day 2025 will take place on Sunday 28th September, Coventry Cathedral. Please note that the service is open to anyone who would like to attend. Please share this newsletter with family, friends and colleagues.

We are encouraging people to book as early as possible as due to the location this year - it is within a reasonable driving distance for many. We have already been informed that some of our friends at the National Association for Retired Police Officers (NARPO) are organising a coach or two.

There will be overflow venues in the vicinity that can accommodate members of the congregation when the Cathedral reaches capacity. The service will be streamed on large screens in the overflow venues. To manage this, we urge you to register to attend asap.

You can register on Eventbrite via this link.

An important day to honour fallen police officers

Every year we share the stories of those lighting the candles for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In the video link below we hear from the brother of PC Ralph Jones, North Wales Police, wife of Detective Superintendent Philip Davidson, Royal Ulster Constabulary GC. You can also watch highlights from last years' service here.



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Helping you plan for NPMD weekend

Accommodation - Coventry Serviced Apartments

Nearby Coventry University has affordable accommodation available to book for the weekend.

1 x bed: £90 per night 2 x bed: £115 per night

You can view more on the apartments and facilities here. To book, please email Ais Reynolds.

Enjoy a bite to eat before the service

There are a selection of places to eat on the University grounds for you to have a late breakfast or early lunch before the service.

The space outside the Cathedral and access to the University grounds is pedestrianised. We will be hosting the post service reception int the University's 'Hub', to which all are invited.

Historic police vehicle display, display of force standards and music from the West Midlands Police Band

There will be historic police vehicles on display outside the Cathedral, along with other historic police memorabilia from years gone by.

Force standards will also be on display. Take it all in while you listen to music from the West Midlands Police Band.

Coach parties

There will be designated coach parking. Coaches can drop off immediately outside the Cathedral before parking less than half a mile away.

Car parking

There is plenty of car parking space in the grounds of the University's multi-story car park.













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Coventry - the city of peace and reconciliation

Coventry Cathedral is most famously known for being bombed during World War II, which left Coventry Cathedral and much of the city centre in ruins.

From this comes the story of Coventry Cathedral's <u>reconciliation</u>, which began the day after the destruction of the Old Cathedral on the 14th November 1940, Provost Dick Howard (who led the Cathedral during WWII) made a commitment to not seek revenge, but to strive for forgiveness and, ultimately, reconciliation with those responsible, which at the time was seen to be very radical thinking.



The destruction of Coventry Cathedral touched the hearts of many countries around the world, who contributed and gifted elements of the building of the New Cathedral. The decision to leave the Ruins as they were after the Blitz became a powerful global symbol of peace building and forgiving enemies.

Standing in union with the New Cathedral, the two cathedral's stand as a powerful symbol of peace and peace building across nations, something which still runs deeply in the heart of Coventry Cathedral's mission.

This year marks the 85th anniversary of the Coventry Blitz of 1940. <u>You can read more on the projects,</u> programmes and ideas born at Coventry Cathedral that have led to their international recognition as a symbol of hope and reconciliation.

If you plan on spending National Police Memorial Day weekend in Coventry, why not book a guided tour?

Visitor information

For a fascinating journey into Britain's motor history, why not visit the <u>Coventry Transport Museum</u>, home to the largest publicly owned collection of British-made vehicles of all kinds, and home to the world's fastest land-speed record racing cars. For something more artistic, visit the eclectic and diverse exhibitions at <u>Herbert Art Gallery & Museum</u>, showcasing everything from historical artifacts through the ages to contemporary exhibits.

In the 'middle of everything', Coventry is easily accessible by road, rail, or air, Coventry is just an hour from London by train and a short 20-minute journey from Birmingham Airport. This central location makes it the ideal base for exploring nearby Warwick Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the scenic Warwickshire countryside.

Coventry's Visitor Information team can provide the very best in local knowledge, history and recommendations on how to make the most of your stay in Coventry, including advice on accommodation. You can read more on the Visitor Information website.

To donate to the charity, please scan the QR code - we are grateful for any support you are able to give.



