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Guernsey's Chief Minister to represent the Bailiwick of Guernsey at the National Service of Remembrance in London

On Sunday 14 November, Guernsey's Chief Minister, Deputy Peter Ferbrache, will attend the National Service of Remembrance in London to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the governments and people of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark, honouring those who fought and died in both World Wars and other conflicts.

This is only the second time that a representative from the Bailiwick has had the opportunity to attend the service to lay a wreath. Before 2019, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, along with the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Isle of Man, was recognised in the ceremony by the wreath laid on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

The Bailiff said:

"I hope that many islanders will take the opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the cause of peace and those who, even today, are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice so as to maintain peace around the globe. Along with events throughout the UK and the other Crown Dependencies, the usual Guernsey Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday morning at the Island War Memorial in St Peter Port."

Deputy Peter Ferbrache commented:

"It is an honour for the Bailiwick of Guernsey to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph to commemorate the contribution and sacrifice of men and women from our islands during the two World Wars and other conflicts. I feel deeply privileged to attend this service to represent the people and governments of the islands of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark." Bill Abel, President of the Policy & Finance Committee, States of Alderney:

"On Sunday the people of Alderney will remember and honour those from Alderney and the wider British family who gave their lives for their countries. Services are to be held in the St Anne's Church followed by brief ceremonies at the Memorial Gardens and the grave of Sapper Onions."

Conseiller John Guille, President of the Policy & Finance Committee, Chief Pleas of Sark:

"On this Remembrance Sunday, Chief Pleas of Sark pause to remember all those who left our Island to serve in all the armed forces and gave their lives for our freedom."

Those who are planning to attend Remembrance Sunday events or services in the Bailiwick are reminded that the use of face coverings is strongly recommended in certain settings such as in crowded places or where physical distancing is not possible. Similarly, Islanders are strongly recommended to use Lateral Flow Tests twice a week, including before attending crowded events. Anyone feeling unwell or experiencing any COVID symptoms should not attend, and should stay at home and contact the clinical helpline.

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• Due to Covid-19 restrictions in November 2020, a wreath was laid on behalf of the governments and people of all the Crown Dependencies by the Rt Hon Robert Buckland MP QC as the then Privy Counsellor with responsibilities for the Crown Dependencies.