



National Police *memorial day*

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The 13th annual National Police Memorial Day was held on Sunday 25 September 2016 at St Paul's Cathedral in London and we were once again honoured to have our patron HRH The Prince of Wales attend.

Around 2,000 former colleagues and family members of fallen officers were present to celebrate the lives and honour the sacrifices of those that have died whilst on duty. In addition to officers' loved ones, the congregation included policing officials and representatives from around the UK, over 40 Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners; senior figures from the Police Federation of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and UK Home Secretary Amber Rudd MP.

This was the fifth year that HRH The Prince of Wales has attended the service, and he took the time to meet and talk with fallen officers' loved ones at a private reception held in the magnificent crypt in St Paul's Cathedral.

During the service, candles were lit by relatives who mourn their loved ones and in remembrance of officers lost throughout the country. Candles were lit by Abigail Phillips, daughter of Constable Dave Phillips, Merseyside Police; Gaynor James, mother of Constable Andrew Lloyd James, South Wales Police; Andrea Irvine, widow of part-time Constable Kenneth Thomas Irvine, PSNI; Elaine Gordon, daughter of Sergeant Alan Ewen Gordon, Grampian Police.

Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, gave a reading during the service, paying tribute to the extraordinary bravery that officers show day in, day out, tackling dangerous situations in order to keep our families, communities and country safe.

"It is my honour to take part in National Police Memorial Day and pay tribute to the courageous police officers who have fallen in the line of duty and the families that are left behind."

The Act of Dedication was delivered by Ian Dyson QPM, Commissioner of City of London Police, who later said: "Police officers play an ever-present role in our day-to-day lives, always on hand when we need them to help, to reassure, and to act. Sometimes, however, we take them for granted.

"That's why days like today are so important, giving us an opportunity to pay our respects to police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their communities."

Steve White, Chair, Police Federation of England and Wales, read the names of officers who have lost their lives during the past year: Constable Douglas Wiggins, Police Scotland; Constable Sahib Lalli, Metropolitan Police Service; and Constable Dave Phillips, Merseyside Police.

A message from The Prince of Wales paid tribute to those officers "who had paid the ultimate sacrifice while safeguarding our families, our communities and our liberty".





Sergeant Joe Holness QPM said: "For me personally, today was undoubtedly the most poignant service in the history of National Police Memorial Day. This was my last service as national co-ordinator and to gather again where the inaugural service took place is somewhat surreal.

"National Police Memorial Day was an idea borne out of tragedy and I would never have dreamed that the charity and service would progress to have the standing it has today.

"I extend my gratitude to everyone who attended today's service and for their ongoing support. It was a day filled with emotion but also with immense

pride, and I know it meant a lot to the families and friends of our fallen colleagues to have our Patron The Prince of Wales with us today."

This year's service will take place at St David's Hall in Cardiff on Sunday 24 September 2017.

St David's Hall, Cardiff

Situated in the heart of Cardiff, St David's Hall is the National Concert Hall and Conference Centre of Wales. With its wide range of live entertainment, conferences, participation workshops, two bars and coffee shop, helpful staff and relaxing surroundings, St David's Hall is a building to be enjoyed throughout the year.

Home to the annual Welsh Proms Cardiff, the world-class Orchestral Concert Series and the famous bi-annual BBC Cardiff Singer of the World competition, St David's Hall presents a multitude of live entertainment, including pop, rock, folk, jazz, rhythm and blues, comedy, children's shows, lunchtime concerts, musicals, light entertainment, dance, world music, films and classical music.



Registration

Registration will open on **27 March** and close on **28 July 2017**. You can register by emailing: nationalpolicememorialday@polfed.org

You will need to provide the following details when you register:

Full name and address of attendees

When registering a group, invitations can be sent out to one address, provided that all names and addresses reflect each guest's form of identification that they will be asked to bring with them to gain access to the event (e.g. passport, driving licence)

Contact telephone number

Relationship

Please provide details if you or any of your group are related to a fallen officer.

Reverend Canon David Wilbraham is the new interim co-ordinator for National Police Memorial Day and can be contacted on 07843 293958.

How to get there

By Car

The major road route into Cardiff is the M4 motorway.

From the East:

Visitors travelling on the M4 from the East are advised to leave the M4 at junction 32 and follow the A470 (1st exit at roundabout) into the centre of Cardiff.

From the West:

Visitors travelling on the M4 from the West are advised to leave the M4 at junction 33 and join the A4232 (3rd exit at roundabout). You then have the option of either exiting the A4232 at the next roundabout and following signs for Cardiff city centre, or alternatively, if you remain on the A4232, it will eventually lead you to Cardiff Bay.

From the South West:

Visitors travelling from the South West of England should head North along the M5 motorway and then follow signs for South Wales and the M4.

From the Midlands and North:

Visitors travelling from the Midlands and the North of England should head for the M50 motorway (junction 8 on the M5 motorway) and then onto the A40 (signposted South Wales, Monmouth). Continue along the A40 until you reach Monmouth when the road becomes the A449. Continue along the A449 until you reach the Coldra roundabout where you should take the 5th exit to join the M4.

Car Parking

There is a multi storey pay and display car park which can be found at St Davids 2 shopping mall. Please follow the signs to alternative parking.

By Rail

Cardiff Central Station

Approximately five minutes' walk away.

Cardiff Queen Street Station

Approximately five minutes' walk away.

www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk

By Bus

Bus Station

Approximately five minutes' walk away.

<http://www.cardiffbus.com>

By Air

Cardiff Airport

Approximately 30 minutes' drive away.

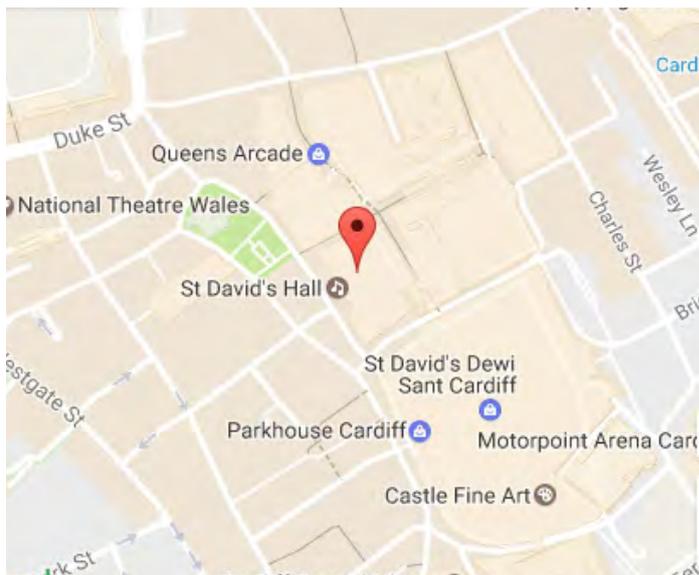
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By Taxi

Dragon taxi: 02920 333333

Premier taxi: 02920 555555

Capital taxi: 02920 777777



Charity cycle

Paul Griffiths, Vice-President of the Superintendents' Association, is embarking on a sponsored cycle between 46 police headquarters in England and Wales to raise money for National Police Memorial Day.



He is aiming to raise £1,200 in memory of fallen officers. You can donate at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PaulGriffithsPSAEW>

You can also follow his journey on Twitter @griffindares and keep up-to-date via the following website <http://www.policessupers.com/2017/02/24/vice-presidents-hq-cycling-challenge-second-leg/>

Where can I stay?

If you need help with booking accommodation, we have negotiated a special rate at some of the hotels listed below.

Due to a number of events taking place over this weekend accommodation may be limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Tourist Information Centre can also provide you with a booklet, Cardiff Essential Guide which includes many Hotels, B&Bs and much more information about Cardiff. Telephone 02920 873573, visitor@cardiff.gov.uk www.visitcardiff.com

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Farewell message for Joe and Sharon

Joe and Sharon Holness retired as national co-ordinators following the last Memorial Day which took place on Sunday 25 September 2016.

They will both be missed by everyone.

If you would like to pass on your best wishes, please email communications@polfed.org

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