

Opening of the Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral

The Garden of Remembrance service at St Paul's Cathedral is usually on the Monday before Remembrance Sunday. The Royal British Legion will send an invitation to each Master and Clerk a month beforehand.

The event is to remember servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars, and the subsequent conflicts, and marks the start of Remembrance Week.

The timing is as follows:

- 9.30am Assemble in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral for refreshments and to collect the crosses to be planted plus the Order of Service. There will be a short welcome speech by the National president of the Royal British Legion.
- 10.30am The Livery Company representatives leave the Crypt and form up under the guidance of the Marshal.

The Livery Companies will be arranged in rows of three in order of precedence. Crosses are planted in sixes, in other words six Masters at a time
- 11.00 am The service begins. It lasts approximately 45 minutes.

There is no prescribed dress code but it is customary for Masters to be smartly dressed, with formal overcoats. Gowns are not required but Masters should wear their livery badges plus poppies, and medals as appropriate.

