

# NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

Reverend Canon David Wilbraham MBE reflects on this year and provides an update on National Police Memorial Day 2022



***WE COMMEMORATE ALL UK POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.***

***THEIR SELF-SACRIFICE, BRAVERY, DEDICATION TO DUTY, LOVE OF FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.***



"Christmas is nearly upon us, a time of reflection for many. I am always conscious that however long ago tragedy came into your home, the sense of loss is always present and made all the more poignant on family or festive occasions. You are especially in our thoughts and prayers.

This year we were fortunate to be able to gather in person for National Police Memorial Day, albeit on a small scale. I extend my appreciation to those who were able to join us, whether in person, online, or as part of local acts of remembrance that took place throughout the UK at the same time as our Service in Lincoln Cathedral. Myself and the charity's Trustees were heartened with the level of support to mark this special day so that we could join in unison to pay tribute to fallen officers who are forever in our thoughts.

Plans are underway for next year and we remain hopeful that we will once again be able to welcome larger congregations. Please read on for Lincoln 2021 highlights and details on Belfast 2022.

Every blessing upon you, your loved ones and your homes. May the Peace, Love and Joy of Christmas be yours over this season and on into 2022."



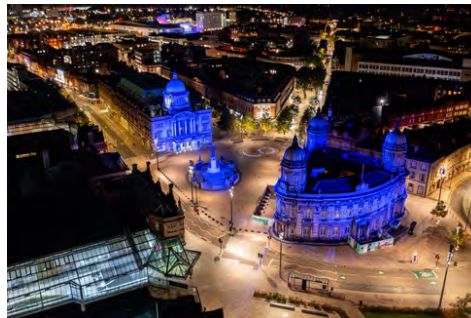




## MAGNIFICENT DEDICATION TO FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

Civic buildings throughout Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales were illuminated blue on the eve of NPMD 2021, providing a stunning dedication to fallen police officers.

Our thanks for the magnificent display of support for policing that took place throughout the country.



For example, officers from Humberside Police attended a small gathering in Queen Victoria Square, Hull. The square was washed in blue light to mark the sombre occasion [pictured above]. Our thanks to Hull City Council for making this possible.

## BELFAST - OUR HOST CITY FOR 2022

We are delighted to be returning to Belfast's Waterfront Hall on **Sunday 25 September 2022**. The booking site will go live at the end of January 2022 and we will send you the link and promote online nearer the time.

We hope you can join us. In the meantime, [click here for more on the venue.](#)







## A POIGNANT DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, LINCOLN 2021

The 18th National Police Memorial Day was held at Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday 26 September 2021.

Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Priti Patel, and Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM were amongst those who joined a small congregation. Covid restrictions meant numbers were limited at a physical event but there was a wealth of support for our online service and special acts of remembrance took place simultaneously throughout the country.



In the commemorative brochure, NPMD Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales said: "As a nation, we continue to face the challenges caused by an indiscriminate virus that has impacted all our lives. As we emerge from the restrictions of the past year and return to some form of normality, we are forever grateful for the steadfast dedication to duty of our police officers who have adapted and worked so tirelessly amidst the ever-changing circumstances throughout this period."

The Service included readings from Home Secretary Priti Patel, Sergeant Harvinder Singh Rai (President, National Sikh Police Association), and Zahra Zakaria (Chair of the Muslim Police Association), with Dame Cressida Dick providing the main address.

During the service, prayers were led by Annie Coker, widow of Detective Constable John Raymond Coker, who died from Covid 19 on 17 April 2020; and Darryl Codling, son of Inspector Ray Codling, who was fatally shot in 1989.

Candles were lit by relatives who mourn their loved ones and in remembrance of officers throughout the country who have lost their lives.



Representing England, Jayne Clemson, daughter of Constable Ray Davenport, Merseyside Police, who sustained fatal injuries on 4 July 1981, having been dragged along the road by a stolen vehicle.

Representing Northern Ireland, Andrea Brown, daughter of RUC Sergeant Eric Brown, Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross, fatally shot by terrorist gunmen in 1983. Andrea was accompanied by her sister, Michelle McBride.

Representing Wales, Rhianydd Gardiner, great niece of Constable Noel Alexander, who died in 1964 due to injuries sustained while taking part in a police training exercise.

Representing Scotland, Faye Buggins, widow of Constable Roy Buggins, Police Scotland, who collapsed and died on duty in 2019.

Police Federation of England and Wales' National Chair, John Apter read the names of officers who have lost their lives during the past year: Sergeant Paul Keany, Northamptonshire Police; Constable Christopher Miller, Metropolitan Police; Sergeant Matiu Ratana, Metropolitan Police; Constable Thomas White, Police Scotland; Constable Darryl Street, Civil Nuclear Constabulary; and Constable Quamar Zaman, Greater Manchester Police.

There was silence as petals of remembrance, representing all who have lost their lives, descended from the gallery as the orchestra played 'Abide with Me' and the Last Post was sounded. Chief Constable of Lincolnshire Police, Chris Haward, read the Act of Dedication before the final Blessing was given by the Bishop of Lincoln.

**[Click here to view the Service Brochure.](#)**

## **WATCH HIGHLIGHTS FROM LINCOLN 2021**



*Click on the images above to watch the Service and view photographs.  
NB. Access code to [view photographs](#) is **NPM**.*





## LOCAL ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

Due to restrictions on attendance levels in Lincoln, forces went all out to commemorate locally, with special acts of remembrance taking place simultaneously throughout the country, at the same time as the Service in Lincoln.



***"It is the greatest honour to be able to represent the police service in the coming together, for times of reflection, honouring those who have given so much for public service but have sadly passed."***

*CC Chilton, Dorset Police*



***"It's great to be here as the Hampshire police family, remembering those who have given so much both on duty and off duty over the years."***

*CC Pinkney, Hampshire Constabulary*



Huntingdon marked National Police Memorial Day with a service in All Saints' Church. Flowers were laid at the Thinking Soldier War Memorial on the Market Square in memory of the lives lost from Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the former constituent forces. Flags flew from the balcony of the Town Hall and the building was illuminated blue that same evening.



## SUPPORT NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

Many are unaware that NPMD is a charity that relies on donations and fundraising initiatives. There are several ways to donate - please support, like and share when you can.

### Text

To donate £1, text NPMD to 70201

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To donate £5, text NPMD to 70970

To donate £10, text NPMD to 70191

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## CHALLENGE COIN 2021

Following the success of the Challenge Coin for NPMD 2020, we again commissioned a specially minted Challenge Coin to commemorate this year's NPMD.

We are incredibly grateful that the coins raised more than £3,000 last year. Please add to your collection by purchasing one of these unique coins for 2021.



**PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE COIN BY  
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