

Draft Saltash Remembrance 2022

Background

This year's Remembrance Sunday is being held on 13th November 2022. It is an event that is very important to residents and that many in the town wish to be involved in so they can pay their respects. Traditionally the event is held at 2pm so that it does not clash with other events in neighbouring towns held at 11am. The event includes a church service, parade to the war memorial and laying of wreaths at the war memorial located outside of the Church of St Nicholas and St Faith.

In addition the Mayor and Mayoress undertake wreath laying at the Waterside, Saltash Railway Station and St Stephen's war memorial.

Proposed Plans for Remembrance 2022

In both 2020 and 2021 the pandemic forced restrictions on events such as Remembrance and the community was not able to be as involved as they had been in previous years. There was disappointment in 2021 that numbers inside the venue had to be restricted due to the COVID restrictions at the time and community feedback has been that there is a strong desire to be able to be part of the service and pay their respects.

The three locations that have been used previously are

- Church of St Nicholas and St Faith
- The Saltash Wesley Methodist Church
- Church of St Stephen's

Church of St Nicholas and St Faith holds approx. 200 people, The Saltash Wesley Methodist Church approx. 388 and The Church of St Stephen's approx. 295. (All capacities were found on the Church websites). Holding the service outside was considered but due to the time of the year the weather would be too unpredictable.

To allow as many residents, servicing personnel and veterans as possible to attend the Saltash Remembrance service it is proposed that it is held at The Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, subject to the Church's agreement. It is proposed that once guest RSVP's have been received, any remaining seats will be available to the community on the day, on a first come first served basis. It is also hoped that the Church will live stream the event as has happened in previous years.

The parade will march from the Church to the war memorial where wreaths will be laid followed by the civic march past on Fore Street. Tea and coffee will be offered to everyone at the Guildhall afterwards.

End of report

Receptionist / Mayors Secretary