



Inter Faith Week

11 - 18 November



ARMISTICE 100 AND INTER FAITH WEEK 2018

Remembrance Sunday is marked from the smallest villages to the largest cities. Hundreds of thousands of people participate in services and other events commemorating the contribution of British and Commonwealth military servicemen and women and non-combatants in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November, the one nearest to 11 November which is Armistice Day, the anniversary of the end of World War 1 at 11 am in 1918. A two minute silence is held at that time.

The march past the cenotaph in Whitehall, London on Remembrance Sunday is a major focus of the day, with the 'march past' of British and Commonwealth former military and civilian service personnel and wreath laying.

Because 11 November 2018 marks the Centenary of the end of World War 1 there will this year be many special additional activities for Remembrance Sunday and the period leading up to that. Among these will be a 'People's march' past the Cenotaph and special bell ringing. More about these and other events and activities can be found at: <https://armistice100.org.uk/>

Inter Faith Week is intentionally timed to begin each year on Remembrance Sunday. This is to give people of different backgrounds opportunity to remember together and to highlight the diversity of those who have served – both from the UK and from the countries that became the Commonwealth.

Those who were conscientious objectors also came from different backgrounds and often acted in the light of their beliefs. The Week also enables reflection on this.

Marking both Armistice 100 and Inter Faith Week

You may be thinking about planning an Inter Faith Week event linked to Armistice100 or joining with another organisation or organisations in doing so. Some other possible inter faith activities include:

- working to support a local event marking Remembrance Sunday with the participation of organisations and individuals of different faiths and beliefs;
- holding a discussion or talk with different perspectives on war – and peace;
- arranging an exhibition about diversity of the soldiers in WW1;
- posting on Twitter or Facebook on 11 November to say that on #Armistice100 and at the beginning of #interfaithweek, your organisation is remembering the contribution of those of all faiths and none;
- arranging a group of people of different faith backgrounds to come together to ring bells of kinds linked to their communities at the time of the People's March;
- supporting local schools' projects for Armistice 100; or

- discussing the ways in which commemoration can be used to envisage a better world, one where there is no longer any war – echoing the sentiments of many who died during or survived the ‘war to end all wars’.

Resources

Just a few potentially helpful resources are below, in alphabetical order.

General:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/every-one-remembered/>

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/voices-of-the-first-world-war-conscientious-objection>

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/>

<https://www.voicesofwarandpeace.org/>

<http://www.1914.org/>

Other

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/news/general/did-you-know-that-14-million-indian-soldiers-helped-us-during-ww1/>

<http://www.india1914.com/>

<https://www.ifscfr.org/>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/forgotten-role-of-indian-soldiers-who-served-in-first-world-war-marked-at-last-a6725851.html>

<https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/about-us/history/jewish-military-museum/>

<https://www.jewsfww.london/home.php>

<http://www.muslimsinww1.com/>

<http://www.sikhmuseum.com/brighton/index.html>

<http://www.ww1commonwealthcontribution.org/>

<http://ww1muslimsoldiers.org.uk/>

<http://www.1914.org/news/putting-sikh-soldiers-on-the-map-groundbreaking-website-of-world-war-one-stories-launched/>

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