

Chester Armistice Commemoration Weekend Programme of Events

“We Will Remember Them”

During the event, the café on the Little Roddee will be open for the purchase of hot drinks etc. They also have toilets.

Seating has been arranged in the University Car Park, for those who might find standing for the full video tiring.

Friday 9th November

- Afternoon and evening – the bells of Chester’s churches will toll 1120 times, once for every person on our roll of honour, a list of soldiers from Chester killed in World War 1.
- 5.00 pm until 7.00pm. The names of those on the roll of honour will be projected onto the medieval walls of Chester Castle. The video lasts approximately 40 minutes and will be shown three times.
- 7.00pm Solo Piper Shonagh Duncan will play the Piper’s Lament
- The Last Post will be played
- The evening will end by 7.30pm
- There will be a collection for the Royal British Legion, and poppies will be on sale.
- Hot drinks will be available for purchase

Saturday 10th November

- The bells of Chester Cathedral will toll all day, visitors to the bell tower are welcome.
- 6.00 – 8.00pm Cheshire Military Museum will open its doors for the evening, with free entry (donations welcome!) You can visit the museum and also watch the video.
- The video will be played on the castle walls from 6.00 – 8.00
- At 7.20 pm approx (for the last showing of the video) the names of Chester’s fallen will be read out whilst they are projected. Readers include Chris Matheson MP and Sam Dixon, councillor for Chester City and Leader of the Cheshire West and Chester Council
- 8.00 pm The Last Post will be played
- There will be a collection for the Royal British Legion, and poppies will be on sale
- Hot drinks will be available for purchase

Sunday 11th November

- There will be various events and services across the city.
- There will be bell ringing at 12.30 to celebrate the Peace.
- 6.00 – 8.30pm The video will play on the Castle walls.
- At 8.30 the Last Post will be played
- We will finish the evening by looking to the future, with children from a local school singing songs
- At 8.35 there will be a short concert from two choirs
 - St Werburgh’s primary
 - Chester Operatic Society
 - A final communal rendition of a song sung by the men in trenches to keep their spirits up (words projected on the Castle)
- There will be a collection for the Royal British Legion, and poppies will be on sale
- Hot Drinks will be available for purchase.

ACCESS TO THE EVENT

- The event will be staged on the lower car park (owned by Chester University) use the address of the Crown Courts for sat nav: The Castle, Chester, CH1 2AN
- Public transport – there is a bus stop on Grosvenor Road, next to the car park where people can gather to watch the video.
- Parking – people can park in the main castle car park, from where you can reach the site by exiting the car park via the Propyleum gate, turning left and following the road down to the Lower Car Park.
- Or park on the Little Roodee. There is disabled access from the Little Roodee via the gate under the city walls. (follow the ramp out of the car park, giving disabled access) There are also toilets and a café here.
- There will be portaloos on site.