



**EMERGENCY
SERVICES FESTIVAL
OF THANKSGIVING**
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Emergency Services
Festival of Thanksgiving
Friday 4 September 2020
2pm

Broadcast online

The National Emergency Services Memorial (NESM) is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (1187751) and Scotland (SC048678) and is raising at least £3.2 million to build Britain's first national memorial dedicated to ALL emergency services personnel and service animals.

The 999 Cenotaph will act as a national symbol of remembrance, gratitude and sacrifice to the incredible men, women and service animals. **Over two million personnel** - many of whom are volunteers - currently work across the emergency services - from Belfast to Cardiff to Edinburgh and London, their selfless work is admirable.

More than **7,500** members of the emergency services who have tragically lost their lives in the course of their duties, and many hundreds more have died travelling to and from their **999** duties.

In addition to creating a **999** Cenotaph, we also organise the UK's annual Emergency Services Festival of Thanksgiving.

The **999** Festival is an annual event which takes place on the nearest Friday to **999** Day (9th September). It brings together senior politicians, emergency services and the public to show their united appreciation to those who work in the NHS and emergency services.

We are very proud to have the support of HRH The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister, First Ministers and many other emergency services, politicians and supporters.

About the Choir:

The Blue Light Choir

The Blue Light Choir is a self-funded choir, made up of emergency services employees and friends to help ease the daily stresses by having a good sing. We work to support employees and the communities we serve by promoting mental health and creating an environment where we can feel comfortable talking about it.



Musicians

The Last Post and Reveille are performed by Senior Aircraftswoman Rachel Boddice, outside the College Hall Officers' Mess at Royal Air Force College Cranwell.



Order of Service

Welcome by Tom Scholes-Fogg

Blue Light Choir

The Blue Light Choir will sing One Call Away from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Station.

I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me
I'm only one call away

Call me, baby, if you need a friend
I just wanna give you love
Come on, come on, come on
Reaching out to you, so take a chance

No matter where you go
You know you're not alone

I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me
I'm only one call away

Come along with me and don't be scared
I just wanna set you free
Come on, come on, come one
You and me can make it anywhere
For now, we can stay here for a while, ay

'Cause you know, I just wanna see you smile
No matter where you go

You know you're not alone
I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me
I'm only one call away

And when you're weak I'll be strong
I'm gonna keep holding on
Now don't you worry, it won't be long, Darling
And when you feel like hope is gone
Just run into my arms
I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me

I'm only one, I'm only one call away
I'll be there to save the day
Superman got nothing on me
I'm only one call away

I'm only one call away

One Call Away

Songwriters: Breyan Stanley Isaac / Charlie Otto Puth / Justin Scott Franks / Matthew Alan Prime / Maureen Anne McDonald / Shy Carter

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Address to the 999 Festival

Tom Scholes-Fogg, Founder and Chief Executive of the 999 Festival, 999 Cenotaph and 999 Day.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge.

The Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA
The First Minister of Northern Ireland.

The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP
The First Minister of Scotland.

The Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS
The First Minister of Wales.

Wreath Laying

Chief Constable Ian Hopkins QPM, Greater Manchester Police – On behalf of all UK police forces and officers.
Wreath lay in Manchester, England.

Chief Fire Officer Martin Blunden QFSM, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – On behalf of all UK Fire and Rescue services and officers.
Wreath lay in Glasgow, Scotland.

Chief Executive Officer, Michael Bloomfield, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service – On behalf of all UK Ambulance Services and the NHS.
Wreath lay in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

David Simmons, Chair of Rhyl RNLI Lifeboat Management Group - On behalf of all UK Search and Rescue organisations and personnel.
Wreath lay in Rhyl, Wales.

S/Sergeant Tom Scholes-Fogg - On behalf of the 999 Cenotaph, 999 Day and the 999 Festival.
Wreath lay in Manchester, England.

Followed by two-minutes' silence to remember the more than 7,500 emergency services personnel killed as a result of their duties.

The Last Post

The Last Post and Reveille are performed by Senior Aircraftwoman Rachel Boddice, outside the College Hall Officers' Mess at Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

Blue Light Choir

The Blue Light Choir will sing Amazing Grace from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Station.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The world shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun refuse to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Amazing Grace

John Newton (1725-1807)

Emergency Services Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read by Father Barry Lomax, Chaplain to Greater Manchester Police

Lord God we thank you for the selfless men and women of the emergency services. We thank you for all the resources you provide for their task and especially for the animals trained to work alongside them. We rejoice in all who work for peace and the saving of lives in danger.

We pray for those who serve in the emergency services, that you protect those whose service is our protection. May they ever receive your strength in the performance of their duty. We hold up to you those who have served in past years. We recall those who have paid the ultimate price in their task of preserving life and of upholding law and order. May all who serve or have served within the emergency service be embraced within your love both now and forever.

Grant that our nation may ever continue to show its gratitude towards those who serve within its emergency services and not take for granted the precious work undertaken.

We ask you, Lord, graciously to hear us.

Written by Bishop Martyn Jarrett and Tom Scholes-Fogg

Address to the 999 Festival

Martin Hewitt QPM, Chair,
National Police Chiefs' Council

Roy Wilsher QFSM, Chair,
National Fire Chiefs' Council

Daren Mochrie QAM, Chief Executive,
Association of Ambulance Chief Executives

Claire Hughes,
Director of Her Majesty's Coastguard

Video of Thanks

Featuring some of those working in the emergency services.

Final Thoughts by Tom Scholes-Fogg

Blue Light Choir

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign!
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!

Thomas Arne (1710-1778)

Arranged by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Supporters

“As a society, we owe our wellbeing, and indeed our lives, to the men and women in our emergency services who work tirelessly to protect us in some of the most difficult circumstances. It is only fitting that we should recognise the vital role that they play, and pay tribute to the bravery and dedication of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities.”

HRH The Duke of Cambridge

“It takes a very special kind of person to put your life on the line for a complete stranger. Yet that is what we see day in, day out from the remarkable men and women of our emergency services. You protect us from harm, deliver us from danger, and tend to us in our hours of need. And you do so without hesitation or complaint – if we dial 999, we know you will be there for us.

“I know the dedicated men and women of the Emergency services did not get into this line of work for the accolades or applause. You are heroes of British life, doing what you do not for the plaudits but out of a sheer sense of duty and a determination to serve the public. All of us in this country owe each of you a debt of gratitude.”

THE PRIME MINISTER, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP

“We are indebted to our emergency services who daily endanger their lives to ensure our health, safety and well-being. Sadly, there have been many from our Fire, Police, Ambulance, Health and Coastguard emergency services who have died whilst on the call of duty. It is important we remember their sacrifice and dedication to their profession. Particularly during our darkest days in Northern Ireland when men and women left their families never to return from duty. I support the campaign for the National Emergency Services Memorial - the first combined memorial of its kind in the UK. We owe a gratitude to the brave men and women who have worked in our emergency services and I hope this memorial will act as a national symbol of remembrance.” **THE FIRST MINISTER OF NORTHERN IRELAND, Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA**

“Our emergency services perform some of the most demanding and vital work in order to protect us all. It is entirely right that the extraordinary commitment, courage and selfless dedication they demonstrate should be honoured. I am pleased to give my support to this National Emergency Services Memorial and 999 day.” **THE FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND, Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP**

“I am honoured to give my support to the National Emergency Services Memorial in hosting the Annual Emergency Services Festival of Thanksgiving and the National 999 Day. With the ever-present threat of major incidents, we need to be increasingly mindful of, and indebted to, the bravery and courage of emergency services personnel who put their own lives on the line every day to protect the safety of the public.” **THE FIRST MINISTER OF WALES, Rt Hon Mark Drakeford AM**

