



Press Release: 9 April 2021

Worcester Cathedral joins UK in period of mourning following the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

- **Cathedral open from 7.30 am to 10 pm on Saturday 10 April and Sunday 11 April for members of the public to pay their respects and light candles.**
- **St George flag to fly at half-mast from the Cathedral Tower until after the funeral.**
- **Cathedral bells to ring to mark the period of mourning for the UK and nations around the world.**
- **Memorial service to be held at the Cathedral on the day before the Duke's funeral service.**

Worcester Cathedral has joined the UK and nations around the world in a period of mourning following the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 9 April.

The Cathedral will open from 7.30 am to 10 pm on Saturday 10 April and Sunday 11 April for members of the public who wish to pay their respects. Further opening times will be announced on social media. The Church of England has opened an online condolence book at <https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>, where members of the public are invited to express their sympathy or support, or write about their memories of the Duke of Edinburgh. The Cathedral is providing the opportunity to light candles in memory of the Duke.

The Royal Family will be included in prayers each day at the morning eucharist and at the evening service, and at services during the day.

The St George flag will fly at half-mast until the day after the funeral.

The bourdon bell will ring 99 times for the number of years of the Duke's life at 12 noon on Saturday 10 April.

A memorial service will be held in the Cathedral on the day before the funeral, with the cathedral choir and civic and diocesan representatives in attendance. Limited seating for members of the public will be available.

The Dean of Worcester, Dr Peter Atkinson, said:

“Prince Philip was a much-loved figure on the world stage for many decades. His support for Her Majesty the Queen throughout their long marriage, and his devotion to duty through countless public engagements until very recently, mark him out as one of the great men of our time. We mourn his passing, and are united in prayer for the Queen and the Royal Family.”

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