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Opening of the Garden of Remembrance

Usually first Monday in November preceding Remembrance Sunday

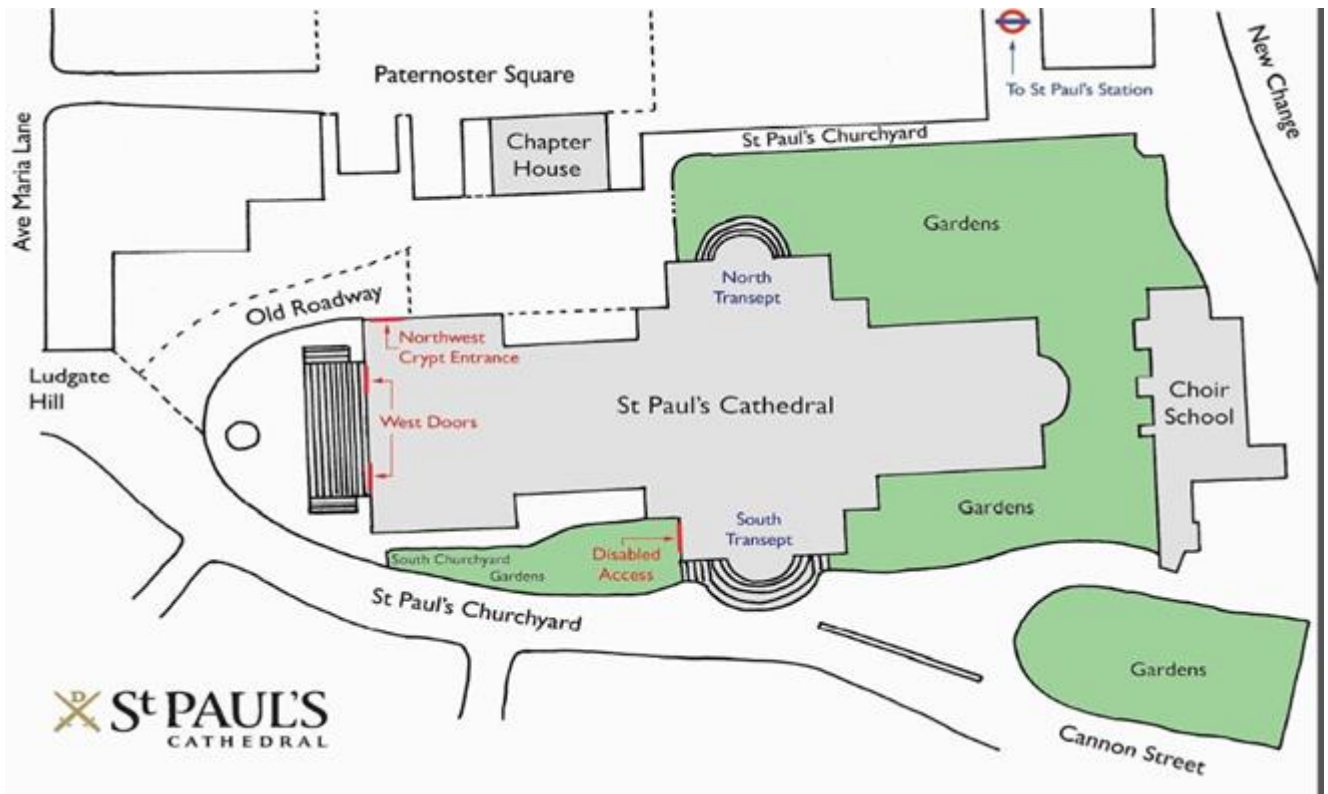
St Paul's Churchyard

Copy of letter/email to Masters/Clerks from the Royal British Legion annually each October. *(this is the edited 2015 version, the format of the day is broadly similar each year).*

“It is with great pleasure that I write to you ahead of this year’s Garden of Remembrance Service which takes place at St Paul’s Cathedral on the Monday preceding Remembrance Sunday. This tribute is to remember servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars, and subsequent conflicts, and also marks the start of Remembrance Week.

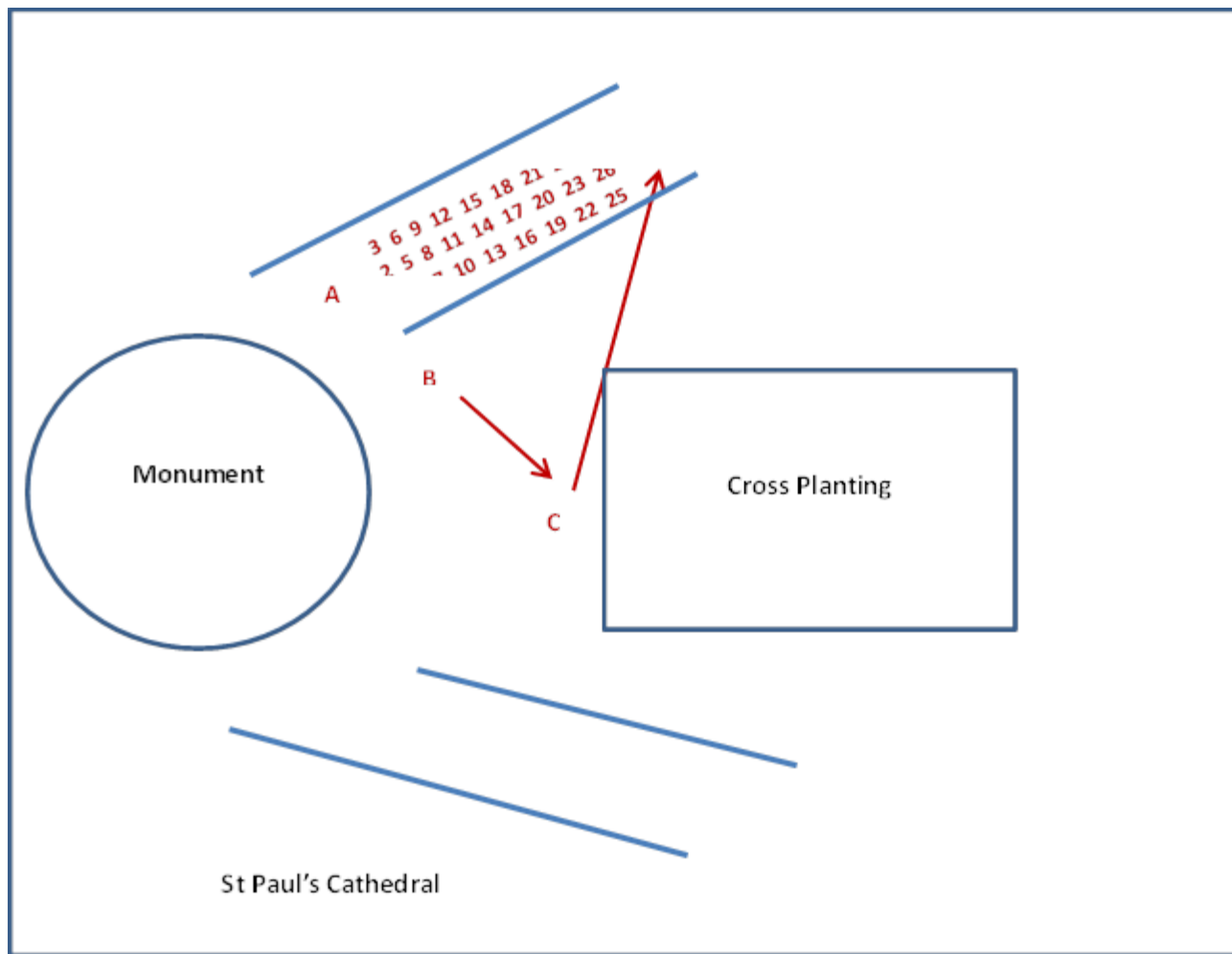
Time	Activity
0930hrs	Assemble in the Crypt of St Paul’s Cathedral for refreshments Pick up crosses and Order of Service Welcome by National President of The Royal British Legion
1030hrs the Marshal	Livery companies leave the Crypt and form up under the guidance of
1100hrs	Service commences
1140hrs	Service ends

Dress (note by NRP). No formal dress code is laid down, but masters do not wear their gowns, but may wish to wear (formal) overcoats. Badges, poppies and medals as appropriate. Some will wish to wear hats. Sensible shoes and umbrellas are worth considering.



St Paul's Churchyard

The ceremony takes place in the gardens area to the north east of the Cathedral.



Cross Planting Instructions

- A. All Livery companies form in rows of three in order of precedence on the grass beside the left side of monument, e.g. *Row 1: Masters 1, 2, 3 Row 2: Masters 3, 4, 5*
- B. *Crosses are planted in sixes i.e. six Masters at a time. On the direction of the Parade Marshal the first two rows (Masters 1 to 6) move forward followed by the second two rows (7 to 12) and so on*
- C. *After planting their crosses Masters are asked to re-join the other Livery representatives by moving forward and filing after the last row of Livery Masters (i.e. to their right). Thereafter all are asked to keep moving up to their right again so that as Masters go forward to plant their crosses the next in line move up so that Row 1 (Masters 1, 2, 3) etc. eventually return to the places back to their original formation*

Please note, it is important that Livery Masters and other representatives keep the paths clear at all times, especially at the end of the service. This is to allow the Lord Mayor accompanied by the Dean to move easily to the gates at the East end of the Garden from where the civic party departs.

This ceremony/service is arranged by the National Events Administrator of the Royal British Legion.

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