



**PRESS RELEASE
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**A Moment of Reflection on the Eve of the Funeral of
Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

On the eve of the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, members of the public are being asked to step outside their homes for a brief vigil at 8.00pm.

The Worshipful Town Mayor of Folkestone, Councillor Nicola Keen, said "I would like to encourage members of our community to join with people across the United Kingdom for a moment of silent reflection. During the Minute we will have an opportunity, in silence, to reflect on the lifetime of service which Her late Majesty devoted to the United Kingdom, the Realms and Territories and to the Commonwealth.

The Queen was sure in her faith and steadfast in her duty, bringing constancy through 70 years of change. We will remember Her late Majesty with affection and gratitude and silently give thanks in our hearts for her unswerving devotion to us and to our Country."

The end of the Minute silence can also be marked by saying "**God Save The King**" and singing of the National Anthem.

For anyone wishing to organise their own gatherings a suggested approach is available on the Folkestone Town Council website www.folkestone-tc.gov.uk

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Folkestone Town Council on 01303 257946 or visit www.folkestone-tc.gov.uk

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By 19.55 members of the community will gather at [location].

At 19.58 the convenor of the event will say:

Thank you all for gathering here this evening for this brief vigil on the eve of the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In a few moments we will join with people across the United Kingdom in a Moment of Silent Reflection. The start and end of the Minute here will be marked by a whistle. During the Minute we will have an opportunity, in silence, to reflect on the lifetime of service which Her late Majesty devoted to the United Kingdom, the Realms and Territories and to the Commonwealth.

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Ladies and gentlemen, it is now approaching 8.00 p.m.

At 20.00 a whistle sounds

Silence will be kept

At 20.01 the whistle marks the end of the Silence

Applause

[In those places where it has not been read, the Proclamation of The King's Accession may be read]

The vigil concludes with all present saying:

God Save The King

and the singing of the National Anthem

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