



## **Chattri Memorial Group**

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Dear Friends of the Chattri

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On behalf of the Chattri Memorial Group, I should like to invite you to the Annual Chattri Memorial Service, in remembrance of the Indian Soldiers who were cremated in Brighton during the First World War. Some 12,000 troops from Undivided India were brought over from the Western Front and hospitalised in Brighton to recover from their wounds. The memorial is unique and the commemoration is the only one of its kind in Britain.

The Service will take place on Sunday 11th June 2023 at 2.30 pm. at the Chattri, Patcham, Standen Lane, Brighton, BN1 8ZB. Prayers and the laying of the wreaths should last for approximately half an hour. Cars are able to drive right up to the Chattri on this day. Please note the Memorial is situated on farmland and therefore the ground will be uneven. There are no facilities or shelter available at the site and seating is limited. Please bring your own foldable chairs if required.

Following the Ceremony, refreshments will be served at Patcham High School, Ladies' Miles Road, Brighton BN1 8PB. An exhibition which traces the role of the soldiers from India to the Western Front will be on display at the school. Parking is limited at the school but there is off-road parking nearby.

I shall be honoured to have your presence at the Chattri and I hope you will be able to attend with your family and friends. Everyone is welcome so kindly forward this email to your contacts who would be interested in attending.

There is no need to reply, unless you intend to lay a wreath on behalf of your organisation. Please note, we do not provide wreaths. We are a community voluntary group which relies on grants and donations to hold the service.

With best wishes

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Chair Chattri Memorial Group