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**VE DAY**

## What is VE day?

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May marks 75 years since Nazi Germany's formal surrender at the end of the Second World War.
- **VE** stands for **V**ictory in **E**urope.
- On VE day in 1945, people took to the streets to celebrate peace after years of devastating destruction during the war.
- VE day is a time when people can remember and be thankful for the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.
- Watch the video clip below for more information.



# What is happening on VE day?

There are a number of ways in which VE day is being marked, below are a few of them.

- At 11am there will be a two minute silence to remember those who fought and lost their lives during World War Two.
- At 3pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, join in with a nationwide toast to the heroes. Raise a cup of tea, squash or drink to our nation's heroes who fought for our freedom during World War Two.
- At 6.55pm, there is a cry for peace. Due to COVID-19, the town criers may not be able to carry this out, however you can see the words for this on slide 11.
- At 9pm, there will be a broadcast from the Queen and also a nationwide singalong to Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again'.
- Throughout the day, there will be programmes on TV about VE day.



## VE Day prayers

Lord God our Father,  
we pledge ourselves to serve you and  
all humankind,  
in the cause of peace,  
for the relief of want and suffering,  
and for the praise of your name.  
Guide us by your Spirit;  
give us wisdom;  
give us courage;  
give us hope; and keep us faithful  
now and always.  
Amen.

You can also find other prayers on the Church of England's website.



## VE Day Prayer

O Lord our God, as we remember,  
teach us the ways of peace.

As we treasure memories, teach us  
to hope.

As we give thanks for the sacrifices  
of the past, help us to make your  
future in this world, until your  
kingdom come.

**Amen.**



## Bible readings

Micah 4:1-4

Peace and Security through Obedience

- In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it,  
<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;  
<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their  
own fig trees,  
and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoke



## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;<sup>[a]</sup> even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,<sup>[b]</sup> we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,<sup>[c]</sup> not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



## VE Day activities

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, certain events and celebrations are not able to take place as planned. However it is important that in times of difficulty we unite together, so you can join in with some of the activities below to mark VE day.

There are lots of ways in which you can mark VE day at home, you could create some bunting, host a 1940's tea party, learn a 1940's dance routine and many other activities.

- ❖ You can leave an online message of remembrance on the Royal British Legion's website. There is also further information about VE day on here:
- ❖ <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/march-poppy-press/leave-your-ve-day-message>
- ❖ Dan Snow has launched a creative challenge, you can find out further details here: <https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>
- ❖ This is a link to a pack which has lots of different activities on, such as a 1940's dance routine, recipes and more. <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/siteassets/home/visit/ve-day-75/eh-ve-day-at-home-pack.pdf>

A link to videos and tips on how to make bunting.

- ❖ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>





# Prue Leith's Muscovado Flapjacks



“ This would not have been a common treat in WW2 since sugar and butter were severely rationed. But I thought, with lockdown making flour disappear from our grocery shelves, which it certainly did in the war too, and oats, then as now, being available, and most of us trying to cook with store cupboard ingredients, Flapjacks would fit the bill. ”

## 1 Ingredients

 75g brown sugar

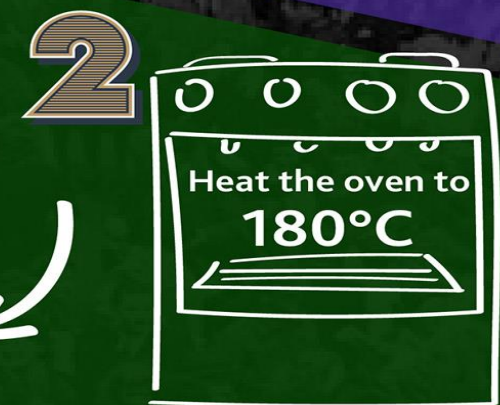
75 g muscovado sugar 

 150 g butter

275g porridge oats 

 1 heaped teaspoon ground cinnamon

 ½ teaspoon table salt



**3** Line a small roasting pan or deep baking tray with a piece of non-stick baking sheet (I use oven-liner, which is strong and re-usable).

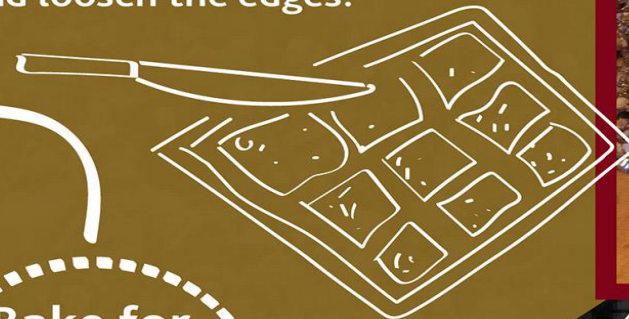


**4** Slowly melt the sugar and butter together in a medium sized saucepan. When liquid, stir in the oats, cinnamon and salt and spoon into the baking pan. Press down flat with the back of spoon and score through the mix to make twelve flapjacks.



**5** Bake for 20 minutes until golden and set

**6** Leave until warm then separate the flapjacks by scoring between them again and loosen the edges.



You could colour in the poster below and display it in a window at home.

**THANK YOU**





## *A Cry for Peace Around the World*

### *Oyez Oyez Oyez*

Citizens, one and all,

Please join this cry for peace, that you now hear from me.

Remember men & women, old & young, who died to make us free.

The women left at home did not just sit and wait.

They toiled in harsh conditions before dawn to very late.

Factories, farms, other essential jobs, the women were quick at learning.

They worked, some died, to keep the home fires burning.

As we remember this special day, do not forget that every day someone needs your aid,

Do not put away your poppies, letting your memories fade.

Celebrate with the knowledge that VE Day is also a time to remember,

Beyond the solemn wreaths of the 11th of November.

Let's thank all those who have gone before, with their colours proudly unfurled.

Join us as united we say, "Peace to the world".

*God Save The Queen*



## Thought of the day

When addressing the public on VE Day, King George VI called upon people to remember those who died and to:

“...make the world such a world as they would have desired for their children and for ours.”

What might you do to celebrate, give thanks, and remember?

[www.rbl.org.uk/remembrance](http://www.rbl.org.uk/remembrance)