JAMES PAGET HOSPITAL

Building a healthier future together and joining others in celebration of 80 years of peace



8 MAY 2025

"On behalf of everyone at James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, including our staff and the patients we care for, we are delighted to take part in this important celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025.

By singing 'I Vow to Thee My Country' on 8th May 2025, our hospital is showing support for this significant shared moment of

celebration and reflection for everyone who contributed to VE Day eighty years ago.

As an NHS organisation, we value the connection between our hospital and the communities we serve, and this is a simple but meaningful way of showing our support on the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

We continue to look after patients that served and lived through those times, and would encourage other hospitals and health and care organisations to get involved too.

James Paget Hospital will raise a VE Day 80 Flag at 9am, will light a Lamp Light of Peace and sing "I Vow To Thee My Country' at 9.30pm on 8th May, to celebrate and promote peace on this momentous occasion."



Jo Segasby Chief Executive, James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace

Words and Music by Gustav Holst and Cecil Spring

