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### CHURCH BELLS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

To mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, the bells of Gibraltar's churches will be rung for 10 minutes at 12 noon on Saturday 9 May. This will coincide with churches throughout UK many of which will be ringing their bells at 11am, UK time.

The significance of this act is that, throughout World War II, all church bells in UK were silenced, to be rung only as a warning of an invasion by enemy troops. On VE Day in 1945, many churches rang their bells as a way of marking the end of the war in Europe.