



The Chapels Royal of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist  
HM Tower of London

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,



Gary and Geraldine were married at the Tower of London in October 2017. They are members of our 1100am congregation and Geraldine regularly does the flowers (Geraldine did the flowers for Remembrance Sunday).

Both have extremely busy day jobs but in their spare time, they are members of the army reserve. Both have been working flat-out along with many others to set up NHS Nightingale. I'm delighted that when I asked them, they have found the time to write this contribution to our Chapel Mailing List.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of the NHS and those who support them. Thankyou G&G.**

Dear congregation of the Chapel Royal.

We would like to share a brief glimpse into the effort that has created the NHS Nightingale Hospital at Excel. Our Reserve Military units have called on us and others to support the NHS in these unprecedented times. Whilst we all wish this Hospital was not required, it has been a privilege to serve our Country in this most difficult of times. We have seen the very best of people, our NHS, our Armed Forces and all the contractors involved in building and now operating this emergency Hospital.



We have very different roles with Gary combining his understanding of Military support with his day job experience of complex logistics operations. Whilst Geraldine has been working with the Operations and Clinical teams helping to develop protocols, systems and training to support the provision of compassionate care to the families of patients. We have seen amazing team work, personal bravery, collective effort, ingenuity and endurance to build a 480,000 square foot operational intensive treatment hospital in just nine days.

Nightingale hospital is not just a vast number of beds in an exhibition space. It has been designed and built to respect the patients and reassure their families. The Nightingale hospital has capacity for 3600 persons, it has its Oxygen plant and ring main and has procured medical equipment from all four corners of the world. It will deliver first class care by our fantastic medical professionals and volunteers. It has been an honour to support Operation Nightingale. As the mobilisation is complete, the Military Engineers and Logisticians move onto other tasks. However, the role of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry will endure until C-19 is defeated.



**Our thoughts are with those affected by this dreadful virus. Gary and Geraldine.**



God of love,  
We ask for your blessing on  
those who are ill,  
those who are vulnerable  
those who are worried about  
themselves and those they love,  
and on those who mourn.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With fond wishes to you all, Roger.

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