



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

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I hope and trust that you have had a good week and enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. I am particularly pleased that Pete McGowran – The Chief Yeoman Warder and former Chapel Clerk agreed to do this week's Chapel video. Pete was on The One Show last week, The Travel Show and has been interviewed by Fox Television, keeping The Tower in the public eye. Pentecost, this coming Sunday should have been a State Parade as well as celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit on the church – please pray for one another and for the Yeoman Warders and all those who presently live in the Tower of London. With fond wishes, Roger.

Vikram Seth was born in Calcutta and educated at Oxford, Stanford and Nanjing Universities. The poem *All You Who Sleep Tonight* was published in 1990. His other works include the novel *The Golden Gate* and *A Suitable Boy*. He was born in 1952.

I feel this poem is worth pondering on in our present circumstances.

All You Who Sleep Tonight

All you who sleep tonight
Far from the ones you love,
No hand to left or right,
And emptiness above –

Know that you aren't alone.
The whole world shares your tears,
Some for two nights or one,
And some for all their years.
Vikram Seth 1952 -

Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella <https://youtu.be/3F2mm1nyyIE>

Music for the Week, from Colm Carey

Your feet's too big - Fats Waller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in1eK3x1PBI>

The first jazz LP I possessed as a child was the great Fats Waller and his band. I've always loved his songs and his style, and it's a bonus to see his expressive face in this video clip. Enjoy!

Jigsaw Puzzle

Back by popular demand! Reverend Cortland Fransella has made another jigsaw puzzle that you can do on your computer. This week the picture is St Peter ad Vincula in gold. Enjoy!

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=19104a7a3bb2>

Book Review from Laura Fransella - The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (1922)

Continuing my quest for books which will charm and amuse you, I recommend this much-loved story of four very different women who end up spending the month of April in Portofino together. In grey, rainy 1920s London, Lotte and Rose, cowed and neglected by their respective husbands, spot an advertisement in the Agony Column of The Times for a small mediaeval Italian castle, to let for the month of April, and decide on the spur of the moment to use their savings and go. They advertise for two other women to come along to share the cost, and are eventually joined by Lady Caroline, a beautiful but bored socialite and crusty old Mrs Fisher, who has an impeccable literary pedigree. Their lives gradually change in this idyllic sun-drenched setting, in ways they never would have imagined possible.

Wordsearch

Find the following sixteen words in the grid. They may be entered in any direction. No points for any other words that might have snuck in!

The solution will be in next week's Newsletter.

RAVEN

YEOMAN WARDER

CROWNJEWELS

BEEFEATER

VISITOR

MOAT

BRASS

GRAVE

BOLEYN

BENCHES

PIKE

HELMET

SQUIRRELS

SENTRIES

GUARDS

TOWERS

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Our Congregation

Each week I am going to ask members of our congregation to produce a short video telling us something of their situation.

These will be people you recognise, and I hope it will be another way of us keeping in touch with each other.

This week we hear from Chief Yeoman Warder Pete McGowran.

<https://youtu.be/bIaLa69O4Us>



A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly
Marian, Isabelle, Rustom, Jo, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Margaret, Leon, Susan, John, Neil, Margaret, Noel, Denise,
Robin, Les and Susan.

Those affected by the coronavirus.

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 for those who mourn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With best wishes and prayers, Roger.



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