



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Tennyson probably wrote this poem in October 1889 whilst crossing the Solent. His son Hallam wrote, 'this is the crown of your life work'. In a letter to his son Tennyson wrote, 'it came in a moment'. Tennyson was 89 when he wrote this poem and may have been thinking about what was left of his life.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no more moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full of sound and foam,
When that which drew from out of the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For tho' from out of bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson 1809 – 1892.

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall - <https://youtu.be/ZCZzypLZFOU>

Music for the Week, from Colm Carey

Some of you may have wondered what members of the choir have been up over the past few months. Our fabulous soprano Hannah King, who works a lot with younger people, has made this terrific video to remind kids of what to do to stay well and safe...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfU-cgLRycA&feature=youtu.be>

Historic Royal Palaces

As you will know, the six palaces that HRP oversee have been closed since the end of March. However, the palaces are slowly starting to reopen.

The gardens at Hillsborough Castle (Northern Ireland) and Hampton Court Palace will be some of the first spaces to reopen, this Thursday 18th June 2020.

George is our new arrival at Hampton Court Palace. A rare grey Shire horse foal, he is one of fewer than 200 grey Shires in the world, and the first Shire born in London in living memory.

The history of Shire horses at Hampton Court goes all the way back to the reign of Henry VIII. In 1535 and 1540 Henry instigated two acts that governed the breeding of horses in England, with the aim of developing the ultimate war horse capable of carrying a man in heavy armour into battle.

George is growing in confidence every day, and both he and his mum Bess are doing really well. They are currently separated from the other horses to allow them plenty of quality time together, but in due course George will join the rest of the team and begin his training to become a working horse at the palace. In the meantime, George has got a LOT of growing to do!



Caption Time



Roger's mother (Pat Hall) sent this photo of a sheep in the field next to her house with the caption,

'at least somebody is getting a haircut'.

Other captions are welcome.....

Jigsaw Puzzle - Gibbons' Organ - Cherubs

Back by popular demand! Reverend Cortland Fransella has made another jigsaw puzzle that you can do on your computer. This week is a close up of the Cherubs on the Organ in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3f7d6f52a79f>



Wordsearch

Things in the Tower of London. Find these 16 words hidden in the grid above. Printing it off is easiest!
 You may find some other real words which are not in the list below but you get no credit for those - sorry.
 Solution next week.

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ARMOURIES
 ELEPHANT
 DRAWBRIDGE
 TRAITOR
 PORTCULLIS
 BROADWALK
 WALLS
 ARROWSLITS
 SHIELDS
 BREASTPLATE
 GAUNTLET
 BUCKLER
 TELESCOPE
 MUSKET
 MORTAR
 LION

Solution to last week's wordsearch

TOWERS IN THE TOWER

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BYWARD
 BEAUCHAMP
 BELL
 DEVEREUX
 FLINT
 BOWYER
 BRICK
 WELL
 MARTIN
 CONSTABLE
 BROADARROW
 SALT
 LANTHORN
 WAKEFILED
 BLOODY
 WHITE

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.

Laura Fransella - <https://youtu.be/WV-i7rrwSwc>

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, Trevor, 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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