



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

Thank you everyone who supported this year's Harvest Festival by sending in cheques towards the Tower Hamlets Foodbank. I have received nearly £750 which is wonderful! I know every penny will help those who need it most. I am planning on banking the cheques next week. If you would like to help please send a cheque made payable to 'The HM Tower of London Chapels Royal Foundation' and send it to 1 Tower Green, HM Tower of London, London, EC3N 4AB. Thank you.

Sunday services. It has been a pleasure to welcome back Colm and four members of the choir to our 11am service. Please can I remind you that for the time being entrance is through the **East Gate**. From November, the first Sunday in the month, we will resume the 0915 service in the White Tower whilst continuing the 11am service in St Peter ad Vincula.

Next Sunday – 11th October, is the 18th Sunday after Trinity – 11am Holy Communion.

With fond wishes and prayers, Roger.

This week's poem is by Sasha Moorsom. Sasha wrote this poem when she was in hospital and her daughter wrote this of her mother as she was dying of cancer 'She faced her illness as she lived her life: so graceful, so dignified, so dignified and under-concerned that it was a real honour to be in her presence. Not long before she died, she said how important it was to accept whatever happens with equanimity. And this is what she did'.

Jewels in my hand

I hold dear friends like jewels in my hand
Watching their brilliance gleam against my palm
Turquoise and emerald, jade, a golden band

All ravages of time they can withstand
Like talismans their grace keeps me from harm
I hold dear friends like jewels in my hand

I see them standing in some borderland
Their heads half-turned, waiting for my arm
Turquoise and emerald, jade, a golden band

I'm not afraid they will misunderstand
My turning to them like a magic charm
I hold dear friends like jewels in my hand
Turquoise and emerald, jade, a golden band.

Sasha Moorsom 1931-1993

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/Ad8gE0ygKS4>

Music for the Week – from Colm Carey

Last week we listened to Autumn by Vivaldi. This week we take the same starting point, but the journey is a little different...

Le Quatuor - Corps à cordes - Humour musical

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnDK06_bOLM

Jigsaw Puzzle



This week's jigsaw is a picture of the altar and flowers in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3aa779b31d7f>

Tower of London – Inside the Tower TV series

The 3rd series called 'Inside The Tower' will be shown on Wednesday the 14th October at 8pm on Chanel 5. This again will include some recordings inside the chapel.

The Tower has seen more history than anywhere else in Britain – but 2020 has been one of the most extraordinary years in the tower's history.

This series goes behind its mighty walls to capture everything from a high-profile royal visit by Prince Charles in February to total lockdown in March, when a small dedicated team keep the famous fortress going in isolation. Then, finally, the Tower reopens – doing what it does best, welcoming visitors again to soak up 1000 years of stories of kings and queens, whilst being at the heart of real history right now.



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 names of birds. Print it off and see if you can find them all. Words may run in any direction, including diagonals. You may find other real words in the grid but you do not get any credit for those! Solution next week.

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Y	W	K	I	S	T	W	I	T	E	R	U	L	E	B
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AVOCET
 BUNTING
 CHIFFCHAFF
 FIELDFARE
 GOLDCREST
 HOOPOE
 KITTIWAKE
 NIGHTINGALE
 PHEASANT
 PTARMIGAN
 RAZORBILL
 SCAUP
 STONECHAT
 TWITE
 WHEATEAR
 WRYNECK

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

Y	Q	U	I	H	T	I	R	E	D	E	M	U	K	L
U	E	P	X	I	Y	J	K	Y	E	L	S	S	O	M
Z	E	N	N	O	R	S	K	A	J	W	V	U	R	A
B	N	A	D	P	L	Y	M	P	T	O	N	A	M	H
Y	V	C	U	Y	O	O	N	O	T	P	I	K	S	S
G	A	Z	Y	E	L	R	O	H	C	A	C	A	K	H
K	I	C	A	B	O	F	T	Y	M	I	D	Q	I	N
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E	L	A	D	E	B	J	I	N	C	K	L	E	S	Q

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, Susan, Fiona, Paul, Pat and Lizzie.

RIP Cecelia Barrell and John Gibb.

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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