



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday (the 18th October) we shall be remembering St Luke, whose feast day falls on a Sunday – I look forward to seeing you at the 1100am service. Please do let Debbie know if you intend being with us and ‘please’, remember to use the East Gate, not the West Gate.

Thank you for your Harvest donations, I shall be sending a cheque to the First Love Foundation for £1000. A great effort, thank you.

Remembrance Sunday the 8th November. This year the service will be outside and numbers will be limited; sadly, this will mean less people can attend the service due to social distancing and the inclusion of Tower personnel.

Christmas. Although still some time off, people are already asking what we are doing? Firstly, I should say a lot will depend upon the Government and how the pandemic is behaving. At the moment the plan is to have a service on Christmas eve at 5pm (to replace Midnight Mass) and our normal service at 1000am on Christmas morning. It would help in the planning, if you could give me some indication if you intend coming to the Christmas eve service?

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone effected by the pandemic; please keep in touch, I am always happy to receive emails and be assured of my prayers for you all, with fond wishes, Roger.

William Blake believed that a bigger force than himself worked through him, He wrote ‘I held the pen, the graver or the brush. I was its agent, never its master, the possessed rather than the possessor’.

Eternity

He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy;
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity’s sun rise.

William Blake – 1757-1827.

Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella
<https://youtu.be/wbmmrkyng4s>



Our Congregation – New Arrivals

The Congregation of the Chapel here at the Tower is always growing. We would like to introduce you all to our newest member – baby Georgina, daughter of Jimmy and Sarah, who are getting in the Chapel next year.

Our Congregation - Sir David Suchet



I am sure that you have heard that David Suchet was knighted in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list 2020. We congratulate Sir David and Lady Suchet and we look forward to showing that delight when they next attend the chapel. Congratulations David.



Jigsaw Puzzle

This week's jigsaw puzzle is a view of the Tower from the moat.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2dc61653ea10>



Deputy Governor Debra Whittingham on Woman's Hour



Debra Whittingham spent over 31 years in the Royal Navy before taking over a role that is steeped in history. She became the first female Deputy Governor of the Tower of London in 2017. Debra is one of the stars in the new series of The Tower of London documentary to be shown on Channel 5.

Many of you will know Debra from Chapel services and events. Debra was on BBC Radio 4s Woman's Hour on 12th Oct 2020.

You can hear her interview on the BBC Sounds app linked below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000nd9l>

Tower of London – Inside the Tower TV series

After 5 months of filming, The Tower of London will be back on our screens with Series 3 of *Inside the Tower of London* airing on Channel 5 across the next four weeks.

This new programme was commissioned following the success of the first two series of *Inside the Tower*, which were watched by over 20 million viewers. We started work on this programme in February 2020, and Episode 1 focuses on the visit of TRH Prince Charles and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

Filming for this series was interrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, but, with the help of the Tower team, we found ways to keep it going during lockdown, then finished it this Summer. As a result, the programme captures some truly unique moments which are now part of the Tower's continued history of surviving adversity, including home-videos from the Tower residents during lockdown and the re-opening of the Tower, on Friday 10 July 2020. It really is a brilliant watch, and we're hopeful it will encourage lots of people to visit us this winter – Covid-permitting, of course.

The series will continue to run for the following three weeks on Wednesdays at 8pm. If you can't watch on the day you can always catch-up with it [on-demand via My5](#).

We hope you enjoy it!



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 names of fish found in and around the UK. 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.

S	K	C	O	L	L	O	P	S	I	V	I	K	E	S
A	C	R	O	A	P	R	U	D	D	I	K	O	D	A
F	A	I	K	M	U	I	M	I	U	M	Y	I	U	L
I	B	J	E	P	E	F	P	Y	K	A	W	E	R	M
T	E	B	A	R	I	L	K	M	R	O	G	G	V	O
F	L	O	Y	E	L	A	I	G	Y	H	N	O	Y	N
L	K	I	V	Y	L	C	N	Y	C	N	I	C	N	I
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U	I	M	H	L	T	L	E	M	F	Y	R	J	W	O
N	T	R	C	S	L	T	E	X	M	U	E	L	I	A
D	S	I	N	O	E	G	D	U	G	Z	T	E	M	C
E	F	K	A	G	N	I	R	R	E	H	T	Q	H	H
R	U	I	S	H	E	F	X	I	J	G	I	U	C	C
Z	L	P	E	H	S	I	F	G	A	H	B	I	F	T
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ANCHOVY
 BITTERLING
 CHUB
 FLOUNDER
 GRAYLING
 GUDGEON
 HAGFISH
 HERRING
 LAMPREY
 POLLOCK
 PUMPKINSEED
 ROACH
 SALMON
 STICKLEBACK
 STINGRAY
 TENCH

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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