



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as we approach '**Remembrance Tide**', the first week in November. That is, '**All Saints' Day**' and '**All Souls' Day**' and '**Remembrance Sunday**'. It is at these services that we remember those who have died and we see no longer. Not only will we recall some by name, and others as part of The Great War but also, I am conscience of the thousands who have died as a result of the Coronavirus. In the early days of the pandemic many people were unable to attend the funeral of a loved one or friends, due to Government restrictions. It is the hope of most clergy that this 'Remembrance Tide' might become a moment of healing and hope for all those bereaved and missing someone they love or know.

I am continuing to collect names for the All Souls' service (1100am 1st Nov); if you would like someone remembered please send me the name.

As part of this list, we shall remember those who have worked at The Tower and members of our congregation who have died in recent years.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (The Commemoration of the Faithful departed) 1st November 2020

0915 All Saints' Day, Holy Communion – White Tower - **1100** All Souls' Day, Holy Communion – St Peter-ad-Vincula. Please let Debbie know if you are attending the 11am service – entrance is via the East Gate for the 1100am service.

Royal British Legion

Please forgive me for giving this wonderful organisation a plug. The Legion has always been dependant on the selling of their Poppies to raise funds in support of ex-servicemen and women. This year with no street collections, or very few, can I encourage you to look on-line at the RBL. I have bought a Royal British Legion Mask, its black with a Poppy (see the photo). I know just how important their work is particularly with ex-service men and woman living on our streets and those going through difficult times. Thank you.



I have chosen this week a poem by William Shakespeare's Sonnet 116. Famous and known to many people it was probably written at the time of his youngest daughters Judith's wedding to his old friend Thomas Quiney. The poem has echoes of the marriage service – 'If anyone know cause, or just impediment, why these persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it'. We continue to hold in our prayers those recently married in the chapel.

Best wishes and prayers, Roger.

Sonnet 116

Let me not to the marriage of two minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alterations finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
Oh no, it is an ever fixed mark
That looks to tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wondering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height's be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

William Shakespeare 1564-1616

Last week's Caption time



Your responses –

“This was only a sapling at the beginning of the C-19 arrival”. *Marguerite Smith*

Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/1Zelgs3n2L8>

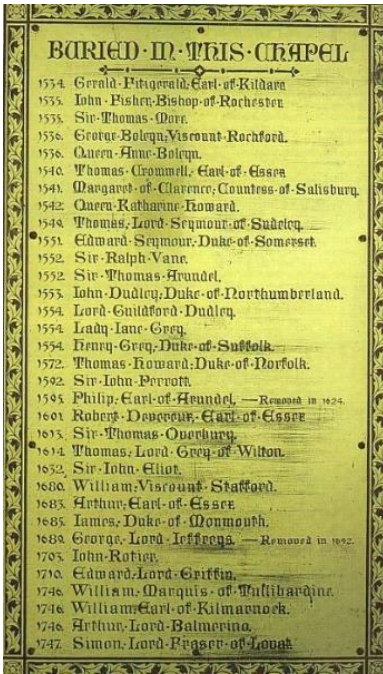
Music from Master of Music, Colm Carey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6tIzxmPCQE>

Keith Jarrett

One of the truly great jazz pianists lends his artistry to the most famous Irish melody of them all...

Jigsaw Puzzle



This week's jigsaw is picture of the brass listing those 'buried in this Chapel'

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1b23336a3749>

Inside the Tower series continues

Last night, series 3 of *Inside the Tower of London* continues, with an episode focusing on Friday 10 July 2020 – the day the Tower of London reopened to visitors after closing in March.

The Tower puts on a new ceremony to celebrate the reopening, YWs Chris Clawson and AJ Clark get the hang of being back on post and the ravens size up the visitors' lunches! Meanwhile, Bridget Clifford from the Royal Armouries takes a closer look at James II's armour, while chief curator Tracy Borman uncovers Henry III's changes to the Tower and explores the story behind one of history's most botched executions.

Sadly, the series concludes next week on Wednesday 4 November 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 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. 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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ARCHLUTE
 CELLO
 CLARINET
 FLUTE
 FORTEPIANO
 CARILLON
 GAMELAN
 GUITAR
 MANDOLIN
 OBOE
 PIANOFORTE
 THEORBO
 TIMPANI
 TROMBONE
 VIOLIN
 VIRGINALS

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

L	L	A	E	C	Y	T	Y	R	Z	I	R	C	O	K
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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, Pat and Lizzie.

RIP Paul Kumble

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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