



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

Weekly Newsletter



"Watch and pray you may be ready for the coming of Christ."

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to invite you to join us at 18.00 on December 21 for the premiere of Christmas Carols from the Palaces, a special online broadcast of a traditional Christmas programme of Nine Lessons and Carols recorded in the Chapels Royal at the Tower of London, and also from the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace.

The service is co-ordinated by Historic Royal Palaces, the charity that cares for the Tower and Hampton Court. It is free to watch, and donations are encouraged. The proceeds will be shared equally among the Chapel at the Tower, the Chapel at Hampton Court, and Historic Royal Palaces.

You will be able to watch the service here: www.hrp.org.uk/carols and no pre-registration or log in is required. If you can't join us on the 21st at 18.00 (or would like to watch the service again), the video will be available using the same link until midnight on 4 January.

Whilst we cannot all gather to celebrate Christmas in quite the same way this year, I hope this online service will go some way to bringing both the joy of Christmas and the wonders of the Tower into your hearts.

The brochure attached to the email gives some more information about the service and, in particular, about how you can donate to support it. This has been a very challenging year for the chapel, and for our friends at Hampton Court and Historic Royal Palaces, with traditional sources of income decimated by the pandemic. Any help you can give will be very gratefully received.

With best wishes and prayers for you all, Roger



This week's poem is written by **Emily Dickinson**. She said this of poetry, 'If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold, I know no fire can ever warm me, I know that is poetry. If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry. These are the only ways I know it. Is there any other way?'.

The World is not Conclusion

This world is not Conclusion.
A Species stands beyond –
Invisible, as Music
But positive, as Sound –
It beckons, and it baffles –
Philosophy – don't know –
And through a Riddle, at the last –
Sagacity, must go –
To guess it, puzzles scholars –
To gain it, Men have bourne –
Contempt of Generations
And Crucifixion, shown –
Faith slips – and laughs, and rallies –
Blushes, if any see –
Plucks at a twig of Evidence –
And asks a Vane, the way –
Much Gesture, from the Pulpit –
Strong Hallelujahs roll –
Narcotics cannot still the Touch –
That nibbles at the soul –

Emily Dickinson 1830 - 1886

Sunday Service, Advent 3 13th December 2020

This Sunday we will have the 11am service in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. If you would like to attend this service, please do email Debbie in advance to be added on to the guest list.

If you are attending this Sunday, there has been a change to the entry arrangements. Entry will now be through the WEST GATE / MAIN ENTRANCE. Please arrive for 10.30am at the West Gate, where you will be met by a Chapel steward.

You will also be happy to hear that the heating now seems to be working and the Chapel was warm this morning when I popped in.

Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/nmpRQT1Zn5c>

Jigsaw Puzzle

This week we have two jigsaw puzzles. There were some beautiful skies over the Palaces last week.

First, we have the new Christmas Tree up on Tower Green, in front of the White Tower. Followed by the sky over Hampton Court Palace, which recently reopened for visitors.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1133527f4223> White Tower

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=334e565cf293> Hampton Court



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 types of animal. 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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E	I	A	B	L	D	Y	F	O	O	G	O	N	E	J
G	T	C	R	I	K	V	E	L	U	Y	O	C	A	K
G	N	C	I	Q	U	E	A	A	Z	E	O	T	R	U
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AARDVARK
 BUFFALO
 COYOTE
 DUGONG
 ELEPHANT
 GAZELLE
 GENET
 HYENA
 IGUANA
 JAGUAR
 LEOPARD
 MANATEE
 NILGAI
 OPOSSUM
 PANDA
 RACCOON
 SLOTH
 ZEBRA

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

T	E	M	U	N	R	U	B	I	V	U	X	I	F	I
U	Z	E	W	A	H	K	C	A	L	B	U	G	R	O
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A	C	R	A	V	I	X	N	T	U	N	L	A	W	K
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P	L	V	R	I	L	D	P	Y	S	S	N	E	E	K
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Q	R	C	I	L	R	A	G	P	R	E	I	S	O	X
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E	L	U	K	M	E	R	O	M	A	C	Y	S	U	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, Fiona, Pat and Tony.

RIP Susan Doughty.

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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