



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

Dear Friends,

As ever, I hope and trust that you are all keeping safe and well. Thank you to those of you who responded to the notice about chapel finance.

Details of the Bank Account can be found at the bottom of the Newsletter.

This is the '*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*', when Christians around the world give time and effort to pray for fellow Christians of other denominations. This year's theme is '**They showed unusual kindness**' based upon some words from the Acts of the Apostles. I will be picking up this theme on Sunday for our on-line service.

Please do feel free to circulate and pass on our on-line services, Newsletter and Thought for the Day. News of the chapel community is generally positive – some people are finding this particular Lockdown more difficult than the last two. This may have something to do with it being winter and the terrible numbers of people caught up in the virus here in London. Do let me know if you think anyone might benefit from a telephone call.

With prayer and best wishes to you all. Roger.

This week's poem I talked about in my '**Thought for the Day**' on Tuesday. Thank you all those who wrote and commented on that '**Thought...** I hope you find the poem as moving as I did.

First they came for the Jews

First they came for the Jews
and I didn't speak out –
because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for the communists
and I didn't speak out –
because I was not a communist.
Then they came for the trade unionists
and I didn't speak out –
because I wasn't a trade unionist.
Then they came for me –
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.

Pastor Martin Niemoller 1892 - 1984

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/MEs9612ffb4>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Variations on America - Charles Ives (1874 - 1954)

Kay Johanssen, organ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK0dwuNQgcs&list=OLAK5uy_k1Ti_O98cqriuxnpabqDgbAYCeJzJ4s1w&index=46

The inauguration of Joe Biden this week as the next President of the USA brought this characterful organ work to mind. Charles Ives wrote 'Variations on America' in 1891 when he was just seventeen. The tune 'America' (which you will all recognise) was the de facto anthem of the United States when he wrote this youthfully exuberant piece. Some claim it is a parody; others that it is a serious study by a young man in the art of variation. Whatever he intended, it certainly contains much invention and humour! It also demonstrates Ives' early use of bitonality, where the music has two different key signatures at the same time, creating an uneasy and jarring effect. Ives wrote the piece for July 4 celebrations, and the bitonality is used in part to evoke two marching bands playing close to each other, but performing in different keys! This short work contains many different influences and dance styles - barbershop, jazz, a Scherzo, a March and a Polonaise - and you occasionally feel as if you are being wrenched from one place to the next. The finale, with its extremely virtuosic pedal part, demonstrates how accomplished Ives was on the organ at such a tender age. After the initial performance, however, his father would only let him perform some of the variations. He deemed the bitonal sections "unsuitable for church performance – they upset the elderly ladies and made the little boys laugh and get noisy!" I wonder whether 130 years on the reaction would be any different?!

Jigsaw Puzzle

This week's jigsaw is a picture of the Tower of London's Yeoman Warders with the Lord Mayor.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=33d032b7ad09>



Historic Royal Palaces: Online Curator Talks

Wednesday 27th January 2021, 7pm

Ticketing information – The event will be online only, LIVE on Crowdcast. The event is free to join, however HRP ask to consider giving a donation. Information of how to sign up is on the HRP website – link below.

[Myths of the Tower of London online talk with Lucy Worsley | Tower of London | Historic Royal Palaces \(hrp.org.uk\)](https://www.hrp.org.uk)

Lucy Worsley is joined by Ravenmaster Christopher Skaife and historic buildings curator Jane Spooner to explore the truth behind some of the Tower of London's most famous myths and legends.

Throughout its long history, the Tower has served as everything from a royal palace, to a prison, a place of execution and much more. The iconic fortress remains steeped in mystery and intrigue today. From the royal decree that ravens must remain at the Tower, to just how the 'Beefeaters' got their nickname, this one-hour talk will uncover the truth behind the legends of one of London's most infamous buildings. Ravenmaster Chris Skaife will be sharing some of his favourite gory tales, while Jane will be offering up the origins of a few Tower myths – and revealing what the real truth is!



If you would like to make a donation, or catchup on your giving, the easiest way is online at:
<https://www.thechapelsroyalhmtoweroflondon.org.uk/donate/giving-by-direct-debit/>

By donating online this means that you can Gift Aid your donation.

Or alternatively you can make a bank transfer to: The HM Tower of London Chapels Royal Foundation
Sort Code 40-52-40 Account number 0027597

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of 16 words for animals in children's stories. 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 them! Solution next week.

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

AKELA
 BABE
 BALOO
 BADGER
 BAGHEERA
 DOGGER
 EEYORE
 FIVER
 GRUFFALO
 MOLE
 PADDINGTON
 POOH
 PIGLET
 RABBIT
 RATTY
 TOAD

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly

Isabelle, Rustom, Jo, Rory, John, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Fiona, Pat, Tony, Anthony, Bob and Ernie.

RIP for all those who have died from the coronavirus

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.



Canon Roger J Hall MBE

Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM the Queen

HM Tower of London

07908 413045

Roger.Hall@hrp.org.uk

Twitter @RogerHall53

<https://www.thechapelsroyalhmtoweroflondon.org.uk/>