



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

Dear friends,

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th- 25th January 2024.

This week, Christians around the world will be praying for each other. The material for this year has been put together by the churches in Burkina Faso, who currently face a serious security risk. Terrorist attacks, including those on Christian churches, lawlessness and human trafficking have left thousands dead or displaced and the socio-economic infrastructure has been destroyed. The churches in Burkina Faso have chosen the parable of the Good Samaritan as they reflect on what it means to love one's neighbour in such circumstances. It's a challenge to us all to widen our vision: to come together as Christians to work for the good of all humankind, whether by advocating for peace, tackling the threat of climate change or by trying to build a world free from poverty, based upon equality, justice and love.

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray for the unity of all Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your spirit enable us to experience
the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. **Amen.**



*De Barmhartige Samaritaan,
Carel Adolph Lion Cachet, 1896*

Chapel notes:

Thank you for the coats that have been donated in support of the Calling London Project.

Ash Wednesday:

There will be a service of Holy Communion with Ashing at 7pm in the White Tower.

Please make a note of the **Lent lunches** following the 11am services, which will start on the 18th of February. Further details to follow.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details
28th January 2024**

Septuagesima Sunday

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
(Coffee after church)

Readings:

1 Corinthians 9: 24-end

Matthew 20: 1-16

Collect for Septuagesima Sunday

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy faithful people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghost; ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Poem of the Week

Neither Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, nor this poem need much of an introduction. *My Luve is like a Red, Red Rose* is a popular and well-loved poem, which has also been set to music, and speaks to the heart of many relationships. January 25th is Burns Night, marking the date of Burns' birth in Alloway, and is celebrated by Scots throughout the world. We have lived in Scotland twice and when we lived in the Outer Hebrides, the ladies at the traditional Burns Night Supper used to recite this poem in response to the Address to the Haggis. January 25th is also the feast day of St Paul and, in addition, the birthday of our first child, Beth.

My Luve is like a Red, Red Rose

O my Luve is like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve is like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune.

So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luve am I;
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve!
And fare thee weel awhile!
And I will come again, my luve,
Though it were ten thousand mile.

Robert Burns 1759-96

"Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross" performed by the London Haydn Quartet.

Tuesday 26th March 2024, 7pm
Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula

One of the world's leading period instrument string quartets, The London Haydn Quartet was born out of a passion for Haydn. They have received invitations to many of the world's most important concert series and venues, including the Wigmore Hall, Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House. Their complete series of recordings of Haydn's quartets on the Hyperion label have met with international critical acclaim.

Haydn's "Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross" is one of his most enduring works. Originally an orchestral work commissioned for Good Friday, Haydn made this popular transcription for string quartet himself. Following the recent release of the London Haydn Quartet's recording of the work, the Tower of London presents them live in concert at the Chapel Royal of St. Peter ad Vincula.

Tickets will be available via the following link -

https://tickets.hrp.org.uk/hrp_b2c/palace.html?eventcode=TLCHAP

Jigsaw

The Tower of London at night - <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=119af770ae76>



Tracey's Garden

Winter Jasmine



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name:

Norma, Ann, Mark, Dan, Ian, Patti, Florence, Jeff, Margaret and Kofi.

RIP

Clive Woodcraft

Please continue to pray for Ukraine, Israel and Palestine:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen

With best wishes to all, Roger.



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