



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

Dear friends,

This is the last Newsletter until after the summer recess. The chapel will be closed for services (but open for visitors) from 21st July until 8th September.

There are pictures below of our **Patronal Festival**, with grateful thanks to all those who, in whatever way, helped to make this another memorable occasion.



There were two weddings and two baptisms this week, along with an excellent Choral Evensong performed by the **Children's Choir from St Peter's Church Wapping** on Monday evening. It was a pleasure to welcome just over 100 members of St Peter's to that service and to see Susie Hill, a member of our own choir, leading the children's choir.



Perhaps of most note this week was the service held in the basement of The White Tower to mark the 50th Anniversary of **The White Tower Bombing** on 17th July 1974. Representatives of the Tower and those affected by the bombing attended the service.



The 1974 Tower of London bombing happened on 17 July 1974 with the explosion of a 10–14-pound (4.5–6.4 kg) bomb in the White Tower of the Tower of London. The blast left one person dead and injured 35 people, with many having lost limbs and suffering severe facial injuries. **The victim who died was Dorothy Household.** At the time the Tower was busy with tourists. A dozen of the injured were children.

A scaffolding company (Coventry Scaffolding) working on the tower when the bomb detonated were able to act immediately to form the evacuation, ensuring the wounded were taken out of the building to safety and could gain urgent medical attention. The bomb was placed inside the Mortar Room next to a wooden carriage of an 18th-century bronze cannon, whose gun carriage was destroyed. No group ever claimed responsibility for the attack, but it was widely believed the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) was behind it. A month before the bomb, the IRA bombed the Houses of Parliament.

Wednesday also saw one of the longest gun salutes at the Tower of London for some years – 103 rounds. This was 62 rounds to celebrate the 77th birthday of HM Queen Camilla, and 41 for the State Opening of Parliament.



Canon Roger Hall, Sergeant Major, Deputy Governor Debra Whittingham, Chief Yeoman Warder, Officer of the Guard.



I hope that you all have a good summer and return refreshed for the autumn season.

With all good wishes and my prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details for 21st July 2024
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

Readings

Romans 8: 12-17

Matthew 7: 15-21

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celtic prayer

As many people go away over the summer, some perhaps travelling to places where there is a great heritage of Celtic spirituality, I thought I would share a lovely Celtic prayer with you. You might like to take it with you on your travels. The great joy of prayer is that it puts us in touch with God and it has been said that if we live without reference to God, we are in danger of starving our spirit. St Augustine of Hippo said: *'Lord, our hearts are restless until they rest in you'*. The joy of all prayer is in learning to rejoice in, and rest in, the presence of God. I hope you find this ancient Celtic prayer helpful this summer.

The blessing of him who stilled the storm.
The blessing of peace and a deep new calm.
The blessing of joy come to your mind.
The blessing of love help you unwind.
Peace in your dealings, peace in your days,
Peace in your living, and give God praise.

Peace between us and each friend.
Peace in the morning and at the day's end.
Peace in each hour and in the whole day.
Peace on my journey and all the way.
Peace in the work that I need to do.
Peace in my life, peace come to you.

Tracy's Garden – flowering quince



The Tower of London

On Tuesday 16th July, the Constable hosted a reception on the Broadwalk. Guests enjoyed a Beating Retreat from the Royal Marines' Military Band.



Jigsaw

Jazz quintet outside the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3b5922b11527>



Our Congregation

On Saturday 13th July, Ella and Bradley were married in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist in the White Tower. Ella is a granddaughter of the late Reverend Paul Abram, previous Tower Chaplain.



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Stanley, John, Dom, Barbara, Ann, Ros, Mark, Dan, Ian, Florence and Kofi.

RIP

Claire Mellish

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.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.

With best wishes to all,

Roger.



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