



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

Dear Friends,

I am taking up the pen - or keyboard – this week while Roger and Barbara enjoy a well-earned family break in Scotland, about which you can hear more in Roger’s Thought for the Day – see the link below. As I write, the media are full of speculation about the possible postponement of the long-awaited final relaxation of Coronavirus-related restrictions on 21 June. Experience over the past year and more has surely taught us that caution has repeatedly proved wiser than haste but we shall see. It has been wonderful to have not only Christian but also Colm and a quartet from our choir back at our 1100 services in the past weeks. I am sure that many of us are impatient to return to a full choir, a full church and an end to face-masks and other Coronavirus precautions but waiting a few weeks more, however frustrating, may turn out to be the best policy. Meanwhile, we continue with our online services for those unable or unwilling yet to return to the Chapels in person. We know that those online offerings are not the same as IRL (‘in real life’) services but we hope that they go some way towards maintaining our links with each other until it is safe to resume normal life.

Sunday Service Details

13th June 2021 – Trinity 2

1100am Holy Communion - St Peter ad Vincula

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them who thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Email Debbie in advance to be added to the guest list: toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk

Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Canon Roger Hall MBE

<https://youtu.be/D3acFaMnvwM>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

My Heart’s in the Highlands - Arvo Pärt (b.1935)

David James (countertenor), Christopher Bowers-Broadbent (organ)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UadEvSJMvQ>

D-Day, 77 years on.

At our services on Sunday 6th June, we made a point of remembering those who fought and died on D-Day, as well as the bereaved and all affected in that terrible but eventually victorious episode. 77 years after the event, a new memorial to all those who fought on D-Day under British command was inaugurated at Ver-sur-Mer in Normandy. It can be seen in the photograph below from the Normandy Memorial Trust. Whilst some eighteen separate Normandy graveyards mark the final resting places of the British troops and others who fought under British command that day and in the deadly weeks that followed, their sacrifice is now marked by one single dignified memorial bearing all their names. I for one shall be making my way to Normandy to see the new monument once it becomes feasible to travel freely once more.



Poem

Ronald Arbuthnott Knox (1888 – 1957) was an English theologian and priest. He was a noted wit and enjoyed conveying philosophical and theological concepts in pithy and accessible ways. In his first limerick, below, he addresses the view of those who contend we can only be sure that things exist if we can see, hear or otherwise experience them with our senses. Taken to its logical conclusion, if we turn our backs on something, we cannot be sure that it continues to exist. Knox provided the following verse, to which he put his name:

There once was a man who said "God
Must think it exceedingly odd
If he finds that this tree
Continues to be
When there's no one about in the Quad."

Another, anonymous, limerick appeared in reply but it was widely believed that Knox himself was the author. Since it was written as if from the mouth of God, Knox kept up the joke by never admitting his own authorship. Here it is:

Dear Sir,
Your astonishment's odd.
I am always about in the Quad.
And that's why the tree
Will continue to be,
Since observed by
Yours faithfully,
God

Bible Cake

Val Whitehorn has forwarded us from a friend in Australia the following recipe, which you might like to try. If it turns out well, maybe we could all have a taste when we resume our monthly coffee after church:

Decipher the recipe shown here (a small tip – old Bibles such as the Authorised Version seem to be more accurate than modern ones).

Ingredients:

- (1) ½ lb: Judges, Ch. 5, vs. 25
- (2) ½ lb: Jeremiah, Ch. 6, vs. 20
- (3) 1 tablespoon: 1 Samuel, Ch. 14, vs. 25
- (4) 3 x Jeremiah, Ch. 17, vs. 11
- (5) ½ lb: 1 Samuel, Ch. 30, vs. 12
- (6) ½ lb: Nahum, Ch. 3, vs. 12 (chopped)
- (7) 2oz: Numbers, Ch. 17, vs. 8 (blanched and chopped)
- (8) 1 tablespoon: 1 Kings, Ch. 4, vs. 22
- (9) Season to taste: 2 Chronicles, Ch. 9, vs. 9
- (10) A pinch of: Leviticus, Ch. 2, vs. 13
- (11) 1 teaspoon: Amos, Ch. 4, vs. 5
- (12) 3 teaspoons: Judges, Ch. 4, vs. 19 (last clause)

Method:

Beat 1, 2 & 3 to a cream, add 4 one at time still beating, then add 5, 6 & 7 and beat again.

Next add 8, 9, 10 & 11, having previously mixed them together, and last add 12. Follow Solomon's prescription for making a good boy; (Proverbs 23 verse 14) and you will have a good cake.

Bake in a rather slow oven, for not less than an hour and a half.

Historic Royal Palaces



HRP were so excited to finally reopen the doors to our hidden royal home in Kew Gardens, for the first time since 2019. And there's lots happening!

The new exhibition tells the story of the Mind Behind the Myth of George III, bringing together objects which explore George's life and treatment for mental illness here at Kew.

Find out more about all there is to see at Kew, including Mind Behind the Myth, the Royal Kitchens and the Great Pagoda, here hrp.org.uk/kew-palace.

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words relating to confectionery. 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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BONBONS
 CAMEL
 CHOCOLATE
 FUDGE
 GANACHE
 GIANDUJA
 HALVA
 HUMBUGS
 LICORICE
 LOLLIPOPS
 MARZIPAN
 NOUGAT
 PRALINE
 TABLET
 TOFFEE
 TRUFFLES

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

W	U	B	B	Y	S	C	O	I	D	L	I	P	E	J
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A Prayer

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

Trevor, Isabelle, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Ben, Madeline and Derek.

RIP

Judy Hughes, Roger Gifford, Harold Macdonald; all those who have died from Coronavirus; and all those who gave their lives on D-Day and in the subsequent liberation of Europe from the Nazis.

Our Coronavirus Prayer

**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 on those who mourn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With best wishes and prayers, Cortland



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