



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

Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to begin this week's Newsletter with some happy, upbeat news. Zoe, who sings in the choir, has given birth to Benjamin Andrew Arthur at 5lbs 12oz. Mother and baby are doing well and we wish Zoe, Alistair and Benjamin every happiness and we send them our congratulations. We shall all look forward to meeting Benjamin.



The Chapel Committee and Foundation Committee have both met in recent weeks. These two bodies have the overall care for the chapels. Like other churches that are presently closed, we hope that in some form, it might be possible to open for Easter. A decision on this will be taken nearer the time, we also have to keep in mind what The Tower is doing. It's good to know that many of you have now been vaccinated and as I contact people, that you are keeping well. However, please keep in your prayers those on our sick list, some of whom are very seriously ill.



Last Saturday I attended on the chapel's behalf, a service at St James's Palace to mark the Queen's Accession 69 years ago. A much quieter service this year but nevertheless an important occasion.

I wish you all well and assure you of my thoughts and prayers,  
Roger.

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay. He was separated from his parents at the age of six and sent to boarding school in England, and it is perhaps the cruelties he experienced there that made his sensitive later in life to the sufferings of victimised natives and soldiers (Tommies). His stories for children, the Jungle Books were published in 1894/95. He won the Noble Prize for Literature in 1907.

### From The Jungle Books

The people of the Eastern Ice, they are melting like the snow –  
They beg for coffee and sugar; they go where the white men go.  
The people of the Western Ice, they learn to steal and fight;  
They sell their furs to the trading-post; they sell their souls to the white.  
The people of the Southern Ice, they trade with the whaler's crew;  
Their women may have many ribbons, but their tents are torn and few.  
The people of the Elder Ice, beyond the white man's ken –  
Their spears are made of the narwhal-horn, and they are the last of the Men!

Rudyard Kipling 1865-1936.

## Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/osEMRxcasQc>

## Jigsaw Puzzle

This week's jigsaw is a picture taken by the Chaplain of the White Tower in the snow.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1b46e062c23f>



## Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Salut d'Amour - Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

Nicola Benedetti, violin / Petr Limonov, piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mXRgMvDLZQ>

With an eye on St Valentine's Day this Sunday, this week's choice is **Salut d'Amour** by Edward Elgar. Initially titled 'Liebesgruss' (Love's Greeting) Elgar composed it as an engagement present for his fiancée Caroline Alice Roberts. Dedicated to 'Carice', a contraction of Caroline and Alice, Carice was also the name given to Edward and Caroline's daughter. Caroline was fluent in German - hence the first title - but after slow sales Elgar's publishers changed the name of the work in the hope of broadening its appeal. It was a clever move as the simple charm and elegance of this lovely miniature has made it one of the composer's most popular and widely arranged works. Here it is performed by violin and piano, as was originally intended by Elgar.

## Snow across the Palaces – Hampton Court Palace



Snowy days like these remind us why in centuries past this draughty old place needed its (approximately) 241 chimneys!

## Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of 16 New Testament places. 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.

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

ANTIOCH  
 BETHLEHEM  
 CANA  
 CAPERNAUM  
 COLOSSI  
 DAMASCUS  
 EMMAUS  
 GALILEE  
 GETHSEMANE  
 GOLGOTHA  
 JERUSALEM  
 JERICHO  
 NAZARETH  
 SIDON  
 TABGHA  
 TYRE

## Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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

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

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

RIP Rustom Patel, Tony Murly-Gotto, Fernando Campo-Cubero and for all those who have died from 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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