



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

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday**. We shall hold our main service at 1050am outside the Chapel and opposite the Garden of Remembrance set up by the Yeoman Warders. This an important day for the Tower community as so many of us have military connections, and a large number of us know people who have died serving their country. On Monday evening, we held a short service, in the dark and drizzle, asking God's blessing on the Garden and on those whom we remember. It's important to remember that we join with people all over the world at this time of remembrance, in both small and large numbers. I myself recall most vividly standing by the side of two graves, which were beautifully maintained, on a small island off the west coast of Scotland, where a fighter plane had crashed during the Second World War. We must never forget the sacrifice made by so many.



*The Garden of Remembrance*



Debbie (the Chapel Administrator) will be on holiday next week in Venice, and we look forward to seeing her pictures.

Please put the Advent Carol Service on 27th November at 1100am in your diaries. It will be a lovely service of music and readings, which will set us up for the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas.

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

**Sunday Service Details for 13th November 2022**  
Remembrance Sunday

**0915** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
**1050** Service of Remembrance on Tower Green

Service details will be on the service sheet.

Many of you will remember the Poppies in the Tower moat.



## **Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 1100am**

On Sunday 11th December, the Archbishop of Canterbury will be our preacher. His visit would originally have been the finale of our 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are delighted that the Archbishop is coming to join us. After the service, there will be an opportunity to meet and chat with him over mulled wine. Do put the date in your diary.

### **Poem of the week**

The Flanders Field poppy was first described as the Flower of Remembrance by Lieutenant-Colonel John McRae, a Canadian physician and poet, who was professor of pathology at several universities in Canada and the USA before the First World War. He had served as a gunner in South Africa during the Second Boer War and, at the outbreak of the First World War, hoped to join the fighting ranks. However, the powers-that-be decided that his outstanding abilities as a physician could be used to much better advantage in the field, so he was sent to Flanders and later to Northern France as a Medical Officer with the first Canadian Forces. McRae was inspired to write his famous poem after the funeral of his friend and fellow soldier, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died at the Battle of Ypres in 1915. McRae was in charge of a small first-aid post and, during a lull in the battle, he wrote 'In Flanders Fields' in pencil on a page torn from his despatch book. McRae died of pneumonia and meningitis in January 1918 in the British General Hospital in Wimereux, France, where he was buried with full military honours.

#### **In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McRae 1872-1918



## Our Congregation

On Sunday, baby Olive was baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



## Jigsaw

The Tower of London Ravens - Love on Tower Green. Sent in by Marguerite Smith.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1aa027f715c6>



## **Prayers**

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Peter, Izzy, Colin, Tom Thorne and Florence Marchbank-Ward.

## **RIP**

Jim Cross

### **Please continue to pray for Ukraine:**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine 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, Roger.



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