



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

Dear Friends,

Today is Ascension Day or, as it sometimes called, Holy Thursday, commemorating the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It's one of the ecumenical (i.e., universally celebrated) feasts of all Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost. Following the account of Acts 1: 1-11, the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter, although some Christian denominations have moved the observance to the following Sunday.

I have always believed it is important to understand the *meaning* of Jesus's Ascension and not get tied up in knots trying to understand the *manner* of his Ascension. Like us, Jesus had a vocation or calling from God to fulfil: 'I have come from the Father and unto the Father I must return'. So much of what Jesus taught and did can seem unbelievable and challenging but we must all follow our vocation.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details

Sunday 16th May 2021 The Sunday after Ascension
1100am Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted
thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph
unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee,
leave us not comfortless; but send thine Holy
Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same
place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy
Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/LYjvxCVSjBU>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Larghetto (from Symphony no.2) - Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Hallé Orchestra / Sir John Barbirolli, conductor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3CB5Pbzy3M>

Poem

Jenny Joseph's writings include books for children, an experimental poem-novel *Persephone* (1985) and her *Selected Poems* (1992). She lived in Gloucestershire. 'Warning', written in 1961 and included in her *Selected Poems*, is one of her best-known and most enjoyable poems, and is well worth reading. It begins, 'When I am an old woman I shall wear purple / With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves / And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter'.

In the delightful poem below, Jenny Joseph expresses her love in everyday ordinary events.

The sun has burst the sky

The sun has burst the sky
Because I love you
And the river its banks.

The sea laps the great rocks
Because I love you
And takes no heed of the moon dragging it away
And saying coldly 'Constancy is not for you'.

The blackbird fills the air
Because I love you
With spring and lawns and shadows falling on lawns.

The people walk in the street and laugh
I love you
And far down the river ships sound their hooters
Crazy with joy because I love you.

Jenny Joseph 1932 - 2018

Jigsaw Puzzle

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=20ba5828f1fe>



Columbine – from Tracy’s garden



Historic Royal Palaces – Tower of London

This time next week, the gates will be open and visitors will be exploring the Tower of London for the first time this year!

In HRP’s latest blog, Assistant Curator of Historic Buildings Alfred Hawkins introduces one of the important projects that has continued behind closed doors through the recent lockdowns, ensuring the Tower is ready to welcome visitors back

Read here bit.ly/lockdownproject-blog



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of dog breeds. 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	U	G	D	E	Y	O	M	A	S	R	I	F	B	U
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T	K	Y	L	A	U	H	A	U	H	I	H	C	H	Y
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S	E	Q	L	L	B	F	N	S	W	Y	P	R	U	Z
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R	E	H	C	S	N	I	P	L	O	M	P	L	U	B

ALSATIAN
 BOXER
 BULLDOG
 BEAGLE
 CHIHUAHUA
 DOBERMANN
 FOXHOUND
 GREYHOUND
 LABRADOR
 POODLE
 PINSCHER
 POINTER
 SALUKI
 SAMOYED
 SPANIEL
 WHIPPET

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

B	I	S	H	B	E	S	H	T	R	O	B	E	L	E
L	E	S	P	I	D	E	H	S	B	R	I	H	O	K
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B	H	A	V	A	I	W	W	A	Q	U	I	H	G	T
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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, Harold and Ben.

As people continue to die from Coronavirus, may they rest in peace.

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, Roger



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