



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

Dear friends,

It is a joy to tell you that without a doubt, the **Flower Festival** to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been a resounding success. It was officially opened by the Constable of the Tower and we were joined on Tuesday by members of our congregation, as well as friends and family of those involved in putting it together, for an evening viewing and reception. There were 14 floral arrangements inspired by Her Majesty and her reign, featuring 2,800 blooms from 11 different countries. I hope you enjoy the photographs below. We are delighted that Lion Television have interviewed the key people involved, and this should appear in the next series of the documentary 'Inside the Tower'. Well over 1,000 people have visited the chapel to see the festival each day so far. I am particularly grateful to Gill Howard and her team who have worked so hard in preparing this event and to all those people who have given time to support it. I hope you enjoy the photographs below.

This coming weekend, there is a severe weather warning for **very high temperatures**, so please keep this in mind if you are coming to church on Sunday.

The chapel closes for summer worship on 24th July when, after the service, there will be a glass of wine and also a chance to look at the specially-made book of photographs of the Pilgrimage to Jordan last March. The chapel reopens on 4th September, when our friends from the Buffs Regiment will be coming to join us.

With my best wishes and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details
17th July 2022 - Trinity 5

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula – Royal Air Force Regiment Association in attendance
Preacher Prebendary Jonathan Osborne MBE – Metropolitan Police Senior Chaplain

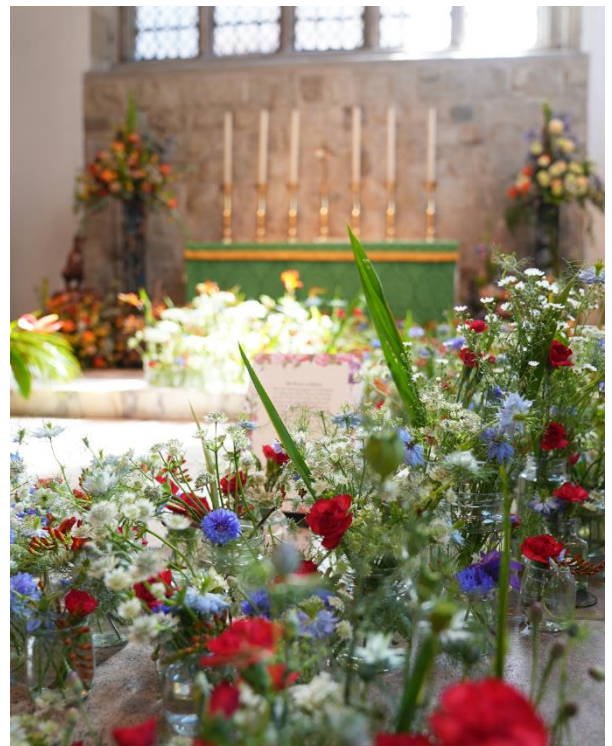
Readings

Amos 8: 1-12
Luke 10: 38 – end.

Collect for Trinity 5

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course
Of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy
Governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee
In all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Crown, Coronation, Commonwealth – Flower Festival



Flower Festival Opening, and filming for Classic FM on Tower Green



Poem of the week

This coming Sunday, the Royal Air Force Regiment Association will be joining us in church. By coincidence, I came across this poem by John Pudney, which is an ode to British airmen. During the Second World War, John Pudney was commissioned into the Royal Air Force as an intelligence officer and as a member of the Air Ministry's Creative Writers Unit. 'For Johnny' became one of the war's most popular poems in England and was broadcast and performed by several famous actors, including Sir Laurence Olivier. It features in the 1945 British war film *The Way to the Stars*, which was distributed in the United States as *Johnny in the Clouds*.

For Johnny

Do not despair
For Johnny-head-in-air,
He sleeps as sound
As Johnny underground.

Fetch out no shroud
For Johnny-in-the-cloud,
And keep your tears
For him in after years.

Better by far
For Johnny-the-bright-star;
To keep your head,
And see his children fed.
John Pudney 1909-1977

Jigsaw

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Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Bridget and Peter.

RIP

Fr Funnell (former Military Chaplain)

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 and prayers, Roger.



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