



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

Dear Friends,

Apart from the usual Sunday services in our chapels which are open to all, we also hold other services for special events. Weddings on Saturday afternoons fall into this category, of course, but we also have some evening services for particular groups. One such was the service held on the evening of Friday 10 June, organised by Yeoman Warder Paul Cunliffe for former members of the Welsh Guards. Forty years ago, on 08 June 1982, the troop ships the Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram were attacked, leading to the biggest single loss of British lives in the Falklands War. The explosion and fire on board the Sir Galahad, at Bluff Cove, killed 48 men, including 32 Welsh Guards. YW Paul Cunliffe was on that ship and lost many comrades and friends. Last Friday, the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula was full to capacity with former members of the regiment and their families, who had come together to remember their dead. In hymns, instrumental pieces and the Last Post and Reveille, music played an important role in allowing those present to express their deep emotions. Below, you can see the musicians who made this important contribution.



This service was a poignant reminder of the impact of war both on the combatants and on their colleagues, families and friends. As Roger said in his prayers, it is vital that we should never forget the sacrifice of those who died. We will remember them.

With all good wishes, Cortland.

Sunday Service Details

19th June 2022 The First Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Choral Matins

Psalm 43

Readings 1 Kings 19:1-4 & 8-15a and Luke 8:26-39

The Collect for The First Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Poem: 'In Canterbury Cathedral' by E W Oldenburg

Egbert William Oldenburg (1936-1974) was the author of the book, '*Potawatomi Indian Summer*' (1975). Published a year after his death at the age of 38 and set in the west of the State of Michigan, it tells the story of six children who find themselves transported back several centuries to a time in which the forests around their home were inhabited by Potawatomi Indians. Oldenburg was also an English teacher at the Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. In this poem he shows how language can make a radical shift in how we see ourselves and our surroundings.

In Canterbury Cathedral

On a day sweet with April showers
the safe tires of our tour bus
had sung us south from London,

Sightseer pilgrims, cameras slung,
no need or time on patient plodding
horses for long diverting tales.

We stood at last at Becket's shrine,
lost in architecture and dates,
confused by Norman and Gothic.

Our ancient tiny guide seemed shrunk
into his suit, dwarfed by his clothes
as we all were dwarfed by time.

His small precise English voice went on: pronounced 'Our Lord,'
and the words fell on us
like a benediction.

'Our' - incredible assumption of union
offered in passing to American strangers,
mortar for diverse motley stones.

Time and blood and history redeemed
from meaninglessness: two words
turned sightseers into pilgrims.

E W Oldenburg

Jigsaw

The White Tower at dusk. <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0c08b848a949>



Historic Royal Palaces on TV

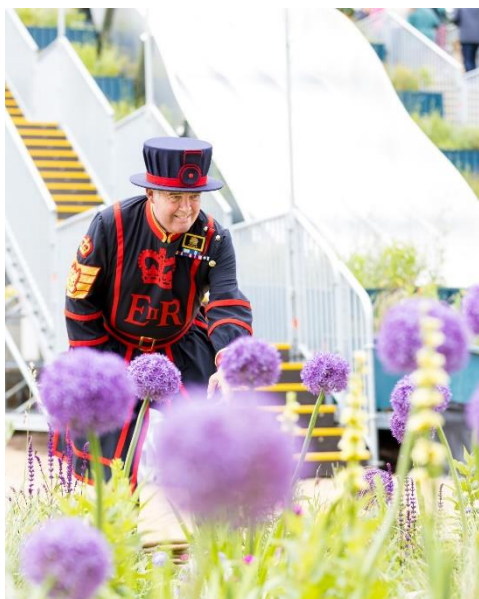


Don't miss Lucy Worsley exploring how George III's mental illness changed Britain. Lucy Worsley Investigates, available on [BBC iPlayer](#).

Pictured - Kew Palace, George III's home and place of seclusion.

Superbloom across Historic Royal Palaces.

The Superbloom in the Tower moat is coming on, as are the mini blooms at Hampton Court Palace and Hillsborough Castle.



Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival

Crown, Coronation, Commonwealth

Monday 11th July – Friday 15th July 2022

Free to visit as a Tower of London ticket holder throughout the day



Regular members of our congregation are invited to attend an
Evening Viewing of the Flower Festival and drinks reception
in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

on

Tuesday 12th July

7pm

Limited availability

Please email me on [TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk](mailto: TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk) to be added to the guest list

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.

We pray for all those who have died and particularly for those who have met violent deaths, remembering especially those members of the Welsh Guards and all combatants who died in the Falklands conflict, as well as fighters and innocent civilians in Ukraine. May they rest in peace.

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, Cortland.



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