



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

Dear Friends,

Following on from Cortland's comments last week, it has come as no great surprise that we are to remain at Stage 3 for another four weeks. Sadly, for the couples getting married here in June and July, the numbers of guests able to attend each wedding are still restricted because of the social distancing regulations. Please remember these couples and their families in your prayers.

The good weather has meant that visitor numbers to The Tower have been very positive, and I am delighted that so many people have been to see the chapel, asked lots of questions, lit candles and sat and said their prayers. The Prayer Board at the rear of the chapel has once again been full of requests and petitions.

I am writing this on June 16th, which is the day when we remember Bishop Richard of Chichester, 1197 – 1253. This beautiful prayer is one that many Christians know by heart:

**Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen**

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

Sunday Service Details

20th June 2021 – Trinity 3

Holy Communion 1100am – All welcome.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us;
and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an
hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended
and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Epistle 1 Peter 5: 5b-11

Gospel Luke 15: 1-10.

Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG3tImEMwpE>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

The Blue Bird - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Cambridge Singers / John Rutter, director

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtTDo6k1Y3U>

Our Congregation



Francis and his mother visiting Roger on the day of the gun salute.

The BST the Honourable Artillery Company fired a 62-round gun salute from the Tower, to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's official birthday



Many thanks to Neale Ambrose for sharing this wonderful photo of the (now sadly rare) purring Turtle Dove.

Poem

This less well-known poem by RS Thomas, the Welsh cleric-poet, is full of love and shared hope. It is also an expression of God's love for us as he finds us in the end on our knees with heads uplifted. The poem is part of RS Thomas's *Uncollected Poems*.

'I never thought'

I never thought in this poor world to find
Another who had loved the things I love,
The wind, the trees, the cloud-swept sky above;
One who was beautiful and grave and kind,
Who struck no discord in my dreaming mind,
Content to live with silence as a cloak
About her every thought, or, if she spoke,
Her gentle voice was music on the wind.
And then about the ending of the day
In early Spring, when the soft western breezes
Had chased the melancholy clouds afar,
As up a little hill I took my way,
I found you all alone upon your knees,
Your face uplifted to the evening star.

Written in 1939 by RS Thomas, 1913 -2000.

Historic Royal Palaces

Chapel of St John the Evangelist



On 14 June 1381, a group of around 400 protesters stormed the Tower, as part of a wider rebellion known as the Peasants' Revolt, or Wat Tyler's Rebellion.

As rebels ran amok through the fortress, the 14-year-old Richard II managed to escape to safety, but others were not so lucky. The serene Chapel of St John the Evangelist in the White Tower witnessed terrible violence, as the hated Archbishop of Canterbury, Simon Sudbury, was captured by protesters, dragged out to Tower Hill, and executed.

Find out more about the Peasants' Revolt here bit.ly/peasantsrevolt-blog

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words relating to ice creams, chilled or iced desserts. 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 those! Solution next week.

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AFFOGATO
 CASSATA
 CORNET
 GELATO
 GRANITA
 KULFI
 NEAPOLITAN
 SEMIFREDDO
 SHERBERT
 SLUSHY
 SORBET
 SUNDAE
 TARTUFO
 TRIFLE
 WAFER
 ZABAGLIONE

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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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, Ben, Madeline and Derek.

RIP

Tony Pratt and Jim MacDonald

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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