



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

Dear Friends,

Last Friday (the 12th February 1554) was the anniversary of the death of **Lady Jane Grey**. As with previous years flowers were sent to mark the anniversary of her death and I said prayers at her memorial in the chapel. Often referred to as the 'Nine days Queen' she was Queen between 10th -19th July 1553. Acknowledged as one of the most learned young women of her day she was the great granddaughter of Henry V11. She was only 17 when she was executed.

Saturday the 13th February marked the death of **Queen Catharine Howard in 1542**. Henry V111 fifth wife, she reigned for just one year before being executed. Stripped of her titles as queen in November 1541 she was beheaded three months later on the grounds of treason and committing adultery with her distant cousin Thomas Culpeper at 18/19.

Both these young women (Queens of England) died a cruel death may they 'Rest in Peace'.



(Lady Jane Grey)



(Catherine Howard)

Poem

'To pay attention is the beginning of devotion'; these words of Mary Oliver's are gently reflected in the poem 'Praying' from her 2006 collection 'Thirst'.

She was in the habit of going on long early morning walks in the wetlands and forests around her home in Provincetown Massachusetts. She simply walks and pays attention, occasionally jotting down a note.

We walk with her in 'Praying', allowing ourselves to dwell on the random details of her landscape. With Oliver, we translate our heightened awareness, our attention, into a simple patchwork of words, offered as prayer, maybe of thanks, but always leaving space for the divine listener to respond.

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

Mary Oliver (1935-2019)

Crocus's from Tracy's garden; a sign that spring is around the corner.



Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/Y9CalEsEpnQ>



Jigsaw Puzzle

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2d7926366b5c>

This week's jigsaw is a picture of our Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula's altar for Lent



Music for the week, from the Master of Music

As we move into Lent, I am going to share with you over the next few weeks some music that reflects various aspects of this penitential church season. Today, a wonderful anthem by Felix Mendelssohn - **Hear my Prayer**. Based on words from Psalm 55, Mendelssohn leads the listener through the full gamut of emotion expressed in the text, leading to one of the most famous soprano solos ever written, 'O for the wings of a dove', portraying the peace and serenity yearned for by the psalmist.

Hear my prayer - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge / Richard Marlow, director

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OvuUecDDE4>

Text - derived from Psalm 55

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide.
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee,
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.

Historic Royal Palaces – Online Curator Talk about Kensington Palace

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Join Lucy Worsley and Claudia Williams next Wednesday evening as they chart the history of one of Britain's most famous royal buildings, from its beginnings as a countryside retreat, to glittering Georgian party palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria, and beyond.

Though this online event will be free to join, HRP are asking for a suggested donation of £10, or whatever you can afford.

Join live online next Wednesday at 7pm GMT, or you can catch up with the talk for 24 hours afterwards

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of flowering plants. 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.

A	I	N	A	I	A	I	N	E	D	R	A	G	A	G
I	B	E	R	I	S	S	O	L	A	K	J	I	V	R
H	E	G	U	B	B	U	B	E	G	O	N	I	A	G
T	K	U	X	U	F	L	O	U	N	Z	I	P	Y	P
Y	S	F	A	L	S	I	K	Q	E	E	N	J	O	I
S	F	C	X	I	Z	X	U	W	S	B	Q	Y	A	J
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O	E	V	T	O	L	O	H	P	R	R	Y	U	H	S
F	U	T	H	F	U	T	N	A	K	P	R	Y	P	D
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H	U	V	W	A	K	I	N	U	A	Q	F	O	Y	L
U	M	P	P	D	R	I	L	D	I	M	P	O	N	K
V	Z	A	W	E	F	I	M	B	R	O	I	X	Y	Y
W	G	Z	O	R	P	L	I	V	U	N	D	L	E	S
A	A	Y	Y	Y	T	I	S	I	T	A	M	E	L	C

AGAPANTHUS

ASTER

BEGONIA

CLEMATIS

DAFFODIL

ERICA

FORSYTHIA

GARDENIA

IBERIS

JONQUIL

MAGNOLIA

NYPHEA

PEONY

ROSE

TULIP

YARROW

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

N	I	S	A	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	M	U
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X	B	U	T	A	B	G	H	A	V	O	C	E	X	U
I	M	E	X	Y	M	U	C	C	Y	L	U	M	F	O
P	M	L	U	I	R	M	O	B	I	O	F	N	Z	I
U	E	C	R	A	D	E	E	H	U	S	C	A	K	S
N	L	K	N	I	F	T	N	E	C	S	E	Z	H	U
G	A	I	V	O	H	U	A	K	W	I	V	A	N	C
I	S	B	I	L	D	N	M	O	Z	I	R	R	E	S
F	U	U	E	L	T	I	E	Z	I	B	I	E	D	A
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M	J	C	L	A	X	I	T	W	L	I	F	D	U	D
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A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly

Isabelle, Jo, Rory, John, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Fiona, Pat, Anthony, Bob and Ben.

RIP Rustom Patel, Tony Murly-Gotto, Fernando Campo-Cubero and for all those who have died from the coronavirus

**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 for those who mourn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With best wishes and prayers, Roger.



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