



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

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Chapel Royal. *'Be Bold, be Bold, but Not Too Bold'*, says Edmund Spenser in the *Faerie Queene*.

This epic poem resonates deeply with the Chapel Royal here at the Tower of London, as it's steeped in the imagery of Foxe's Book of Martyrs and is a true Reformation text. The godly English knights are triumphant against their superstitious continental foes – but please do not for one moment take this as a commentary on the Association Football competition that is currently being played out on the nation's television screens. (That will more probably end with the catchphrase *'Woe, Woe and Thrice Woe!*' as uttered by Senna the Soothsayer in the BBC sit-com *Up Pompeii*, warning Frankie Howerd's character Lurcio of some imminent disaster.)

Instead, I am reflecting on Spenser because we face a moment in the coronavirus story where we are being bold in emerging into a more normal life, but all the while with, for many people, a deep sense of anxiety. The next few weeks may see our lives returning to a near normal, but uncertainty will remain.

So, we are positive, but also realistic about the prospects of what life will look like in mid-summer. The Chapel Royal has, of course, seen it all come and go in the past, and the current troubles are a but a small bump in a long story. The *Faerie Queene* is a deeply theological poem, and at its heart is the virtue of constancy. We are called, as St Paul tells us, to run the race that is set before us. And I am grateful for your continued support, generosity and encouragement.

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

Sunday Service Details

0915am Holy Communion in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, in the White Tower
1100am Holy Communion in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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.**

Readings

Epistle 1 Peter 3:8-15
Gospel Luke 5:1-11.

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

Patronal Festival

Choral Evensong

Wednesday 21st July 2021

1830

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It has been a busy week here at the Tower. On Saturday 26th June we had two weddings in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. Binita and Will Stanley were married at 1.30pm, followed by Jamie and Frances Andrews at 4pm.

And the ceiling fell in at the PWRR Headquarters – Tower life is anything but dull.



Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjo9wd6MSSc>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Air (from Orchestral Suite in D, BWV 1068) - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Voices of Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzlw6fUux4o>

Jigsaw

Prince William, the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George cheering England to victory over Germany in their recent clash at the Euros.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=12d7430fa919>



Historic Royal Palaces



On June 26th, the Yeoman Warders and the Tower of London recognised Armed Forces Day.

Every Yeoman Warder has served at least 22 years in the military; Yeoman Warders from the British Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force all call the Tower home.

Poem

This week's poem was written by Philip Larkin in 1953, and is included in his collection *The Whitsun Weddings*. Larkin had, to say the least, an unhappy childhood, which led him to say that *'people shouldn't live together, and children should be taken from their parents at an early age'*. Like so many of the problems in life that Larkin saw, the priest and the doctor are the only remedy - or are they? Larkin never really answers the question.

Days

What are days for?
Days are where we live.
They come, they wake us
Time and time over.
They are to be happy in:
Where can we live but days?

Ah, solving that question
Brings the priest and the doctor
In their long coats
Running over the fields.

Philip Larkin 1922 - 1985

From Tracy's Garden - Star of Bethlehem



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words for water in the open. 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.

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

BECK
CANAL
ESTUARY
GULF
LAKE
LOCH
MERE
OCEAN
POND
POOL
RILL
RIVER
STRAIT
STREAM
TARN
TRIBUTARY

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

O	S	Q	U	A	N	G	L	Y	F	E	R	T	C	H
S	Q	U	I	R	F	L	E	B	N	I	Z	Z	I	X
K	W	I	R	A	D	E	C	I	W	O	D	S	U	L
A	I	A	I	G	A	V	K	H	E	R	B	S	I	K
V	L	R	A	D	E	I	X	O	E	N	X	E	N	O
O	L	Y	U	E	O	L	O	E	L	R	I	R	G	Y
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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, Madeleine and Derek.

RIP

Tony Pratt

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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