



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

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this on Monday morning, May 17th, having just come in from a coffee at my favourite coffee shop in St Katharine Docks, where I was able to sit inside and keep warm. Barbara and I have also booked seats at a restaurant for one evening this week. As we all move forward, I am very pleased to say that four members of the choir will be back with us on Sunday – we have all missed the choir. As we thank God for the progress we are making in this country, please don't forget to keep in your prayers all those places, such as India, where people are struggling to deal with the pandemic.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost are ten days of worldwide prayer. This year each of us is encouraged to pray for five people whom we hope will hear the call of God in their lives. We are invited to join in praying the 'Thy Kingdom Come Prayer':

*Almighty God, your Ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your Kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Finally, we are all hoping and praying that there will be a real and lasting peace in the Holy Land. We all live in a fragile world where more than ever, peace and good will for everyone is needed.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details

Whit Sunday (Day of Pentecost) Sunday May 23rd 2021
1100am Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
with four members of the choir

Collect for Whit Sunday

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts
of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the
light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore
to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of
Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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

Thought for the Day

From The Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/jANQ7hZdQYA>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Fantasia on 'Komm, Heiliger Geist' (Come, Holy Ghost) BWV 561 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Colm Carey, organ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvi7WAnh3UU>

With Pentecost in mind, [here](#) is a piece by Bach which I recorded some 20 years ago. Bach invariably uses semiquavers (fast notes to the uninitiated!) to depict the presence of the Holy Ghost. In this glorious fantasia for organ, he composes a web of swirling semiquavers, darting over the great Lutheran hymn melody for Pentecost 'Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire', which is played very slowly on the pedals. [If you listen very carefully, you can occasionally hear me grunting - the keys on the organ I am playing were very, very heavy, and it was hard work...!]

Poem

Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ was an English poet and Jesuit priest, whose posthumous fame established him among the leading Victorian poets. His poems marked him as an innovative writer of verse, as did his technique of praising God through the vivid use of imagery, rhythm and nature. Only after his death did Robert Bridges begin to publish a few of Hopkins's mature poems in anthologies, hoping to prepare the way for wider acceptance of his style. By 1930 his work was recognized as one of the most original literary accomplishments of his century. As this is the season for gardeners – enjoy this poem.

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs—
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844–89

From Tracy's garden: Mock Orange, and a Swallowtail Butterfly



Jigsaw Puzzle

The Tower of London, seen from the river Thames.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1f373d05f25d>



Historic Royal Palaces



The results are in! With over 44,000 votes cast, the competition was tough, but we can announce that the Tower of London's new baby raven is called.....BRANWEN

After the deity from Celtic mythology, whose name translates as “Blessed Raven”

Thanks to everyone who voted, and helped to name the Raven! Branwen and her brother Edgar are now ready to welcome you back to the Tower.

Find out more about visiting them and book tickets here hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of breads and loaves. 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.

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

BAGEL
 BAGUETTE
 BLOOMER
 CHOLLAH
 FOCACCIA
 GRANARY
 MATZO
 NAAN
 PARATHA
 PLAIT
 ROTI
 RYE
 SOURDOUGH
 TIN
 WHITE
 WHOLEMEAL

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

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

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, Harold and Ben.

As people continue to die from Coronavirus, may they rest in peace.

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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