



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

Dear friends,

Can I start by reminding regular members of the congregation about getting a **Chapel Pass**? Most people find these extremely useful when they come to services. All that is required is a passport photograph with your name printed on the reverse and Debbie (the Chapel Administrator) will then create the pass. The passes can only be used for entry to services.

You can either send a photograph with your name to Debbie at the Tower, or drop it in when at Chapel. Alternatively you can email Debbie with your photograph as an attachment.



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**Chapels Royal Pass  
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Name.....

Signed by Canon R.Hall.....

**Advance Notice: The 2nd of November is All Souls' Day.**

There will be a service in St Peter ad Vincula at 1830hrs. As has been our tradition for some time, we shall be collecting names of people who will then be remembered during the service. Names can either be emailed to Debbie or to Cortland (Cortland.fransella@hrp.org.uk) or given to Cortland after Sunday worship. (Barbara and I are currently away and will be back on October 31st.)

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

**Sunday Service Details – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022  
The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

**Psalm 65**

**Readings**

Joel 2: 23-end

Luke 18: 9-14

**Collect for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not  
able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy  
Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Poem of the week

Seamus Heaney, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995, was an Irish poet, playwright and translator. At the age of 12, he won a scholarship to St Columb's College, a Roman Catholic boarding school in Derry. During his time there, his brother, Christopher, was killed at the age of four when he was hit by a car while walking near the family farm. *Mid-Term Break* was one of the earliest of Heaney's poems, first printed in *Eleven Poems* (1965) and reprinted in *Death of a Naturalist* in 1966. It describes the poet returning home from school for his little brother's funeral. I was reminded of this poem as I watched, with deep sorrow, the events following the recent killing of those 24 young children at a nursery in Thailand, with the pictures of the small coffins being moved.

### **Mid-Term Break**

I sat all morning in the college sick bay,  
Counting bells knelling classes to a close.  
At two o'clock our neighbours drove me home.

In the porch I met my father crying –  
He had always taken funerals in his stride –  
And Big Jim Evans saying it was a hard blow.

The baby cooed and laughed and rocked the  
pram  
When I came in, and I was embarrassed  
By old men standing up to shake my hand

And tell me they were 'sorry for my trouble'.  
Whispers informed strangers I was the eldest,  
Away at school, as my mother held my hand

In hers and coughed out angry tearless sighs.  
At ten o'clock the ambulance arrived  
With the corpse, stanced and bandaged by the  
nurses.

Next morning I went up into the room,  
Snowdrops  
And candles soothed the bedside; I saw him  
For the first time in six weeks. Paler now,

Wearing a poppy bruise on his left temple,  
He lay in the four-foot box as in a cot.  
No gaudy scars, the bumper knocked him clear.

A four-foot box, a foot for every year.

Seamus Heaney 1939-2013.

## A Tribute to the Life and Reign of Elizabeth II: A Garland for the Queen.

Last week there was a special choral tribute to Queen Elizabeth II in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula with the Voices of Classic FM, The Sixteen, with thanks to the Genesis Foundation.

The Sixteen sang in the Chapel Royal of Saint Peter ad Vincula, with music reflecting the life and times of both Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II, including the world premiere of a new Genesis Foundation commission by British composer Cecilia McDowall, conducted by the group's founder Harry Christophers.



The concert was live streamed on Classic FM's Facebook page, and you can watch the recording of this concert by following the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicFM/videos/461420889384587>



The Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula was lit both inside and out. The flambeaux at the entrance to the Chapel were particularly special. Those attending the concert were invited by The Genesis Foundation, and for a lot of guests this was their first visit to the Chapel.





## Jigsaw

Kensington Palace – <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=34aa37ba0ba7>



## Our Congregation

On Sunday Kevin Rudd, the former Prime Minister of Australia, joined us at the Chapel for our 11am service.



## Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Peter, and Izzy.

## RIP

Maureen Coyle (former Jewel House team leader)

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, Roger.



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