



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

HM Tower of London

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday is Passion Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, and marks the start of Passiontide, when we begin to look towards Jerusalem and Holy Week. To help us enter into the Passiontide season, the choir will perform John Stainer's Crucifixion at the 11am service. This famous oratorio was first performed in St Marylebone Parish Church in 1887, and the text was written by WJ Sparrow Simpson. It has become a favourite of many people, partly because of its five wonderful congregational hymns, including All for Jesus.

I have chosen as poem of the week When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. This hymn, which I think also makes a good poem, is known and loved by countless people, and is an excellent source of meditation for Passion Sunday. Its powerful yet simple words ring out with great depth of feeling and longing for salvation.

April 2nd is Palm Sunday and our service will begin at 1050am outside the Fusiliers' Mess (at the opposite end of the Broad Walk from the chapel). We will be led by the choir as we process to the chapel, singing All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King, which is one of the great Palm Sunday hymns. Those wishing instead to go straight to the chapel may do so. We hope for dry weather that morning, but if it is raining, we will not have a procession.

Please take note of the box setting out what is happening in Holy Week.

Finally, please don't forget to sign up for our Bring and Share Coronation Big Lunch.

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

Easter Flowers

As in previous years, I am collecting money for **Easter Flowers**. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, please bring either cash or a cheque with you on Sunday, or send a cheque to me at the address at the end of the Newsletter. Flowers are often given in memory of people who have died, and these names will be remembered at Easter. Thank you.



Services Details for 26th March 2023

0915 Holy Communion White Tower
1100 Stainer's Crucifixion St Peter ad Vincula

Readings (for 0915 service only):
Hebrews 9:11-15 and John 8:46 – end

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully
to look upon thy people; that by thy great
goodness they may be governed and preserved
evermore, both in body and soul; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please note: British Summer Time starts at 1am on March 26th, when the clocks go forward an hour.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

0915 Holy Communion

Chapel of St John the Evangelist

1100 Choral Matins

Meet at 1050 outside the Fusiliers

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April

2000 Said Compline

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Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

1900 Holy Communion

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Friday 7th April – Good Friday

1900 Liturgy of the Cross

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Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

'He is risen, he is risen indeed, Halleluiah'

0915 Holy Communion

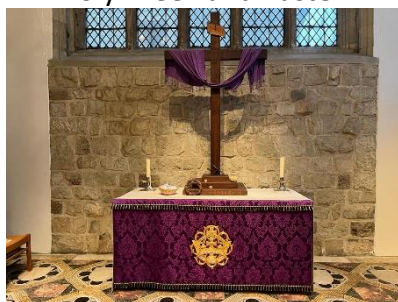
Chapel of St John the Evangelist

1100 Easter State Parade

Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

Sunday March 26th is Passion Sunday

In place of the normal Matins service, the chapel choir will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion. This wonderful piece of music will stir our hearts as we move into the final few weeks of Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



Poem of the week

Isaac Watts (1647-1748) was an English Congregational minister, theologian, and writer of books on geography, astronomy, grammar and philosophy. He is best known, however, as a prolific and popular hymn writer, and is credited with some 750 hymns, including Joy to the World, O God, Our Help in Ages Past, Jesus Shall Reign, and When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. This hymn is based on Galatians 6: v14 – "But God forbid that I should boast, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The equally prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley, who wrote more than 6,000 hymns, reportedly said he would give up all his hymns to have written When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. Set to the tune Rockingham when sung, the words and music complement each other beautifully.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts 1647-1748

Chapel Congregation



On Sunday 19th March, Teddy was Baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. Teddy is the grandson of one of the Tower of London's Yeoman Warders. Thank you to the family for sending in this lovely photograph of the day.

Jigsaw

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Hyacinths from Tracy's Garden



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Norma, Ann, Ros, Mark, Madeleine, Dan, Derek, Colin, Ian, Patti, Florence, Bridget and Christopher.

RIP

John Dailly, Per-Hugo Lager

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 to all, Roger.



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