



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

Dear Friends,

In the church calendar, Creationtide runs from September 1st to October 4th. During this time, we give special thanks to God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life. Remembering the Creation accounts in the book of Genesis, we thank God for the wonders of the natural world in all its beauty and diversity; flowers and trees, mountains, plains and rivers, animals, insects, birds and sea creatures. We also recognise our call as Christians to be good stewards of all God has made, and to love and preserve His creation. Please hold in your prayers the COP26 Meeting in Glasgow in November, praying for global action on the climate emergency and for all those whose lives are affected by climate change. I shall be thinking about this on Sunday as we come together for our Harvest Festival.

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

Sunday Service Details

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1215 Holy Baptism

Readings

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11.

John 4: 31-38.

Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Almighty and everlasting God,
We offer you our hearty thanks
for your loving goodness and care,
in giving us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.
Give us grace to use them rightly,
to your glory,
for our own-wellbeing
and the relief of those in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/f05nkV86znm>

Harvest Festival Sunday 26 September

Our Harvest Festival celebration this year will be on Sunday 26 September at 1100. Do come and bring contributions to the Food Bank run by our friends at the First Love Foundation, who have done sterling work throughout the lockdowns and who continue to support some of the neediest in Tower Hamlets. If you are unable to bring items, do please consider making a donation through their website at: [First Love Foundation](#).

Memorial Service for Vice-Admiral Rory McLean CB OBE
Monday 27 September at 1130

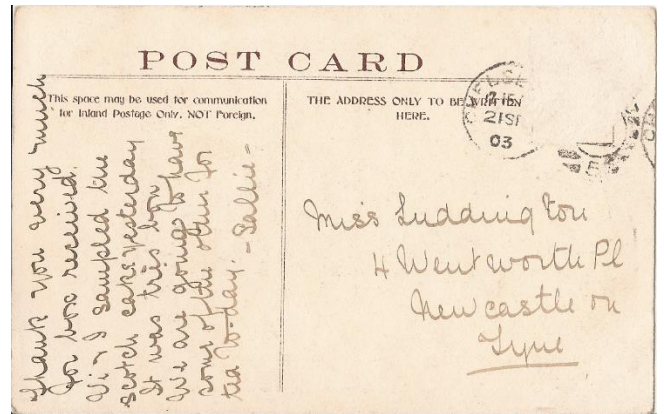
There will be a memorial service for the late Vice-Admiral Rory MacLean CB OBE at 1130 on Monday 27 September in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. I know that many of us will remember Rory with warmth and affection. All are welcome to attend this service at which we shall recall his ready wit and loyal support of the Chapel over the years.



The Tower of London – from the Royal Armouries archives

From the 21st September 1903 – an inspiring postcard showing the interior of the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula at the Tower of London, a solar eclipse and a “bit of the other” for tea.

You can find more of these interesting finds on Twitter @Royal_Armouries



Our Congregation

On Saturday 18th September, Jimmy and Sarah were married and their daughter Georgia was baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. The weather was perfect, the music uplifting and the whole event joyful.



Jigsaw

Another picture of the Constables Dues ceremony with HMS Albion and watched by Princess Anne, on the 13th September. <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1f146ea4c363>



From Tracy's garden – Lantana flowers



Poem

Josie Neill is from Muirkirk in Ayrshire, but has lived and worked in Dumfries and Galloway for many years. At a time when few women poets were being published, and when Scots was not generally considered a language of poetry, Josie produced an important body of work, and is still writing at the age of 86. This poem is from her first full published collection, *There's Ma Mammy Wavin*, which will be premiered at the Wigtown Book Festival later this month.

His hair wis like coorse gress
Whaur rime had settit,
Lines ran in deep sheuchs
Tae his mou
But the een were skinklin.

'This is ME' – held oot his airm,
Made his veins staun oot like wire,
An 'THIS...' hammerin his hert.

He's been gane this twalmonth
Yet thrice I've seen him
Traikin by, held intae the wind.
The last time, he cam that near-haun
Ah held ma braith.
He turnt thae een on me
An smiled,
Then gaed on
Intil the mirk.

Josie Neill

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly Trevor, Isabelle, Lucy, Judy, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, John and Maria.

RIP

Vice-Admiral Rory McLean, Anthony Acland, Neil Tomlinson and Peter Clemett (Priest); and all those who have died from Coronavirus.

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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