



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

Dear Friends,



The Nation stopped on Tuesday the 23rd March at 1200 noon and at 8pm to remember the 126,000 people who have died from the coronavirus pandemic. The Archbishop of Canterbury said this was a time to lament with those who were mourning.

It has been a difficult year, and for some, more difficult than others. Anniversaries always come with mixed emotions. Every day our coronavirus prayer (at the foot of the Newsletter) has been said in the chapel and was said out loud on the 23rd March as we stopped and remembered.

May all who have died, *'Rest in Peace, and Rise in Glory'*. Amen

Poem

This week's poem was written by Philip Larkin and is, I think something useful for us to reflect upon as we passed the 23rd March (the Anniversary of the first Lockdown) and look to the future.

The Trees

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In full grown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

Philip Larkin 1922 -1985

Self- Isolation Choir

We are delighted to be joining with other organisations* in encouraging people everywhere to sing hymns at home in this exciting project led by the Self-Isolation Choir.

The project leader, Ralph Allwood, says: “So many people are missing singing and would love to join in some hymns, so I have got eight organists from seven cathedrals and a big church in Texas to play the accompaniments to eight hymns. I then will help them online to join in, and we will make a huge ensemble of everyone singing these hymns. No experience needed”.

Now is the time to sign up – rehearsals start later this week!

Click [here](#) to watch Ralph explaining in more detail or to sign up click [here](#).

Holy Week services will be as follows:

- Sunday 28th March 1100hrs – **Palm Sunday** in St Peter-ad-Vincula
- Monday 29th March 2000hrs – Compline
- Tuesday 30th March 2000hrs – Compline
- Wednesday 30th March 2000hrs – Compline

- Thursday 1st April 1900hrs – **Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion (no foot washing).
- Friday 2nd April 1900hrs – **Good Friday** Liturgy of the Cross with organ and readings.

- Sunday 4th April **Easter Sunday** *‘He is risen, he is risen indeed, Halleluiah’*
0915hrs – Holy Communion – in St John the Evangelist
1100hrs - Holy Communion – St Peter-ad-Vincula

Please contact Debbie (toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk) if you wish to attend any of the services.

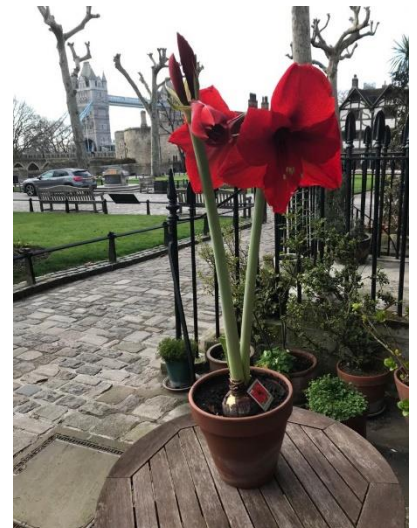
Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/CNyn01cLNIY>

From Tracy’s garden – A snake’s head fritillary

Roger’s Amaryllis – Red Velvet



Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Quatre Motets pour un temps de pénitence - Francis Poulenc (1899 - 1963)

Netherlands Chamber Choir, directed Eric Ericson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUDfA9EhE50>

Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence - Text and Translation

**1. Timor et tremor venerunt super me,
et caligo cecidit super me. Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam in te confidit anima mea.
Exaudi, Deus, deprecationem meam,
quia refugium meum es tu et adiutor fortis. Domine, invocavi te, non confundar.**

Fear and trembling have come upon me
and darkness has seized my soul. Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy upon me,
for in you have I put my trust.
Hear my prayer, O my God,
for you are my refuge and my strong helper.
I have called upon you, O Lord, that I not be confounded.

**2. Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi: quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem,
ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres.
Sepivi te et lapides elegi ex te et aedificavi turrim.
(MATIN RESPONSORY FOR GOOD FRIDAY)**

You are my chosen vine and by my hand you were planted;
how then have you become bitter?
You crucified me and set Barabbas free.
I guarded you with a hedge, I removed the stones from around you, I built a tower to watch over you.

**3. Tenebrae factae sunt dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei,
et circa horam nonam exclamavit Jesus voce magna:
Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?
Et inclinato capite emisit spiritum.
Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:
Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum.
(MATIN RESPONSORY FOR HOLY SATURDAY)**

The day grew dark as the Jews nailed Jesus to the cross. At about the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice:
'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'
He bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
Jesus said in a loud voice:
'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'

**4. Tristis est anima mea usque ad mortem:
sustinete hic et vigilate mecum,
nunc videbitis turbam quae circumdabit me.
Vos fugam capietis, et ego vadam immolari pro vobis.
Ecce, appropinquat hora et Filius hominis tradetur in manus peccatorum.
(MATIN RESPONSORY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY)**

My spirit is laden with sorrow and would die;
remain here awhile and keep watch with me.
Soon you will see a great crowd come to surround me.
You will flee, and I shall be sacrificed for you.
Lo, the time is nigh
when the Son of Man shall be given over into the hands of sinners.

Jigsaw Puzzle

The Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3e7c9eefdf39>



Roger's Quiz - Cryptic Book Titles

Work out the title of the book – one point for that and another point for the author – 20 in total

1. Out of here in a current of air
2. Murder a derisive, taunting, feather covered creature
3. Flying insects' master
4. What comes before a fall and a preconceived judgement towards a group
5. Indian kids working a nightshift?
6. 40 would be too many to climb
7. I'll make him an offer he can't refuse
8. Went fishing - got just over 20
9. British representative in Cuba
10. Blue mixed with red

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of construction tools. 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.

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BACKHOE
 BULLDOZER
 CHISEL
 CROWBAR
 DUMPER
 FORKLIFT
 HAMMER
 HOE
 HOIST
 LADDER
 MEASURE
 POLISHER
 SCRATCHER
 SHOVEL
 SPADE
 WHEELBARROW

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

T	E	T	M	N	E	N	O	H	P	A	T	C	I	D
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A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly

Isabelle, Jo, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Fiona, Pat, Lorraine and Ben.

We pray for all those who have died from the coronavirus

**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 for those who mourn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With best wishes and prayers, Roger.



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