



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

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Dear friends,

There is no doubt that more people than ever in the United Kingdom are keenly feeling the effects of inflation, leading many to have to make decisions between eating and heating, whilst treats are out of the question and Christmas is likely to be an especially difficult time. Regardless of politics and policies, this seems certain to be a harsh winter for many of our fellow citizens. Whether we contribute to charities local to us, to the First Love Foundation, which we have long supported here at the Tower (see their website: [First Love Foundation](#)), or to national charities of our choice, we must do what we can to relieve the real hardship which now exists in this country. The divine injunction to relieve the poor runs through both the Old and New Testaments like a golden thread. Do, please, think how you can best help. Not buying one coffee each day and giving the money to a charity could make a real difference to those without resources – and especially to their children.

The 2nd of November is All Souls' Day.

There will be a service on Wednesday 2nd November in St Peter ad Vincula at 6.30pm. As has been our tradition for some time, we are collecting names of those whom you have lost, who will be remembered during the service. Names can either be emailed to Debbie or to me Cortland (Cortland.Fransella@hrp.org.uk) or given to me after Sunday worship on 30th October.

Roger and Barbara are currently away, missing our lovely rain and thunderstorms, but will be back on October 31st. They send you their warm regards from a sunnier spot.

With my best wishes, Cortland.

**Sunday Service Details – 30th October 2022
The 20th Sunday after Trinity as All Saints' Day**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula – Coffee after church

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Readings

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-12 and Matthew 5:1-12

Collect for All Saints' Day

O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord;
Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys,
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

Timothy Winters, by Charles Causley CBE FRSL (1917 – 2003).

Charles Causley was a Cornish poet, schoolmaster and writer. His work is noted for its simplicity and directness, often set in his native Cornwall. *Timothy Winters* is one of his better-known poems, first published in the collection *Union Street* in 1957, and resounds with echoes of the Second World War. Causley said, "People always ask me whether this was a real boy. My God, He certainly was. Poor old boy, I don't know where he is now. I was thunderstruck when people thought I'd made it up! He was a real bloke. Poor little devil."

Timothy Winters

Timothy Winters comes to school
With eyes as wide as a football pool,
Ears like bombs and teeth like splinters:
A blitz of a boy is Timothy Winters.

His belly is white, his neck is dark,
And his hair is an exclamation mark.
His clothes are enough to scare a crow
And through his britches the blue winds blow.

When teacher talks he won't hear a word
And he shoots down dead the arithmetic-bird,
He licks the patterns off his plate
And he's not even heard of the Welfare State.

Timothy Winters has bloody feet
And he lives in a house on Suez Street,
He sleeps in a sack on the kitchen floor
And they say there aren't boys like him any more.

Old man Winters likes his beer
And his missus ran off with a bombardier.
Grandma sits in the grate with a gin
And Timothy's dosed with an aspirin.

The Welfare Worker lies awake
But the law's as tricky as a ten-foot snake,
So Timothy Winters drinks his cup
And slowly goes on growing up.

At Morning Prayers the Master helves*
For children less fortunate than ourselves,
And the loudest response in the room is when
Timothy Winters roars "Amen!"

So come one angel, come on ten:
Timothy Winters says "Amen
Amen amen amen amen."
Timothy Winters, Lord.
Amen!

**prays*

Charles Causley (1917 – 2003)

TV Programme about the Tower

Thursday 27 October, at 8.00pm, sees the return of the Channel 5 series *Inside the Tower of London*, the documentary going behind the scenes at the Tower.

In this first episode, *'As autumn arrives, the royal bodyguard of Yeoman Warders come together to commemorate one of the saddest moments in the Tower's history, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, before announcing the formal proclamation of King Charles III.'*



Jigsaw

Tower Green and the Kings House - <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3d6ba8a1c3c0>



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.

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, Cortland.



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