



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

Dear friends,

Many of you will be aware that this year, we are celebrating the life and music of William Byrd (1540-1623), and that this is his 400th anniversary year. Byrd is considered among the greatest composers of the Renaissance period. He became Gentleman of the Chapel Royal in 1572 and many of his most famous compositions were written for the Chapel Royal. This coming Sunday, Colm has chosen music composed by Byrd for the whole service, and this will include the great anthem *Tristitia et anxietas* (Sadness and anxiety have overtaken my inmost being). Colm will introduce this anthem and it will take the place of the sermon. I hope that as many of you as possible will try to join us for this special occasion.

I am writing this Newsletter on June 26th, the day on which we recall the first awards of the Victoria Cross to 62 recipients in Hyde Park on June 26th 1857 by Queen Victoria. It also recalls the day in 1483 that Richard Plantagenet usurped the throne becoming Richard III, Edward IV having died that April. Edward's young sons, Edward V and Richard, better known as the Princes in the Tower, were brought to The Tower and were never seen alive again. Their fate remains a mystery.

Thank you all for continuing to donate to the City of London Hygiene Bank. <https://thehygienebank.com/give-products/london/city-of-london/>



We are all delighted that on June 22nd Cortland was awarded the Canterbury Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury for his services to the Church of England, '*For outstanding service to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the community of Lambeth Palace over many years*'.

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

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 16th July RAF Regiment Association at the 11am service. It will be Chief Yeoman Warder Pete McGowan's last Sunday.

Wednesday 19th July 1830 Patronal Festival at St Peter ad Vincula. *If you haven't already done so, please let Debbie know that you plan to come.*

Sunday 23rd July The last Sunday before the summer break. Please stay for a glass of wine after church.

Sunday Service Details for 2nd July 2023

0915 Holy Communion White Tower
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula
(With settings by William Byrd)

Psalm 13

Readings

Genesis 22: 1-14
Matthew 10: 40-end

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all that put their trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

Dr Kieron Winn, poet and teacher of literature and creative writing at Oxford and elsewhere, has been called the poet of intimacy and tenderness' and 'one of the best formal poets in the UK'. He was educated at Tonbridge School and Christ Church, Oxford where he received his doctorate for a thesis on Herbert Read and T.S. Eliot. His poems have appeared in many magazines including The Spectator, Agenda, The London Magazine and The Times Literary Supplement, as well as in anthologies. His poems, in my view, appear simple and unchallenging at first but when spoken out loud (which is often the best way to read poetry) deliver additional colour, depth and inner meaning. Mountain Water, like many of Winn's poems, is set in the rugged landscapes of the Lake District.

Mountain Water

Lucid stream,
Travelling light,
Itself and open,
Black and white,
Cold on the palm,
Chilly burn,
By mossy rock
And thriving fern,
Salt and poison
Clouds remade,
Ancient freshness,
Undecayed,
Fluid muscle,
Inner chatter,
Flowing, constant
Mountain water.

Kieron Winn

Our Congregation

On Saturday 24th June, Caterina and Michael were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. Caterina works in the Public Engagement department at HRP.



The Tower of London

Around 300 guests attended a Beating Retreat by the Band of Christ's Hospital School at the Tower of London on Saturday 24th June. The school was founded in 1552 and moved from the City to Horsham in 1902. It retains close links with the Lord Mayor and City of London Corporation, and the Band performs each year in the Lord Mayor's Show. The school also has a historic connection with the Tower, and its pupils are permitted to visit free of charge if in their school uniform. The Governor of the Tower, Andrew Jackson, is an alumnus of Christ's Hospital School.





Jigsaw

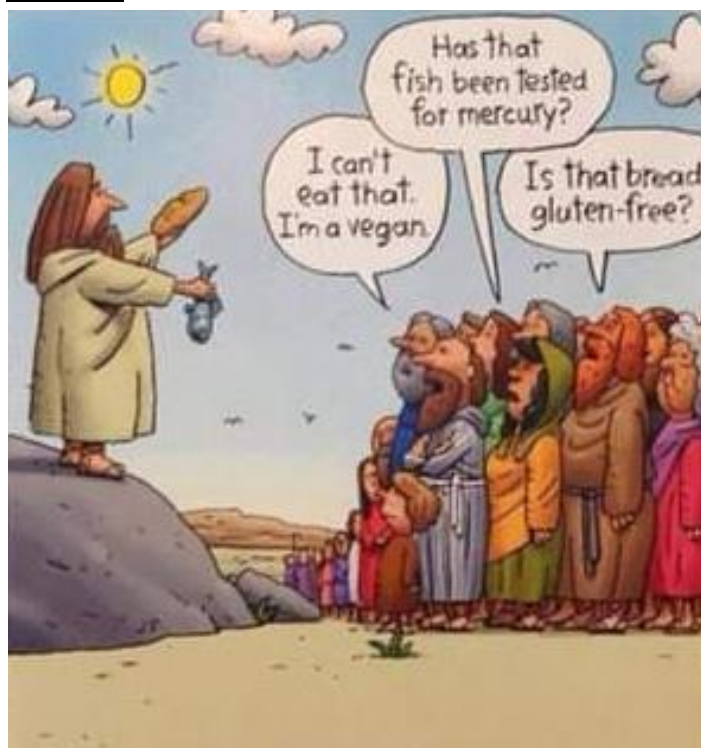
From **19 June to 20 August 2023**, central London will host super-sized sculptures of much-loved children's TV character, Morph. Located alongside some of London's most iconic landmarks, each Morph sculpture will be uniquely designed by epic, well-known and emerging artists, providing a fun family-friendly art trail for locals and visitors to follow.

Whilst exciting and inspiring people of all ages to celebrate London through creativity, the trail will also increase public awareness about the need for young wheelchair users to be mobile, enabled and included in society. When the Trail ends, the super-sized Morph sculptures will be auctioned to raise funds for Whizz-Kidz.

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Cartoon



From Tracy's Garden

Bonfire Begonia



Elephant Hawk Moth



Prayers

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

RIP

Andy Pegler and Geoff Oughton.

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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