



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

Dear Friends,

Patronal Festival Tuesday 5th July 1830

With just over a week to go, our Patronal Festival is fast approaching. If you intend coming, (and I hope many of you will), please can you let Debbie (the Chapel Administrator) or myself know, so that your names can be added to the list? This is both for security reasons and to give us an idea of numbers for catering. It's one of our special annual summer events: Choral Evensong with glorious music, and this year the former Bishop of London, The Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, will be our preacher. Do come if you can.

Please note that on Sunday 10th July, there will only be a service in the White Tower at 0915 and no service at 1100. St Peter's will be in full swing all day as preparations begin for the Flower Festival the following week.

Chapel Readers: As we start planning for services from September to December, please let Debbie or myself know if you are interested in reading either at the 0915 or 1100 service.



All deaths are sad but the death of a young person is particularly sad. Dame Deborah James, who has died from bowel cancer aged 40, was a deputy head teacher, podcast presenter and author who published on social media under the name of Bowel Babe, aiming to debunk the myth that the disease is confined to smokers, meat eaters and old men; she also presented the award winning BBC podcast "You, me and the Big C" with the journalist Rachael Bland and the lifestyle blogger Lauren Mahon, both of whom had breast cancer. May she rest in peace.

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

Sunday Service Details

Sunday 3rd July 2022

The Third Sunday After Trinity

0915 Holy Communion

1100 Choral Matins

1215 Holy Baptism

Readings

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Collect for the Third Sunday After Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us;
and grant that we, to whom thou hast given
an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid
be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Chapel Flower Festival
Crown, Coronation, Commonwealth
Monday 11th – Friday 15th July

Volunteer Stewards

I am looking for people who would be willing to steward in the chapel during the flower festival. It will really be a case of keeping an eye to see people do not touch the flowers and answering questions/giving information about them.

A volunteer session would be for 3 hours, in timed slots:
0900 – 1200, 1200 – 1500, 1500 – 1800.

If you would be interested in helping out, please get in touch with Debbie.



Poem of the week

In 1914, Edward Thomas, encouraged by his great friend Robert Frost who was living in England at the time, began to write poetry, especially nature poems, feeling a sense of urgency caused by the start of World War One. Until then, Thomas had been a respected but overworked and underpaid literary critic, struggling to support his family by publishing books, anthologies and reviews. Adlestrop is based on a railway journey he took on 24th June, 1914, when the train briefly halted at the station in the Gloucestershire village of Adlestrop. The station, long since closed, has been immortalised by this much-loved poem. Thomas enlisted in July 1915 and was killed in the Battle of Arras, in April, 1917, at the age of 39. During those three years, Thomas wrote all of his one hundred and forty-four poems. Walter de la Mare, another close friend and fellow poet, wrote a foreword to Thomas's *Collected Poems*, which were published posthumously in 1922. He described Thomas's poetry as a 'mirror of England', suggesting that it offered readers a portrayal of a rural nation that had been utterly shattered by the catastrophic experience of World War One.

Adlestrop

Yes, I remember Adlestrop -
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop - only the name.

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Edward Thomas 1878 – 1917

Our Congregation

Jamie and Frances were married in a small service in the Chapel in 2021, and last Saturday they had their wedding blessing service with their family and friends.



Jigsaw

Canon Roger with Professor Brian Cox

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1b20bb69118d>

Historic Royal Palaces

The Yeoman Warders on Armed Forces Day.

We're proud that veterans from the British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Royal marines all call the Tower home.



Superbloom

The flowers in the Tower of London moat are blooming.



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Bridget and Peter.

RIP

Claire Howard, Curwen Rawlinson (Priest) and Dame Deborah James.

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 and prayers, Roger.



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