



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

Dear Friends,

I am writing this short introduction on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, with events in Ukraine very much at the forefront of my mind and those of many other people's as well. Today is a **Global Day of Prayer** and this morning, along with people from all over the city, I attended a service of prayer and reflection for the people of Ukraine. I was very privileged to meet The Rev Sergiy Diduk, the priest to the Ukrainian community here in London. I promised him our prayers and support (picture below). Equally, we need to pray for the people of Russia and in particular for President Putin, that he may bring an end to this act of aggression, and that peace and stability can return to the people of Ukraine and Russia. Nobody wants this situation to develop into WW3. Below is a prayer given to all Christian communities that we can use every day. You could make this part of your Lenten prayer – a small commitment that links us to Christians everywhere this Lent.

Should refugees from Ukraine arrive here in London, we will do all we can as a Christian community to support and help them.

Let's try to make this Lent especially prayerful.

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



Sunday Service Details

Lent 1

0915 Holy Communion (White Tower)

1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

1215 Baptism

Readings

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11.

Luke 4: 1-13.

Collect for the first Sunday in Lent

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may very obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, on God, world without end. **Amen.**

Easter Flowers Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

For some years we have collected money throughout Lent for flowers for Easter and often for a few Sundays after that. If you would like to donate towards these flowers, please send a cheque payable to **The HM Tower of London Chapels Royal Foundation**. Cash is also acceptable. Your donation can be in memory of someone. Thank you.



Book for Lent

This year's Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book is by The Reverend Dr Isabelle Hamley and is called **Embracing Justice**. Many of you will have heard Isabelle preach at the chapel, and she is a regular contributor to Thought for the Day on Radio 4. She is giving the sermon here on Passion Sunday, 3rd April. Isabelle's book helps us think through the question 'What is justice? *It's a question we see everywhere in life, and one that increasingly demands an answer*'.

Poem of the week

Terence Alan 'Spike' Milligan, was born in India to an Irish father and an English mother, and was a brilliant comedian, actor, musician and poet. He was the main writer and cast member of the radio programme *The Goon Show*, which many believe was a major influence on the later TV series *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. He was known to be full of energy and inventive silliness but he was not an easy person to work with; his agent tells the story of sitting in an important meeting where Spike pretended throughout to be a jellyfish. Loved by children for his comic verse, he was always known to be kind and generous. The epitaph on his gravestone includes the phrase '*Durit me leat go raibh me breoite*', Gaelic for '*I told you I was ill*' 😊.

You must never bath in an Irish Stew

You must never bath in an Irish Stew
It's a most illogical thing to do.
But should you persist against my reasoning,
Don't fail to add the appropriate seasoning.

Spike Milligan 1918 - 2002

Historic pictures around the Tower, 1943

Courtesy of Roger's friend Grace.



Tracy's garden



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Lucy, Judy, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, Maria, Ann, Bridget, Peter, Freddie and baby Max.

RIP

Jean Parsons and Cecilia Jackson

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by 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.**

A Prayer 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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