



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

Dear friends,

Barbara and I returned on October 31st from my chaplaincy cruise with SAGA. (Send a Granny/Grandpa Aboard 😊).

It was another enjoyable experience and a great privilege to minister to a group of people who are mostly elderly and retired. Over 250 people attended the Sunday morning services and my chaplaincy slot was busier than ever. I would like to thank Cortland for holding the fort whilst I was away.

We are now entering the Season of Remembrance. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated both All Saints' and All Souls' tide. The Tower has its own small Garden of Remembrance, with the names of friends and colleagues of the Yeoman Body recorded amongst the crosses on Tower Green.

On November 11th, as in most years, I shall be on board Havengore, the ceremonial vessel which transported the body of Sir Winston Churchill from Tower Pier to Westminster Abbey for his state funeral. There will be a series of services along the Thames, culminating in the final service on the river at 1100am outside the Houses of Parliament.

We shall have our own service of Remembrance on November 13th outside the chapel at 1050am. This proved very popular last year and the Governor has asked us to repeat it again this year.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details for 6th November 2022

The 21st Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula (The Royal Marines Association will be joining us)

Readings

Job 19: 23-27.

Luke 20: 27-38.

Psalm 17: 1-9.

Collect for the 21st Sunday after Trinity

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Away Day at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Saturday 19th November 2022.

For some time, we have organised an away day at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine. Although our numbers have always been small, this is an ideal opportunity for us to get together and enjoy wonderful surroundings and a nice sandwich lunch. This time Cortland and I will lead the day, which will run from 0930 to 1500.

The cost will be £10. Do let Debbie or me know if you would like to come along. Please be assured that it will be a very relaxed and friendly occasion. Roger.

Poem of the week

Keats wrote this lovely sonnet in about 1820, although nobody is quite certain of the exact date. He copied the poem to his friend and fellow traveller, Joseph Severn, as they travelled to Italy in 1820. The poem expresses Keats's deep love for Fanny Brawne, whom he met in 1818. Keats had left England for Italy in the vain hope that its benign climate might cure, or at least alleviate, his tuberculosis. Throughout his time there, he never forgot Fanny or stopped alluding to her in the poetry he wrote at that time. He died in Rome in 1821 and is buried in the Protestant Cemetery there.

Sonnet CCXLII

Bright star! Would I were stedfast as thou art –
Not in lone splendour hung aloft the night
And watching, with eternal lids apart,
Like Nature's patient sleepless Eremite,

The moving waters at their priestlike task
Of pure ablution round earth's human shores,
Or gazing on the new soft -fallen mask
Of snow upon the mountains and the moors –

No – yet, still stedfast, still unchangeable,
Pillow'd upon my fair love's ripening breast,
To feel for ever its soft fall and swell,
Awake for ever in a sweet unrest,

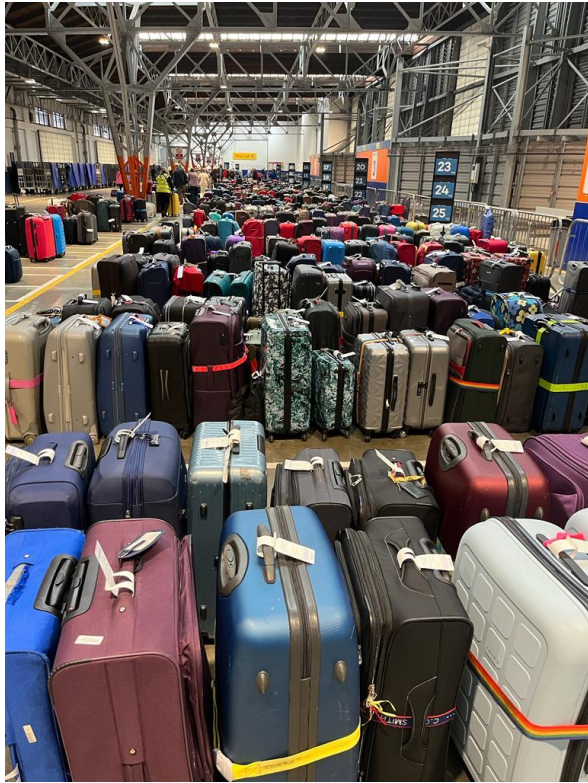
Still, still to hear her tender-taken breath,
And so live ever – or else swoon to death.

John Keats 1795-1821.

Jigsaw

SAGA bag collection! Roger and Barbara trying to find their bags.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=00f5c2bbc68e>



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, Izzy, Colin, Tom Thorne and Florence Marchbank-Ward.

RIP

Professor Brian Warren Jenney

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, Roger.



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