



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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday the London Marathon is taking place. In the past, services at the Chapel have been cancelled but in recent years we have tried to keep going. This year, I have decided there will only be the 1100am service (Choral Matins) and there will be **no 0915 service**. Driving to the Tower will be almost impossible and access from Tower Hill Tube Station will be via the underpass. Please note that the wharf is now open to the public.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Harvest Festival last Sunday. There was wonderful singing from both the choir and congregation. Along with the Harvest gifts that will be given to the Tower Hamlets Foodbank, I shall be sending a cheque for £500 each to both the Foodbank and the Afghan Refugees Charity based here in London. Thank you for your support.

During October we will continue to have a series of weddings and baptisms; our Chapel Clerk, Matt, will be marrying his fiancée, Jo. Please keep all those getting married here, as well as those to be baptised, in your thoughts and prayers.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details – Marathon Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

No 0915 Holy Communion

1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people
grace to withstand the temptations of
the world, the flesh, and the devil, and
with pure hearts and minds to follow
thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

Epistle Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Gospel Mark 10: 2-16.

Thought for the Day

From The Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/RZclUzTJDuE>

Poem

Owen Sheers is a Welsh poet, author, playwright and TV presenter. He was the first writer in residence to be appointed by any national rugby union team. I love swallows and this is the time of the year when we see them migrating on their long journey to South Africa. I marvel at their determination but know they will return.



Swallows

The swallows are italic again,
cutting their sky-jive
between the telephone wires
flying in crossed lines.

Their annual regeneration
so flawless to the human eyes
that there is no seam
between parent and child.

Just always the swallows
and their script of descenders,
dipping their ink to sign their signatures
across the page of the sky

Owen Sheers b. 1974

Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3d020a2d8e54>



Hibiscus flowers

From the village of Lautrec in the South of France.



Palace of Stardust at Hampton Court Palace

08 December to 03 January 2022. Excluding 11, 24, 25, 26 December.

16.00-20.00. Last entry 19.30.



This Christmas, prepare to be swept up in a whimsical world of planets and stars on an enchanting new light trail at Hampton Court Palace. As dusk falls across this magnificent former royal home, an atmospheric, fantastical wonderland of clocks, moons, planets and sundials is just waiting to be discovered. Lose track of time as you explore the historic cobbled courtyards and gardens, filled with magical illuminations inspired by the palace's famous astronomical clock; the ticking Tudor heart of Hampton Court installed by command of King Henry VIII.

From breath-taking illuminations and glowing lanterns to mesmerising projections, the incredible clock is brought to life like never before to reveal its many mysteries and the meaning behind the strange symbols on this legendary dial. Our light trail winds through some of the palace's stunning gardens and across a flickering moonlit ball in the East Front Gardens. You can hear ancient trees as they whisper their secrets and peek into mysterious miniature shadow worlds before being transported to another planet in the deepest depths of the Wilderness, once home to King Charles II's formal pleasure garden.

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly Trevor, Lucy, Judy, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, John and Maria.

RIP

Vice-Admiral Rory McLean, Anthony Acland, Neil Tomlinson and Peter Clemett (Priest); and all those who have died from 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.

With best wishes and prayers, Roger



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