



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

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a good week. Enclosed are details of this coming Sunday's service and I wanted to let you know that we will have a choir of four singers back with us on May 23rd. Clergy have been asked to ensure that their **Guidelines for Public Worship** are up to date. Please note that the guidelines are on the website, published on the chapel noticeboard and included here. I am very pleased to see that one or two of our regular parishioners are beginning to return to the chapel. Some people are still adopting a cautious approach, which I understand, but I hope that with the return of the choir and our chapel guidelines, I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. The Tower will open to the public on May 19th, which I know you will agree is a date we are all looking forward to.

Can you help with naming the new baby raven? (See details below.)

With best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger

Sunday Service Details

Sunday 9th May 2021 – The Fifth Sunday after Easter
1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: grant
to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration
we may think those things that be good, and
by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday 13th May 2021 Ascension Day
Holy Communion 1900 St Peter ad Vincula

Email Debbie in advance to be added to the guest list: toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk

Thought for the Day

From The Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/4lf-1TUPB7U>

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

A little ditty to usher in [Spring...](#)

Now is the Month of Maying - Thomas Morley (1558 - 1602)

Performed by The King's Singers

(Click on Spring..above to open the link)

Poem

Ann Lewin is an accomplished poet who is much in demand as a retreat leader. She was a secondary school teacher (RE and English) for 27 years, and later Welfare Advisor for International Students at the University of Southampton. She has also worked tutoring ordinands at Sarum College.

Disclosure

Prayer is like watching for the
Kingfisher. All you can do is
Be where he is likely to appear, and
Wait.

Often, nothing much happens;
There is space, silence and
Expectancy.

No visible sign, only the
Knowledge that he's been there,
And may come again.

Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,
You have been prepared,
But sometimes, when you've almost stopped
Expecting it, a flash of brightness
Gives encouragement.

Ann Lewin

(From *Watching for the Kingfisher*)

Cymbidium from Roger's garden



Jigsaw Puzzle



A view of the White Tower and the Raven cages.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0f9b5c2214d0>

Tower of London

Damaged Tower

1945: A group of soldiers inspecting bomb damage at the Tower of London. (Photo by William Vanderson/Fox Photos/Getty Images)



Historic Royal Palaces - Meet the Tower of London's new ravens!



For the third year in a row the breeding pair of ravens Huginn and Muninn have produced chicks, and the Tower are delighted to be welcoming two of them to join the Tower of London's legendary corvid community!

The Ravenmaster has named one Edgar, in honour of Edgar Allan Poe, celebrated poet and author of 'The Raven'. But what about the other new recruit?

Vote for your favourite name from Ravenmaster Chris's shortlist of names, drawn from history, mythology, and famous tales from the Tower's past, using the form below.

- **Matilda**
Named after fearsome medieval monarch Empress Matilda, who battled her cousin Stephen of Blois over her claim to the English throne in the 1130s and 40s.
- **Branwen**
Named after the deity from Celtic mythology, whose name translates as 'Blessed Raven'.
- **Brontë**
Named after 19th-century literary legends the Brontë sisters, who wrote some of Britain's best-loved Gothic novels including Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights.
- **Winifred**
Named after Winifred Maxwell, Countess of Nithsdale, remembered for plotting her husband Lord Nithsdale's [incredible escape](#) from the Tower in 1716 disguised as a woman.
- **Florence**
Named after Florence Nightingale, pioneering British nurse and social reformer, and namesake of the UK's NHS Nightingale Critical Care hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Follow the link to read the shortlist of names and vote for your favourite. The Tower reopens on Wednesday 19th May, when we'll be revealing the winning name and welcoming visitors to meet the new ravens for the first time. [The ravens | Tower of London | Historic Royal Palaces \(hrp.org.uk\)](#)

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of words about gardening. Print it off and see if you can find them all. Words may run in any direction, including diagonals. You may find other real words in the grid but you do not get any credit for them! Solution next week.

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COMPOST
BUSH
DECKING
HOE
LAWN
PAVING
POT
POND
RAKE
ROCKERY
SHRUB
SHED
SPADE
SPRINKLER
TROWEL
TRUG

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

C	A	L	P	E	N	T	R	I	J	O	I	M	E	R
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A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly:

Trevor, Isabelle, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark and Ben.

As people continue to die from Coronavirus, may they rest in peace.

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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