



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

Dear friends,

This week we celebrated our Patronal Festival (see the photographs below). We were delighted to welcome back Bishop Richard (the former Bishop of London) as our Preacher and his wonderfully-delivered sermon gripped us all. His quotation from St Bernard: *'Notice everything, keep silent most of the time, correct a few things and cherish the brethren'* is timely advice as our nation is in the grip of political upheaval. Please pray for all our Members of Parliament and for those who govern our country. Just as the Church is a place of stability and reassurance, we also need that sense of support from our national leaders, especially as we move forward after the pandemic and in the context of the many social and economic stresses many people are currently experiencing.

Below are some pictures of the Constable's Reception, held on 6th July. This was the Constable's farewell, on a warm summer evening, wonderfully accompanied by Beating the Retreat from the band of the Royal Marines, and with a moving speech by the Constable. Residents and staff of the Tower took the opportunity to thank the Constable and to wish him and Maggie all the very best as they move on to the next chapter in their life. The new Constable, General Sir Gordon Messenger, will be in place when we return from the summer recess.

Please note that this coming Sunday, 10th July, there is only one service, Said Holy Communion, at 0915 in the White Tower. Finally, please keep in your prayers all those who are getting married here in the coming weeks, along with those recently married here. They are very important to us.

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

Sunday Service Details
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity 4, 10th July 2022

0915 Holy Communion (White Tower)

No 1100am service

Readings (for 0915 service)

Romans 8: 18-23

Luke 6: 36-42.

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that,
thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through
things temporal, that we finally lose not the things
eternal; Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus
Christ's sake our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

Lionel Pigot Johnson was a poet, critic and essayist and is largely remembered for having introduced his cousin, Lord Alfred Douglas, to Oscar Wilde, something he deeply regretted later because of the public scandal caused by their relationship. Johnson's little-known poem *Te Martyrum Candidatus*, written in 1895, takes its title from the line 'The noble (white-clad) army of martyrs' from the Te Deum, and is loosely based on the Latin antiphon from the Magnificat

for All Saints Day. It recalls how the saints, dressed in white raiment (*Amicti stolis albis*), ‘follow Christ their Captain whithersoever he goeth’, and may also be an allusion to Johnson’s conversion to Roman Catholicism in 1891. Last Sunday’s anthem used these words in a setting by H.K.Andrews. Both Johnson and Andrews were graduates of New College Oxford.

Te Martyrum Candidatus

Ah, see the fair chivalry come, the companions of Christ!
White Horsemen, who ride on white horses, the Knights of God!
They, for their Lord and their Lover who sacrificed
All, save the sweetness of treading, where he first trod!

These, through the darkness of death, the dominion of night,
Swept, and they woke in white places at morning tide:
They saw with their eyes, and sang for joy of the sight,
They saw with their eyes the Eyes of the Crucified.

Now, whithersoever He goeth, with Him they go:
White Horsemen, who ride on white horses, oh, fair to see!
They ride, where the Rivers of Paradise flash and flow,
White Horsemen, with Christ their Captain: for ever He!

Lionel Pigot Johnson (1867-1902)

Our Congregation – The Patronal Festival



Historic Royal Palaces – The Constables Reception and Beating Retreat



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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

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

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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