



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

Dear Friends,

As the Furlough Scheme has now come to an end, the Tower is only closed on Mondays, **not** Mondays and Tuesdays. It's hoped that both Londoners and tourists will take up the opportunity to come and see this extraordinary place. Please do your bit to encourage people to visit us. The leaves on the trees, in and around the Tower, are beginning to fall and some are finding their way into the chapel. Nights are drawing in and there is a sense of change – we have even had to put the central heating on at home a couple of times. I love the change of seasons and it's one reason, I suspect, why I would not want to live in a part of the world where there are no seasons.

I hope you managed to listen to my *Thought for the Day* this week. I apologise if it was not quite as clear as usual but it was extremely windy when I recorded it.

All Souls Day falls on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. There will be a service in the White Tower at 1900hrs. This month, I will be collecting names to be read out at that service of those who are remembered and loved, but seen no more. Please send the name you would like recalled either to myself or Cortland, or to Debbie.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details

10th October 2021

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula
1215 Holy Baptisms

Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we
are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant,
that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Hebrews 4: 12-end.
Luke 8: 26-39.

From Tracy's Garden – Late Lily and Morning Glory



Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/6NeQMCA2m6k>



Poem

Philip Larkin was an English poet, novelist and librarian. His first collection of poetry, *The North Ship*, was published in 1945. Larkin was not everyone's favourite poet and was often considered controversial. He is remembered as a no-nonsense, solitary Englishman who disliked fame and had no time for pomposity. He declined the position of Poet Laureate.

Cut Grass is one of Larkin's shortest famous poems.

Cut Grass

Cut grass lies frail:
Brief is the breath
Mown stalks exhale.
Long, long the death

It dies in the white hours
Of young-leaved June
With chestnut flowers,
With hedges snowlike strewn,

White lilac bowed,
Lost lanes of Queen Anne's lace,
And that high-built cloud
Moving at summer's pace.

Philip Larkin 1922 - 1985

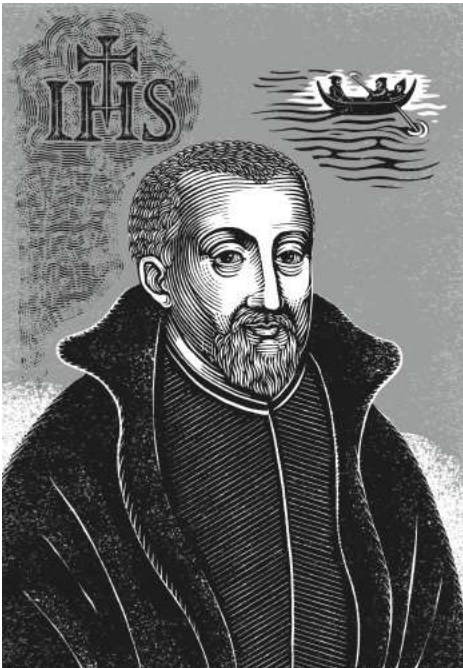
Jigsaw

Introducing our two new Yeoman Warders Emma Rousell and Paul Langley, who both join us following long and distinguished careers with the Royal Air Force.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=20fb40fe910d>



Historic Royal Palaces



On the anniversary of the birth of John Gerard, Curator Alden Gregory reflects on the dark history of the Tower of London and how it resonates today.

Few accounts of life or death at the Tower of London are as shocking, visceral, and as difficult to read as that recorded by the Jesuit priest John Gerard in his autobiography. Gerard was only 32 years old when he was moved from the notorious Clink Prison to the Tower in April 1597.

<https://blog.hrp.org.uk/curators/torture-at-the-tower-the-case-of-john-gerard/>

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, Maria, Ann and Gordon.

RIP

John Blackburn and Peter Clemett (Priests) and John Ade; 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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