



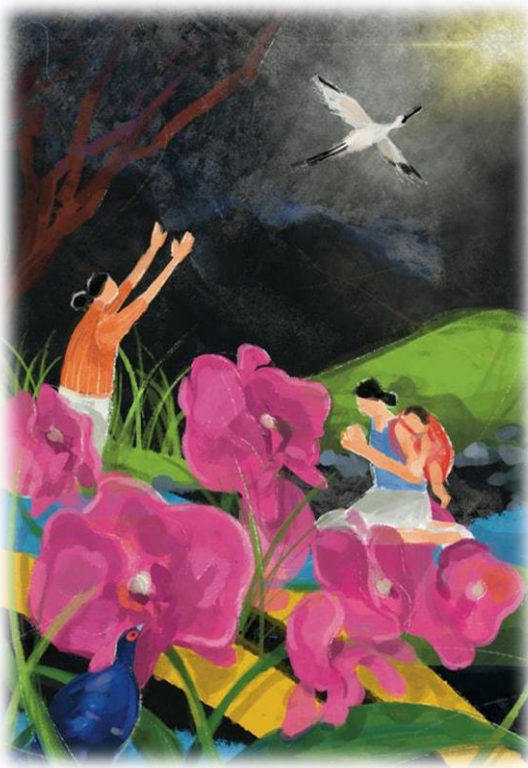
## The Chapels Royal of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist

### HM Tower of London

Dear friends,

**'The gate that silence opens up within us leads to light'**  
(Sister Wendy Beckett, from Meditations on Silence, 1995.)

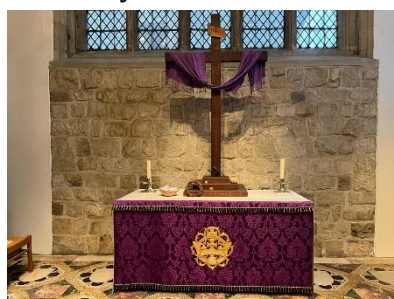
There are several things to remind you about this week. The first is the **Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday, May 7th**. It has been suggested that after the 11am service that day, we should have a **Bring and Share lunch** to mark the Coronation of King Charles in the way many people and community groups are already planning. It would be a great help if you could let Debbie (the Chapel Administrator) know if you would like to support this.



March is the month during which the annual **Women's World Day of Prayer** takes place, and was celebrated this year on March 3rd, with the focus on Taiwan. This lovely picture, by the Taiwanese artist Hui-Wen Hsiao, has been a focus both for prayer and for the celebration of friendship between mothers and indeed all women, around the world. In the painting Hui-Wen Hsiao uses several motifs that highlight the Christian faith, based upon Taiwanese characteristics. The women in the painting are sitting by a stream praying silently and looking up into the dark. Despite the uncertainty of the path ahead, they know that salvation comes from Christ. The Mikado pheasant and the Black-Faced Spoonbill, two endangered species, are both of unique significance to the Taiwanese people. Their distinctiveness symbolises characteristics of the local people: confidence and perseverance in times of difficulty. The green grass and Phalaenopsis (Butterfly) orchids stand out against the dark background. They are the pride of Taiwan, which has a worldwide reputation as the 'Kingdom of Orchids'. Green grass represents the Taiwanese as simple, confident, strong and under God's care.

### Sunday March 26th is Passion Sunday

In place of the normal Matins service, the chapel choir will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion. This wonderful piece of music will stir our hearts as we move into the final few weeks of Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



Let us all remember and pray for the special place women play in our lives, from the cradle to the grave. Finally, don't forget that **Mothering Sunday is on Sunday March 19th.**

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

**Services Details, 12th March 2023  
The Third Sunday in Lent**

**0915** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
**1100** Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula  
**1215** Holy Baptism

**Psalm 46**

**Readings**

Exodus 17: 1-7

John 4: 5-26

**Collect for The Third Sunday in Lent**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon  
the hearty desires of thy humble servants,  
and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty,  
to be our defence against all our enemies;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Poem of the week**

Francis William Bourdillon was a British poet and translator, the son of a priest. He was educated at Worcester College Oxford, and, from 1876-9, acted as tutor to the two sons of Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, who lived at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park. Bourdillon produced novels, essays and a number of collections of poetry, as well as translations from French. He is perhaps best known for his short poem The Night has a Thousand Eyes. Bourdillon lived first in Eastbourne and then, for the rest of his life, at Buddington, near Midhurst in Sussex, with his wife Agnes and two sons and a daughter.

**The Night has a Thousand Eyes**

The night has a thousand eyes,  
And the day but one;  
Yet the light of the bright world dies  
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,  
And the heart but one:  
Yet the light of a whole life dies  
When love is done.

**FW Bourdillon 1852 - 1921.**

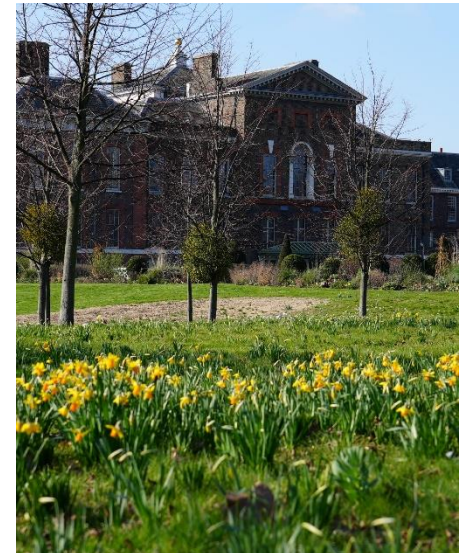
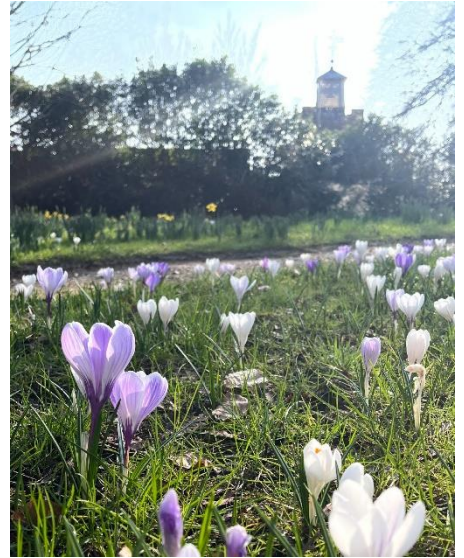


**Tulip from Tracy's Garden**



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## Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Norma, Ann, Ros, Mark, Madeleine, Dan, Derek, Colin, Ian, Patti, Florence, Bridget and Christopher.

## **RIP**

Ken Reeves, Trevor Barry, Bernadette Garner and Past Yeoman Warder Ken Bryant.

## **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 to all, Roger.



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