



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

Dear friends,

Welcome back to both the Newsletter and also to the chapel. I hope that you all had a good August. Barbara and I enjoyed our summer break and above all, we enjoyed getting the whole family together in July for the first time in five years. It was quite a moment when I looked at the picture of us all with myself at one end of the spectrum and Imogen (our youngest granddaughter of 6 months) at the other, and it made me realise how much older I'm getting. I now better understand how Abraham felt: as we get older, perhaps one of the most profound questions all of us have is to wonder what we will leave behind, and what we will be remembered for. Not only will some of us leave behind family, but we will also leave behind a legacy of friendship, courage, hard work, kindness, generosity and other qualities based upon our Christian understanding of Jesus' teachings and what we have tried to live out. These thoughts often strike me when I take funeral or memorial services. What is it that you would like people to remember about you?

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

**Service Details for 10th September 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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

Psalm 149

Readings Exodus 12:1-14 & Matthew 18: 15-20

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

While we were on holiday, three of our grandchildren came to stay. I was reading this poem by Olivia McCannon, and it reminded me of my need not to let go of small hands when walking somewhere unfamiliar. Olivia McCannon is a writer of poetry, fiction and essays, and is also a literary translator. Her poetry has appeared in various publications, including *Oxford Poets 2007: An Anthology*, *Penguin's Poems for Life*, and *Penguin's Poems for Love*. It has also been read on Radio 3.

Probability

He always tried to make it better
Put it right
To stop it happening at all was best.

Crossing the road, he held her small hand
So tightly
Her knuckles turned white with his stress.

On cliff walks he kept her pressed right in
On the inside
Once she walked through a wasps' nest.

Once she jumped out of an upstairs window
She was fine
She wanted to see what can happen.

Olivia McCannon

Jigsaw

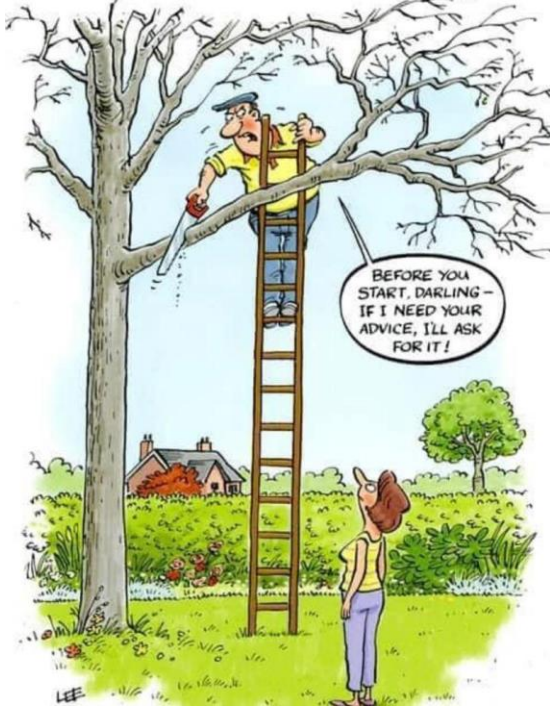
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Cartoon

Roger's holiday snap - Barbara advising Roger???



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name:

Norma, Ann, Ros, Mark, Dan, Colin, Ian, Patti, Florence, Bridget and Kofi.

RIP

Suzy Vernon and Sheila Whittingham

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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