



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

Weekly Newsletter 27 March 2020

Dear friends

I hope that this will be the start of a weekly Newsletter. The idea is to keep us all in contact with each other through this difficult time, to assure you if only electronically, the life of the chapels is carrying on. I'm very grateful to Colm, Cortland and Debbie who are also contributing to this challenge.

Thought for the Day

Please follow the link for the Thought for the Day from Reverend Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/Nsbt8tVwRD4>

Chapel 500

Perhaps one of the greatest disappointments caused by the coronavirus has been the postponement of our '**500 Year Celebrations**' of the chapel of St Peter-ad-Vincula. At present, I am hoping that at the latest we will be starting up again in September, after the normal summer break of August.

To that end, those events planned for the autumn, we are not touching. Those events that should have happened over the next few months are postponed and not cancelled. The 2020 Committee that organised the programme will meet again, when we are allowed, and reorganise those events.

We will be like so many other people, who have events planned for this year, we will reorganise, and not let the coronavirus beat us.

Music for the week, from Colm Carey

Hello everyone!

Each week I am going to share a track of (secular) music with you. Most of you know me as Master of Music at the Tower, conducting sacred music week by week, and I love being able to do just that with a choir of such fabulous musicians. However, Colm Carey the person enjoys music of all periods and genres, and I am going to make my choices as eclectic as possible. This week I have chosen the Adagio from Rachmaninov's Second Symphony. I discovered this piece one glorious summer while a student, and the beautiful sunshine we have at the moment reminded me of it. It is a sumptuously romantic piece with great sweeping melodies, rich orchestration, and in a way that is so characteristic of Rachmaninov it has moments of great melancholy, joy and complete ecstasy. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNRxHyZDU-Q>

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly Isabelle, Rustom, Jo, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Margaret, Leon, Susan, Theodore and John. Those affected by the coronavirus.

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 for those who mourn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Information from the Church of England
<https://www.churchofengland.org/news>
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/>

Our Congregation

Each week I am going to ask two members of our congregation to produce a short video telling us something of their situation. These will be people you recognise, and I hope it will be another way of us keeping in touch with each other.

Please follow the links below for videos from Richard Barker and Gill Howard, members of our congregation

Richard Barker <https://youtu.be/8bSiJseqOso>

Gill Howard <https://youtu.be/UU9bLuwBCC4>

First Love Foundation

	<p><u>First Love Foundation</u></p> <p>Nearly half of Tower Hamlets' children are in poverty - we at First Love Foundation seek to address this by providing emergency food and advice & support to families and individuals in need. Donate now to help our local community.</p> <p>https://www.firstlovefoundation.org.uk</p>
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