



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Chapel reopening. You will have seen that the Government have given the go ahead for the reopening of churches for public worship from the 5th July. There are guidelines that we must follow, and in the next week along with The Tower, we will try ensure that we can comply with these guidelines. **I will be writing to you separately about what our plans are for the reopening of the Chapel.**

Today's poem is the poem that Cortland mentioned in one of his addresses. As this weekend we remember the HNS this poem written by Michael Rosen to mark the 60th anniversary of the NHS seems very appropriate. Perhaps some of you heard the moving interview with him on Radio 4's Today programme this week?

These are the Hands

These are the hands
That touch us first
Feel you head
Find the pulse
And make your bed.

These are the hands
That tap your back
Test the skin
Hold your arm
Wheel the bin
Change the bulb
Fix the drip
Pour the jug
Replace the hip

These are the hands
That fill the bath
Mop the floor
Flick the switch
Soothe the sore
Burn the swabs
Give us a jab
Throw out sharps
Design the labs.

These are the hands
That stop the leaks
Empty the pan
Wipe the pipes
Cary the can
Clamp the veins
Make the cast
Log the dose
And touch us Last.

Michael Rosen

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall - <https://youtu.be/yzpZJT3o2Lo>

Music for the Week, from Colm Carey

Symphony no.5, first movement - CHH Parry (1848 - 1914)

London Philharmonic, conducted by Matthias Bamert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST2hZMuq3Ec>

I suggest listening to the first movement of this work. The whole symphony lasts about 27 minutes, and is well worth the musical journey, if you have time.

When you look at a photo of Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, you would be forgiven for thinking him an archetypal Englishman. And indeed, that view would only be strengthened by the knowledge that he went to Eton and Oxford. However, Parry's character and life were very far from the caricature of an English country gentleman. He was a European in outlook before it was fashionable to be, and had a deep love of Germany, its culture and people. He felt much personal turmoil when World War 1 began, and couldn't bear to see the two countries he loved most tear each other to shreds. His music was greatly influenced by the symphonic tradition of Germany, especially by Johannes Brahms, but also by composers such as Schumann, Strauss and Liszt.

Today, Parry is best known for a handful of ceremonial pieces, but this does him great injustice. He was - amongst other genres - a fine symphonist, and his Fifth (and final) Symphony stands testament to this, as fine as any comparative European work, but sculpted within a distinctive English musical language. The four movements each have a short title - 'Stress, Love, Play, Now'. In Parry's own words -

‘The Sphere of Music is the expression of feelings, moods, impulses and emotions; so mere words will not cover what it means. Verbal labels of subjects and explanations of procedures cannot be exhaustive. Nevertheless, some kind of suggestions are necessary to help hearers to follow the intention of any work dealing with external ideas; and a concise statement of what the subjects stand for, and their sequence, may be of service, with the proviso that they are only offered as approximations’.

Jigsaw Puzzle



Back by popular demand! Reverend Cortland Fransella has made another jigsaw puzzle that you can do on your computer. This week the picture is The Blount Monument

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=27400fbb833e>

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 places in London. Print it off and see if you can find them all. Words may run in any direction, including diagonals. You may find other real words in the grid but you do not get any credit for those! Solution next week.

O	W	D	P	H	C	T	I	D	S	D	N	U	O	H
W	H	I	T	E	C	H	A	P	E	L	S	X	B	U
D	I	Q	U	L	M	A	H	K	C	E	P	Q	I	D
E	W	U	F	A	F	Q	R	U	B	J	I	R	U	L
M	I	E	H	B	Y	S	A	Z	U	I	T	H	X	L
F	B	W	O	D	E	X	E	G	Z	J	A	X	U	I
B	E	R	M	O	N	D	S	E	Y	S	L	B	I	H
N	U	Q	E	M	K	U	R	O	E	O	F	G	E	D
O	K	I	R	S	C	J	E	L	G	S	I	N	F	R
T	K	O	T	T	A	S	T	W	N	Q	E	I	L	O
X	E	Z	O	U	H	B	T	I	I	I	L	P	U	F
O	S	R	N	B	S	S	A	F	R	E	D	P	R	M
H	H	G	U	O	R	O	B	D	A	X	S	A	Q	A
S	J	O	S	T	E	L	M	A	H	R	E	W	O	T
E	T	P	D	W	I	K	R	A	W	H	T	U	O	S

- BATTERSEA
- HOXTON
- BERMONDSEY
- NEWHAM
- BOROUGH
- PECKHAM
- HACKNEY
- SOUTHWARK
- HARINGEY
- SPITALFIELDS
- HOMERTON
- WAPPING
- HOUNDSDITCH
- WHITECHAPEL

Solution to last week's wordsearch

A	B	I	O	K	L	E	J	I	P	N	U	Y	R	J
R	O	K	C	O	S	S	A	H	K	S	E	K	O	E
G	M	U	J	I	P	Y	N	S	C	A	R	F	Y	N
U	I	R	E	K	O	N	D	K	O	D	K	I	F	I
Q	U	E	Y	E	R	F	R	O	S	W	E	F	W	W
U	L	Y	Y	O	L	U	E	C	S	U	J	K	Y	K
H	E	B	O	Q	R	O	F	B	A	L	W	I	P	C
O	Q	E	L	B	U	S	A	H	C	D	I	Q	Q	E
S	I	J	M	A	V	I	W	A	N	V	J	O	U	C
T	O	K	I	J	T	M	E	K	F	E	E	N	D	I
T	F	R	I	M	E	T	Y	T	L	R	T	I	Y	L
U	R	E	R	I	J	V	O	O	O	N	E	A	Y	P
K	E	T	J	O	Q	E	T	C	U	F	U	Y	P	R
I	D	A	F	K	P	S	I	K	O	M	R	Y	I	U
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- CHASUBLE
- CHALICE
- ALB
- PATEN
- CASSOCK
- CRUET
- SURPLICE
- HOST
- COTTA
- WAFER
- STOLE
- WATER
- SCARF
- WINE
- ORFREY
- HASSOCK

Our Congregation

Some people will go to any length to see the chaplain – can you guess who the person in the mask is?



The Tower of London

The Tower of London is planning on re-opening some of its areas to visitors on the 10th July. This will include the outside areas such as the moat and wharf, the Jewel House and part of the White Tower. Tickets will be available online and will need to be purchased in advance of visiting, as visitor numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing.

If you would like to purchase tickets, they go on sale on Thursday 2nd July, on the HRP website.

We hope that the reopening will go well, and lead to the opening of the other buildings within the Tower, including the Chapels, in the near future. We will of course keep you updated.

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly Marian, Isabelle, Rustom, Jo, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Margaret, Leon, Susan, Trevor, Neil, Margaret, Noel, Denise, Les and Susan.
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.

With best wishes and prayers, Roger.



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