



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Kavanagh wrote 'Canal Bank Walk' following his recovery from a serious illness. He rediscovered his emotional and spiritual inspiration, by walking along the Grand Canal in Dublin.

On reading this poem, I could feel myself walking along the canal banks of my youth, in Shropshire, at one with the beauty of nature and the wonder of God. Maybe it allows you to recapture places where you walked in the past or relate to the poet's experience of a world made new, having lived through the lockdown in such glorious spring weather.

Like Kavanagh, we can feel the breath of the spirit in the breeze and pour out our hearts in gratitude to God for renewed faith, hope and love. With best wishes, Roger.

Canal Bank Walk

Leafy-with-love banks and the green waters of the canal
Pouring redemption for me, that I do
The will of God, wallow in the habitual, the banal,
Grow with nature again as before I grew.
The bright stick trapped, the breeze adding a third
Party to the couple kissing on an old seat,
And a bird gathering materials for the nest for the Word
Eloquently new and abandoned to its delirious beat.
O unworn world enrapture me, enrapture me in a web
Of fabulous grass and eternal voices by a beech,
Feed the gaping need of my senses, give me ad lib
To pray unselfconsciously with overflowing speech
For this soul needs to be honoured with a new dress woven
From green and blue things and arguments that cannot be proven.

Patrick Kavanagh

Chapel Opening

Those of you on the Chapel Mailing will have received a recent mailing informing you of our reopening. Please would you take note of the details for these two Sundays – the 19th and 26th July.

If you would like to attend please email Debbie, who will send you a confirmation email. As space is limited you will need your space to be confirmed by Debbie before attending. Thank you.

Patronal Festival

This year we should have been celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the chapel of St Peter-ad-Vincula. The Patronal Festival, in July, should have been one of our highlights. When we return after the summer break, I will be discussing with the Chapel Committee how we might be able to celebrate our Patronal Festival in the Autumn.

Chapel Mailing

The Chapel Mailing will stop during the August break and will resume again in September.

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall <https://youtu.be/3NOgzjx8sbY>

Music for the Week

Wasserklavier - Luciano Berio (1925 – 2003)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rm7K-8eai1Y>

Hélène Grimaud, Piano

The first piece on an album that takes Water as its theme, Wasserklavier (Water Piano) was composed by the Italian composer Luciano Berio. It is the first of six short pieces written between 1965 and 1990, collected for publication as 6 Encores. Three of the other pieces in the collection are also inspired by the Four Elements - Erdenklavier (Earth Piano), Luftklavier (Air Piano), and Feuerklavier (Fire Piano).

This miniature beautifully evokes the nature of water, and while the musical language is modern it has a wistful quality to it that reminds one of late romantic music, perhaps especially the intimacy of Brahms' late piano works.

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 of the Doctor's and Chaplain's houses.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=30df5e154604>

Tower of London and Historic Royal Palaces

The Tower of London is reopening to the public on Friday 10th July. If you would like to visit, you can find more details, and purchase tickets, here - <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/#gs.9m1ffw>

Tickets will need to be purchased in advance of visiting.



It's all gone a bit Springwatch over at Hillsborough Castle (NI) - just look at these adorable cygnets.

This family of swans live around the lake in the gardens alongside lots of other waterfowl, including greylag geese, herons and ducks

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 Cathedrals in England. 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.

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 SOUTHWARK
 GLOUCESTER
 TRURO
 LICHFIELD
 WELLS
 NORWICH
 WINCHESTER
 PETERBOROUGH
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Solution to last week's wordsearch

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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, 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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