



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear friends,

After being invited to preach at the 'Lancastrian Society Annual Service' I was invited to become a member of this group of London based Lancastrians. As most people know I enjoy my sport, even cricket. Once a year at Old Trafford there is the annual 'Roses Match'; Lancashire v Yorkshire. Lancashire could happily lose every game in the season as long as they won this one. If you entered the grounds the inscription in the masonry reads;

'O my Hornby and Barlow, long ago'

These words are taken from the mystical poet, Francis Thompson's poem 'At Lords' and they refer to Lancashire's two greatest cricketing sons – Hornby and Barlow. One was a Gentleman and one a Player in those stratified Victorian and Edwardian sporting days. The poet, Francis Thompson was an opium addict, down and out, Christian mystic and cricket lover. His strange, sad life is very touching, and he is fondly remembered to this day by cricketers of a sentimental disposition especially on a cold and wet autumnal day as I write this, and think of the Yorkshire Dales.

British Summer time, this Sunday the 25th October BST begins and the clocks all go back, we get an extra hour in bed and a little extra time to get to church.

Chapel Boiler. It has not gone unnoticed that the chapel has been unusually cold. The Boiler broke. I am pleased to say that HRP have given the go ahead for the new boiler and its installation. This should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

All Saints and All Souls Tide.

On Sunday 1st November at the 0915am and 1100am services we shall be recalling All Saints and All Souls. I am now collecting names which will be remembered at the All Soul's service. Please let either me or Debbie have any names you would like remembering.

1st November '0915am White Tower, All Saints' and '1100am, St Peter-ad-Vincula All Souls'.

With fond wishes and prayers for you all, Roger.

Caption time

Canon Roger, 'tree hugging' at Kew Gardens.

Please send your captions in and we'll see what you come up with.



Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/3-s6z2iBOcw>

Music from Master of Music, Colm Carey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFbTZ9T7ogc>

O Jesu, mein Lebens Licht (BWV 118) - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Collegium Vocale Gent, directed by Philippe Herreweghe

This wonderful motet was probably composed at the end of the 1740s and its first performance took place outdoors at a funeral. Consequently, it was originally scored entirely for woodwind and brass instruments (which would have been more effective in an unenclosed setting), including two 'litui', instruments which are now extinct. It is thought litui had the tonal characteristics of something between a trumpet and horn. Bach subsequently rescored the movement for indoor use, with strings, oboes and bassoon, and it is this version that you hear. Bach weaves beautifully crafted counterpoint around the chorale melody, sung very simply by the choir, and the overall sobriety and sombre nature of the movement conveys a contemplative and funereal atmosphere, perhaps also looking beyond to something better in the next life..

Jigsaw Puzzle



This week's jigsaw puzzle is a picture of the Chapel's flowers from last Sunday's service/Saturday's wedding of Dominic Moore and Victoria Latham.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1ff46b51c63f>

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 names of OCCUPATIONS. 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.

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

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

S	K	C	O	L	L	O	P	S	I	V	I	K	E	S
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F	A	I	K	M	U	I	M	I	U	M	Y	I	U	L
I	B	J	E	P	E	F	P	Y	K	A	W	E	R	M
T	E	B	A	R	I	L	K	M	R	O	G	G	V	O
F	L	O	Y	E	L	A	I	G	Y	H	N	O	Y	N
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Z	L	P	E	H	S	I	F	G	A	H	B	I	F	T
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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, Susan, Fiona, Paul, Pat and Lizzie.

RIP Cecelia Barrell and John Gibb.

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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