



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

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as we go into **Lockdown 2**. Just as we returned to a service in the White Tower and a memorable All Souls' Day, churches are now closed for public worship until the 6th December. The Tower, like so many other institutions, has pulled out all the stops to make our visitors welcome and as they say, 'to get the show back on the road'.

This coming Sunday is **Remembrance Sunday** and whilst there will be no services in churches the Government have said, 'Acts of Remembrance' can take place. The Tower will join the nation in remembering and there will be an on-line service for you to join in. Whilst we shall remember all those who died as a result of war, we will not be forgetting all those thousands who have died as a result of the Coronavirus. Lockdown 2 will pass quickly enough and I look forward to welcoming you back to services in the chapel.



Poem

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and therefore I thought it appropriate to use one of the great poems associated with WW1. The armistice was signed on the 11th November 1918. Kipling's son John was killed at the Battle of Loos on the 27th September 1915. He spoke for so many mothers and fathers.....

Gethsemane 1914-1918

The Garden called Gethsemane
In Picardy it was.
And there the people came to see
The English soldiers pass.
We used to pass – we used to pass
Or halt, as it might be,
And slip our mask in case of gas
Beyond Gethsemane.

The Garden called Gethsemane
It held a pretty lass,
But all the time she talked to me
I prayed my cup would pass,
The officer sat on the chair,
The men lay on the grass,
And all the time we halted there
I prayed my cup would pass.

It didn't pass - it didn't pass –
It didn't pass from me.
I drank it when we met the gas
Beyond Gethsemane.

Rudyard Kipling 1865-1936



Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/lnrTGVIKxvk>

Music from Master of Music, Colm Carey

Bring us, O Lord God - William Harris (1883 - 1973)

Voces 8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx_n8DNXc

This Remembrance-tide brought this wonderfully expressive setting of words by John Donne to mind. Sometimes used as a prayer in chapel, it is a fitting text not only to remember all those who have died in conflicts, but also those who have been taken by Covid-19. May they rest in peace.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house
and gate of heav'n: to enter into that gate and dwell in that
house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one
equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears
nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings,
but one equal eternity; in the habitation of thy glory and
dominion, world without end. Amen.

Words by John Donne (1572 - 1631)

Our Chapel Team

Yeoman Sergeant Jimmy James is a member of Chapel Sexton team and has been for many years. Jimmy has some serious underlying health issues; to add to his troubles he has contracted Coronavirus along with his wife. Please keep Jimmy and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Jigsaw Puzzle



This week's jigsaw is a brilliant photo of a rainbow in North London, from Reverend Cortland Fransella.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=132b8379fd02>

The Battle of the Boiler



Nick and Richard attempting to sort out the Chapel boiler. Fingers crossed for the 6th December.

Historic Royal Palaces

Historic Royal Palaces' six sites closed yesterday for the new lockdown. However, the gardens at Hampton Court Palace will stay open for the local community to enjoy in their household groups. Timed entry tickets will be available to book online — please check the website for updates.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace>



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 names of KITCHEN OBJECTS. 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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C	K	Z	U	K	U	P	E	Z	E	Z	R	E	E	K
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CORER
COLANDER
CORKSCREW
FREEZER
FUNNEL
LADLE
MANDOLINE
MASHER
MIXER
PEELER
REFRIGERATOR
SAUCEPAN
SCALES
SPATULA
TABLESPOON
WHISK

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

T	T	R	O	M	B	O	N	E	E	N	E	K	Z	U
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N	I	L	O	I	V	O	B	L	I	C	I	F	U	L
B	R	U	E	V	Y	F	H	U	E	F	Y	F	R	E
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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 and Pat.

RIP Paul Kumble

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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