



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

Dear friends,

‘Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!’

Please note that the service on Easter Sunday begins at 1030am and not at 0930am. The service in the White Tower will be followed by a short parade for the Yeoman Warders near Tower Green, which members of the congregation are welcome to come and watch. I’m very sorry that some of you are disappointed not to be able to attend the Easter Sunday service this year. This is because the chapel in the White Tower only holds 40 people.

I’m delighted that the Bishop of London, in her role as Dean of the Chapels Royal, is preaching and presiding at our Maundy Thursday service at 7pm in the White Tower. Please do try to support this, along with our Good Friday meditation, which will also be at 7pm in the White Tower. The choir will be joining us for both these services, as well as on Easter Sunday.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you again after Easter, when services resume in the White Tower on Sunday 4th May 2025 at 0930am.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all, Roger.

17th April - Maundy Thursday

1900 Holy Communion with Foot washing

Chapel of St John the Evangelist (with choral music)

Celebrant and Preacher The Dean of the Chapels Royal,

The Rt Rev and Rt Hon Sarah Mullally DBE – The Bishop of London.

18th April - Good Friday

1900 Good Friday Meditation

Chapel of St John the Evangelist (with choral music)

20th April - Easter Sunday

1030 Holy Communion

Chapel of St John the Evangelist (with choral music)

Guest list only – fully booked

An Easter thought

John 20: v16: “Jesus said to her ‘*Mary!*’ *She turned and said to him in Hebrew ‘Rabbouni’*”, (which means Teacher).

The ‘gardener’, Jesus, calls Mary by name, and she recognises him. Knowing a person’s name establishes a level of rapport that a mere greeting cannot accomplish. When Jesus is raised, he addresses several people by name. Even after his crucifixion and death, Jesus returns to do the work he has always intended to do, but now things are totally different. He is everywhere, there to greet us by name in the same way we greet him in prayer.

Christ’s Resurrection invites us to remember the moments we have encountered blessings, particularly personal blessings. It is almost as if Christ has called us directly by name. We recall these blessings and reflect on how they give us life with the same grace and love experienced by Mary when Jesus called her by her name.

Prayer of the week

Based upon the Epistle for Easter Sunday from Colossians chapter 3: 1-4, this Easter Prayer is included in a number of prayer books. It was included in the 1980 Alternative Service Book and was sometimes used at confirmation services. It is a prayer of affirmation and hope, and can be used as much by individuals as by a congregation meeting in church.

Risen with Christ

Help us, O Lord our God, to hear and obey your call
to us, as those who have been raised with Christ,
to seek the things that are above where Christ is,
seated at your right hand; that our thoughts may be
set on heavenly things, not on the things of earth,
and that we may be partakers of his risen life until we are
manifested with him in glory. Amen

Based upon Colossians 3: 1-4.

Sunday Service Details

Easter Sunday 20th April 2025

1030 Holy Communion (White Tower)

Readings: Colossians 3: 1-7 & John 20: 1-10

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and
opened unto us the gate of everlasting life;
We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special
grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds
good desires, so by thy continual help we may
bring the same to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Tower of London

Former Chapel Clerk Matt Pryme's last tour, before he leaves the Tower next month.



Jigsaw

St Paul's Cathedral seen reflected in a pool. You can find the jigsaw [here](#).



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Stanley, John, Mark, Rob, Kofi, David, Val and His Holiness Pope Francis.

RIP

Roxane Stevens and John Greaney.

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and the countries of the Middle East:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.

With best wishes to all, Roger.



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