



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

Dear friends,

Pentecost, or Whit-Sunday as it's called in the Book of Common Prayer, comes fifty days after Easter. The Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in the upper room above the building which is today called David's tomb. As the Holy Spirit was poured upon the disciples, one of the gifts they received was that of speaking other languages.



*Pentecost Tapestry by Jen Norton*

The gift of speaking (or signing) to communicate is precious, important and life changing. Without language, we are a diminished people. It is therefore no wonder that the first gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was that of language. Here in London, it is said that there are over 270 different languages spoken throughout the city. Many of us are surrounded by people who speak in a different language; you need only travel on the bus or tube to bear witness to that! On the first day of Pentecost, all present received a glimpse of what heaven would be like: a place full of people speaking different tongues but with complete mutual comprehension.

In the Book of Common Prayer, we variously use the words 'comforter' and 'advocate' to describe the Holy Spirit; Jesus wanted the disciples to be consoled after his death. From that moment they felt empowered and ready to go out and preach the Gospel. This is the same today: we are baptised in the Holy Spirit and charged to bring the Good News to the poor and lonely and to those without hope.

**The Chapel:** please take note of the service details in the separate box. I hope to see as many of you as possible at all four services.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

## Sunday Service Details for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Pentecost or Whit-Sunday

(Please note the later start time.)

**1030** Holy Communion, *Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower*  
followed by the State Parade.

**Readings** Acts 2: 1-11. & John 14: 15-31a.

#### Collect for Whit-Sunday

**God**, who as at this time didst teach the  
hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending  
to them the light of thy Holy Spirit;  
Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right  
judgment in all things, and evermore to  
rejoice in his holy comfort; through the  
merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth  
and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the  
same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### Poem and prayer of the week

Bishop John Cosin was born in 1594, in Norwich. He attended Norwich Grammar School and Gonville and Caius College Cambridge. After ordination and appointments in County Durham, he was elected Bishop of Durham in 1600. He was married and had five children. Bishop John Cosin played a prominent part in the committee which revised the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, later established in 1662 as the authorised liturgical prayer book of the Church of England, and is responsible for some of the collects. A theologian and writer, he wrote several books of poetry, one of which contained the poem *Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*. Today it is best known as a hymn sung at Pentecost or Whit-Sunday to the tune *Veni Creator*. This beautiful poem goes right to the heart of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessèd unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace:  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Bishop John Cosin 1594 – 1672.**

**22nd June 2025:** The First Sunday after Trinity  
**11am Service at The Royal Foundation of St Katharine,** with our choir.  
No service at the Tower. Further details to follow.

**The following services are all back in St Peter ad Vincula:**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** The Second Sunday after Trinity  
We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival at 11am.  
Drinks and light refreshments will be served after the service

**6<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** The Third Sunday after Trinity  
Choral Matins at 11am, with coffee after church.

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** The Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

Holy Communion at 11am and the last service before the summer break.

This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch which (weather permitting) will take place on long benches outside 1 Tower Green. (Should it be wet, lunch will take place indoors.) Wine and soft drinks will be provided by the chapel. Do come along!

**Music**

**Ubi Caritas**, sung by the Choir of the Chapels Royal.

Please follow the link below to see Helena Paish, an Alto in the Chapel's Choir, singing **Pie Jesu** (Maurice Duruflé).

[Duruflé's Pie Jesu, performed by Helena Paish 16/01/25](#)

**Our Congregation**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Jack Bell was baptised in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist. His Mum Emma works for HRP and was involved in designing the interpretation panels in the Chapel a few years ago.





## **Jigsaw**

Nixie guarding the Chapel.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=18e62bcfc973>



## **Prayers**

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Val, Stanley, Gillian, John, Rob, Geoff, Kofi, Gillian and Val.

## **RIP**

Joan Mallett.

## **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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