



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

Dear friends,

On Sunday I said how good it was to be back in the chapel after the summer break, and I meant every word of what I said. This week's Newsletter is quite brief as we begin to return to normal. I hope you all had a good summer which already feels well and truly over, as the nights draw in and the temperatures drop.



I'm very glad we are back in the main chapel and **The Regimental Standards** which were rehung over the summer (with the addition of The Buffs Standard) all look very splendid.

Most of us have heard of **Fairtrade** - over the years, many of the major Supermarkets now sell things like *Fairtrade Bananas and coffee*. Between the 22nd of September - 5th of October is **Fairtrade Fortnight**. Can I encourage you to take another look in the Supermarket before you buy something and see if it has the famous Fairtrade logo. You would then be helping your neighbour.

This reminds me that on the 12th of October it will be our Harvest Festival.

Fairtrade Fortnight | 22 September – 5 October 2025



Fairtrade Fortnight celebrates the farmers and workers who grow our food and promotes the principles of fair trade. Each year, thousands of individuals, businesses, and groups across the UK unite to share the stories of those who produce our food and beverages, mine our gold, or grow the cotton for our clothes. This annual event raises awareness about the exploitation faced by many in the supply chain and highlights why choosing Fairtrade products is so important.

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

Sunday service details for 21st September 2025
Trinity 14

0915 Holy Communion
1100 Choral Matins

Psalm 79, 1-9.

Readings 1 Timothy 2, 1-7 and Luke 16, 1-13.

Collect for Trinity 14

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto
us the increase of faith, hope, and charity:
and, that we may obtain that which thou dost
promise, make us to love that which thou dost
command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem Deus venerunt gentes (Byrd)

Words from Psalm 79 - *'O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance'*

Celtic Prayer

Over the years I have found myself returning regularly to the Celtic prayers of our ancestors. This ancient Celtic prayer reminds us that although there are occasions, around us and within, where life can be difficult and demanding, God calls us to serve Christ, *'in joy, light and peace'*.

Christ, risen in glory,
scatter the darkness from our path.
Christ, risen in glory,
lift the heaviness from our hearts.
Christ, risen in glory,
dispel the troubles from our minds.
Christ, risen in glory,
take the weariness from our world,
and we will serve you in love,
in joy and light and peace. Alleluia. Amen.



Chapel Lift Installation

The work to install the wheelchair access lift at the main entrance of the Chapel is ongoing, and so entry for services will continue to be through the Vestry door. Over the summer the archaeology was completed, and work has now begun in earnest on getting the base for the lift installed.

A time capsule has been placed at the base of the lift, for future generations to find! Please see below some pictures of its contents and the careful way it has all been sealed away.



Tower of London – VJ Day

On the 15th of August at 12pm a two-minute silence was held at the Tower of London to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. This was followed by a short service conducted by Rev'd Dr John Barker, from All Hallows by the Tower.



Tower of London Gun Salute

At 12pm on Wednesday 17th September a 41-round gun salute was fired to mark the state visit of US President Donald Trump from the Tower of London by the Honourable Artillery Company.



Jigsaw

The Valasse Cross, currently on display in the Chapel of S John the Evangelist.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=195ea5beab06>



Prayers

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

RIP

The Duchess of Kent.

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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