



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

Dear friends,

This coming weekend there will be a wedding on Saturday, between Ingrid and Roger, and on Sunday during the main service, baby Artie will be baptised. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Advance notice: Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday October 12th.

I'm hoping that The Reverend Nick Mottershead (Rector of Holy Sepulchre Church) will preach that day. Nick has been the driving force behind the success of the London Hygiene Bank, and his enthusiasm and determination are hugely infectious. Please could you bring along contributions from items suggested in the list below; not only will we give Nick those items collected, but our church collection that Sunday will also go to the London Hygiene Bank.



The Hygiene Bank collects new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials. For health and safety reasons, they cannot accept opened, half-used or products past their best-before date.

The lists below are not exhaustive; their rule of thumb is, if you need them and use them, if you would gift them to a friend, then it is likely someone else needs and uses them too.

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| ○ Nappies (all sizes), pull ups and nighttime pants for older children | ○ Toothpaste and toothbrushes |
| ○ Baby wipes | ○ Nail clippers |
| ○ Barrier cream | ○ Hand sanitiser |
| ○ Toothpaste and toothbrushes | ○ Bodywash |
| ○ Baby wash | ○ Facewash |
| ○ Baby and kids shampoo | ○ Cleanser and moisturising creams |
| ○ Nit comb and shampoo | ○ Body lotion |
| ○ Soft sponges | ○ Perfume |
| ○ Bath bubbles | ○ Giftsets |
| ○ Shampoo and conditioner (for all hair types) | ○ Laundry detergent |
| ○ Period products | ○ Sponges and cloths |
| ○ Skincare | ○ Household cleaning items |
| ○ Body wipes | ○ Loo roll |
| ○ Haircare | ○ Tissues |
| ○ Shower gel | ○ Cleaning wipes |
| ○ Deodorant | ○ Dish tabs |
| ○ Body spray | ○ Washing up liquid |
| ○ Razors and shaving products | ○ Toilet cleaner |
| | ○ Polish and sprays |

The Clink Restaurant at Brixton Prison.

Some years ago, a group of us from the chapel had lunch at the prison. It was an amazing experience: the food was excellent, getting into the prison was a revelation and all the cooks and waiters were inmates. The aim of the restaurant is to teach them appropriate skills, so that they can acquire basic qualifications in food preparation and catering to help them find employment after their release. Many café and restaurant chains, notably Pizza Express, take on and train newly qualified ex-offenders. Everyone who went to The Clink found it a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience. I'm hoping to take a group in November, so please let me know if you're interested in coming along.

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.

Thought for the Day

I had to smile when, at a meeting last week, the person sitting next to me struck me as possibly the world's worst grumbler! That got me thinking: some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns, but I'm thankful that thorns have roses....! The propensity to grumble is intrinsic to the human condition. Sadly, it takes far less thought and effort to complain and moan than it does to praise and encourage. Yet, making a conscious effort to praise and encourage is generally more rewarding and fulfilling for both giver and recipient! I'm reminded that on occasion, when going down on my knees, I should pray 'Forgive my grumbling heart'.

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

Service details for Sunday 28th September 2025

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion *St Peter ad Vincula*

1100 Holy Communion *St Peter ad Vincula* (There will be a baptism during the service.)

Readings

Galatians 6: 1-11

Matthew 6:24- end.

Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church
with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the
frailty of man without thee cannot but fall,
keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the week

The prayer below was written by John Donne in 1628. It's a prayer well known to clergy and is often used at funerals and on other special occasions. Donne, who later became Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, was a man of many different characteristics. In her biography of Donne, entitled *Super-Infinite*, Katherine Rundell describes him as 'deeply flawed' but writes that God nevertheless used him, as he used so many others in the Old Testament who were similarly flawed. Examples of these include Abraham, who lied about his wife, Moses, a reluctant and hot-tempered leader, David, who committed adultery and Jonah who ran from God's call.

I like the way Donne uses *us* and not *me* in this prayer; in other words, we are not alone in our journey of faith. The prayer also connects with the here and now and with our future in heaven. It was written by a man who was aware of his many failings but who loved the God who touched his soul, spoke through him, and inspired him to write this prayer, which we can use at any time.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into
the house and gate of Heaven, 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
or hopes, but one equal possession; no ends or
beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations
of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

John Donne (1571-1631)

Our Congregation

Martin and Sue Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula on Sunday 21st September.



Jigsaw

The Tower of London and the City viewed from across the River.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3ab96b4837e6>



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

Charles Guthrie and Bob Smith.

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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We are always grateful for financial contributions to help us in our work. If you would like to support the Chapels Royal, HM Tower of London by setting up a Standing Order, making a one-off donation to Chapel Funds or setting up a Direct Debit, this is how to do it.

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