



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

Dear Friends,

The Road Map is all looking very encouraging, vaccine numbers are constantly on the up and the number of those affected by Covid are slowly coming down.

There is still the need to proceed with caution – none of us want Lockdown 4. To that end, and after discussion with The Tower, the Governments and Churches recommendations, our Holy Week services will go ahead.

Chapel life will be very like it was in the autumn. Limited numbers, masks, online booking and social distancing. Debbie (Chapel Administrator) will be sending out an email next week collecting names for services.

Holy Week services will be as follows:

- Sunday 28th March 1100hrs – **Palm Sunday** in St Peter-ad-Vincula
- Monday 29th March 2000hrs – Compline
- Tuesday 30th March 2000hrs – Compline
- Wednesday 30th March 2000hrs – Compline
- Thursday 1st April 1900hrs – **Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion (no foot washing).
- Friday 2nd April 1900hrs – **Good Friday** Liturgy of the Cross with organ and readings.
- Sunday 4th April **Easter Sunday** *'He is risen, he is risen indeed, Halleluiah'*
0915hrs – Holy Communion – in St John the Evangelist, White Tower
1100hrs - Holy Communion – St Peter-ad-Vincula

I was sent to the following Link – which is brilliant, and when I can next go on retreat, I'm heading straight there – they are my kind of nuns.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBaZ5khox4k>

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Thought for the Day

From Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/JZHWk4fwxjc>

Poem

The poet and priest George Herbert is remembered for his poems and hymns (Let all the world, in every corner sing). This beautiful, simple poem is based on John 14: v6. 'I am the way, the truth and the life' and is named, 'The Call'. Whilst simple in its tone it is more complex in its interlacing ideas. Jesus, in John's Gospel, says '*I am the way, truth and the life*' Herbert makes them *my, way truth and life*. These words only come to life if they are embodied in a living faith.

The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a life, as Killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in Love.

George Herbert 1593- 1633

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

De profundis (Psalm 130) - Ildebrando Pizzetti (1880 - 1968)

Westminster Cathedral Choir / James O'Donnell, director

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbBkR-OQgkA>

Text

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine; [Out of the deep have I called to you, Lord;] Domine, exaudi vocem meam. [Lord, hear my voice.] Fiant aures tuae intendentes [May your ears be attentive] in orationem servi tui, Domine. [to the prayer of your servant, Lord.] Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: [If you should notice transgressions, Lord;] Domine, quis sustinebit? [Lord, who will bear it?] Quia apud te propitiatio est, [For with you there is mercy,] et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine. [and in accordance with your law I uphold you, Lord.]

From Tracey's garden - Blackthorn





Baby news from the Choir

Many of you will know Nancy as a regular member of our choir. Nancy and her husband Johnathan would love to share the news that they have a little boy, **Raphael Frank Clarence Coates**, born March 2nd weighing 7lbs 7.

After a difficult start, they are now home and doing well. We wish them all well and are so pleased to share their happy news.

Jigsaw Puzzle

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1893e6608bcd>

This week's jigsaw is a picture of Canterbury Cathedral. This was sent in to us by Marguerite Smith after her recent visit there.



Historic Royal Palaces Conservation work: The Tijou Screen at the end of the Privy Garden.

Installed in 1701 and named after its creator, the French Huguenot craftsman Jean Tijou, this extraordinary piece of ironwork is composed of 12 panels, each one elaborately decorated with various emblems and monograms.

As part of a long-term project to restore the Screen, at the moment the HRP conservation team are treating the painted ironwork to slow down the inevitable deterioration caused by time and weather.

But that's just the start! Decaying decorative elements and sporadic repairs over the centuries have meant that some of the Screen's original detail and exuberance has been lost. So, this project is returning to Tijou's original vision, with new decorative elements being recreated as they're shown in original drawings and archival material, to restore the Screen to its full flamboyant glory.

Ambitious conservation projects like this work on the Tijou Screen have been able to continue thanks to crucial funding from Historic England.



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of types of apple. 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 them! Solution next week.

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ADMIRAL
 BAILEY
 BRAEBURN
 CRISPIN
 EMPIRE
 FLORINA
 FUJI
 HONEYCRISP
 JONATHAN
 KANZI
 LIMELIGHT
 MUTSU
 PINOVA
 RUSSETT
 SPARTAN
 STAYMAN

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

S	Y	B	R	A	B	A	Z	O	N	I	C	A	L	Y
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A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list – some of whom are very poorly

Isabelle, Jo, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Fiona, Pat, Lorraine, Bob and Ben.

RIP Dr John McGrath, Danny MacAlinden and Chris Cleeve and for all those who have died from 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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