

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

Dear Friends,

This is the last Newsletter until the first week in September. The Chapel closes throughout August. As I said in this week's 'Thought for the Day', I am very grateful to Cortland, David, Colm and Debbie for all their contributions towards keeping everyone spiritually fed and well informed over the last 16 months.

When we return on September 5th, the intention is to return to normal pre-Covid times with a 0915am service and one at 1100am. Many people have missed Choral Matins, the wonderful words of the Book of Common Prayer and the choir of twelve. Anyone wishing to continue with current safe practices (wearing a mask, respecting social distancing and being careful), is welcome to do so. We shall proceed with caution and follow the Church of England Guidelines. We need to respect the feelings of all those around us.

I hope that you all have a safe and, if possible, relaxed August. We shall all continue to remember those who are affected in any way by Covid wherever we are over the summer recess. Please continue to use our Covid prayer at the end of the Newsletter.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details

Sunday 25th July 2021 1100am Holy Communion – St Peter ad Vincula 1215pm Holy Baptism

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Readings

Epistle - Romans 8: 12-17. Gospel - Matthew 7: 15-21.

Email Debbie in advance to be added to the guest list: toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall - This is the last 'Thought for the Day' until September. I am speaking about the plight of refugee children. https://youtu.be/Wky01DbHG7A



Poem

There have always been poets who have written in the tone or style of 'Sense and Nonsense' and perhaps the most famous of these (and a favourite of mine) is Edward Lear. As someone who, through the lockdowns, has grown a beard, I came across this limerick the other day and I smiled.

There was an Old Man with a beard

There was an Old Man with a beard, Who said, 'It is just as I feared! Two Owls and a Hen Four Larks and a Wren, Have all built their nests in my beard!'

Edward Lear 1812-1888.

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

Summertime - George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnXLVTi m M

Our Congregation



The wedding of Samuel and Nancy Booth on Saturday 17th July 2021 in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

Patronal Festival 2021

Yesterday we were delighted to celebrate our Patronal Festival in the beautiful sunshine. A lovely evening - made even better by the congregation being able to sing hymns again.



Historic Royal Palaces

Hampton Court: Behind Closed Doors, is a new two-part series that starts in the UK on Thursday 22nd July at 8pm on Channel 5. It takes an intimate look behind the scenes of King Henry VIII's beloved Royal Palace on the Thames. We follow the team who care for the Palace, its spectacular rooms and magnificent gardens, along with all of the many visitors who come to visit Hampton Court.



We explore behind the scenes with the Palace Hosts as they reveal magnificent and unique rooms like the Great Hall, built for Henry VIII himself. Outside, we follow the gardeners as they maintain the 300-year-old historic maze, as well as up to 60 acres of spectacular gardens, and the grooms who look after Hampton Court's own team of rare Shire horses.

With the help of Historic Royal Palaces Chief Curator Tracy Borman, we'll discover the Kings and Queens who lived and died at Hampton Court – from Elizabeth I to Henry VIII and his unlucky wives Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour and Catherine Howard.

Jigsaw Puzzle

Diana's wedding dress, currently on display at Kensington Palace.

https://www.hrp.org.uk/kensington-palace/whats-on/royal-style-in-the-making/#gs.6xzum8



https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2b206adfd83e

Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words related to containers. 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 those! Solution next week.

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Solution to last week's wordsearch

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<u>A Prayer</u>

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

Trevor, Isabelle, Rory, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne and Derek.

<u>RIP</u>

Tony Bartholomew Arne Fried

Please also pray for the children of Syria, Ethiopia and Libya, especially those in refugee camps.

Our Coronavirus Prayer

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 on those who mourn. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With best wishes and prayers, Roger



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