



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

Dear Friends,

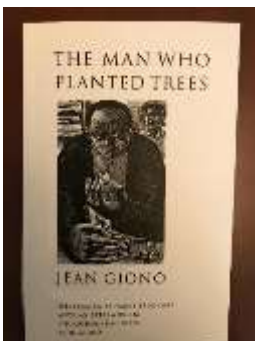
Last Sunday (Whit Sunday) was a great day of rejoicing; not only was it the first Chapel State Parade (see photograph below) with the Officers and the Yeoman Body on parade for the first time since Christmas 2019 but, we also had four members of the choir back with us.



Whit Sunday, or Pentecost as some like to call it, is the Sunday on which we recall how the disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and preach the gospel and begin the missionary work of the church. As the chapel begins to re-emerge from lockdown, our mission is once again to build up a worshipping community of Christians which welcomes the stranger, has concern for the poor and helps to 'make and sustain' Christians. Last Sunday felt as if we were back on that road.

I would like to commend to you a very small but significant book – one that can be read over a coffee and then passed onto others. It's called 'The Man Who Planted Trees', by Jean Giono. It's a timely book, beautifully illustrated and with a profound message.

**'The Man Who Planted Trees' by Jean Giono**



*'Jean Giono's beautiful allegorical short story is legendary. Written in 1953, its message was ahead of its time, inspiring readers to rediscover the harmonies of the countryside and prevent its wilful destruction. The narrator, journeying on foot across the barren plains of the lower Alps in Provence, has his thirst assuaged by the well water drawn by the shepherd Elzéard Bouffier. Here begins the subtle parable which Giono weaves, of the life-giving shepherd who chooses to live alone and carry out the work of God. Over forty years the desolate hills and lifeless villages which so oppressed the traveller are transformed by the dedication of one man, who has quietly taken on the task of planting one hundred acorns a day.'*

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Thought for the Day**

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/AEaQWtrzCew>

## Sunday Service Details

1100am Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

### **The Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen

Email Debbie in advance to be added to the guest list: [toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk](mailto:toweroflondonchapeladministrator@hrp.org.uk)

### RIP Cyril the Squirrel



Sadly, it is thought that Cyril – the beloved Tower squirrel - has been eaten by a fox ☹️

### 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=qWCC-FqGugU>

### Jigsaw Puzzle

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2858926fdf2c>

YW Dave Phillips welcoming visitors back to the Tower of London this week.



## Poem

For this week's poem I have chosen part of Noël Coward's famous song '**Mad Dogs and Englishmen**'. May's weather has been nothing to write home about, and walking into the Tower yesterday, in pouring rain, Coward's song came into my head, making the West Gate Staff laugh. 'If only the sun **was** out, Padre!', was their cry... We all look forward to some 'midday sun'!

### **Mad Dogs and Englishmen**

Mad dogs and Englishmen  
Go out in the midday sun.  
The toughest Burmese bandit  
Can never understand it.  
In Rangoon the heat of noon  
Is just what the natives shun.  
They put their Scotch or Rye down  
And lie down.  
In a jungle town  
Where the sun beats down  
To the rage of man and beast,  
The English garb  
Of the English sahib  
Merely gets a bit more creased.  
In Bangkok  
At twelve o'clock  
They foam at the mouth and run.  
But mad dogs and Englishmen  
Go out in the midday sun.

**Sir Noël Coward 1899-1973**

## Historic Royal Palaces

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, the Tower of London reopened to the public. Visitors were given a Royal Welcome, with the help of The Band of The Royal Yeomanry. You can watch the video on the HRP Facebook page here- <https://fb.watch/5Ho0iLg3F-/>

The reopening has gone very well so far, with really good numbers over the weekend. On Saturday we had 2,500 people and it was a similar picture on Sunday. Let's hope these numbers continue over the coming months.



## Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch of cakes. 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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BABKA  
 BATTENBERG  
 BUN  
 CARROT  
 DUNDEE  
 ECLAIR  
 FRUITCAKE  
 LAMINGTON  
 LEMON  
 MADEIRA  
 MARBLE  
 PANETTONE  
 PRINCESS  
 SACHERTORTE  
 SIMNEL  
 SPONGE  
 TEACAKE

## Solution to last week's Wordsearch

B	A	C	U	E	T	T	I	L	O	O	F	T	I	G
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## **A Prayer**

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, Harold and Ben.

## **RIP**

Judy Hughes, and all those who have died from Coronavirus.

## **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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