



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

Dear Friends,

Last Thursday, I had the privilege of meeting Roy and Jacqueline Ford and their family to mark the occasion of their 60th (diamond) wedding anniversary. They were married in the chapel in 1961, and held their reception in the Keys. Their daughter said, 'The prayers today truly had us all welling up and made a huge impact on both my parents'. Jacqueline's grandfather, G. J. (Jimmy) Ford, was Yeoman Warder up until 1951 and, as a very young child, Jacqueline lived at the Tower, firstly on the outer wall accommodation and then on the Green for a short time. It was particularly moving to say prayers with them on the very spot where they were married 60 years ago. Their son-in-law, Richard, kindly sent a couple of photos of them and Jacqueline's grandfather on the day.



Almost every Saturday since the start of September, there has been a wedding in the chapel. We send the new couples all our very best wishes and hope that they will always feel welcome whenever they return to the chapel.

All Souls Day falls on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. There will be a service in the White Tower at 1900hrs. I am collecting names to be read out at that service of all those who are remembered and loved, but seen no more. Please send the name you would like recalled either to myself or Cortland, or to Debbie.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

Sunday Service Details
Trinity 22 - All Saints Day

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula (Royal Marines Association joining us)
British Summertime changes – clocks go back

Collect for All Saints Day
O Almighty God, who hast knit together
thine elect in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord;
Grant us grace so to follow thy Saints in all
virtuous and godly living, that we come to
those unspeakable joys, which thou hast
prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings
Philippians 1:3-11
Matthew 18: 21 – end.

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/IVErveyLCc>

Poem

Cempulappeyanirar was possibly the penname of a Tamil poet who wrote the poem below about 2,000 years ago; the word means 'The poet of red earth and pouring rain'. The poem was translated from the Tamil by A.K. Ramanujan, 1929 – 1993, an Indian poet and scholar of Indian literature, whose academic research ranged across English and four Indian languages, Kannada, Tamil, Telegu and Sanskrit. Considered one of India's great poets, Ramanujan wrote poetry which is remembered for its originality and sophistication. Although he spent time in America as an academic professor, Ramanujan was always looking back and over his shoulder to India. I have chosen today's poem in the light of my introduction at the beginning of this Newsletter.

What he said

What could my mother be
to yours? What kin is my father
to yours anyway?
But in love
our hearts have mingled
like red earth and pouring rain.

Translated by A.K. Ramanujan (1929 – 1993)

Our Congregation

On Saturday 23rd October, Richard and Margaret celebrated their wedding blessing in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula with their family and friends.



And on Sunday 24th October, Darcey Musson was baptised in the Chapel.



From Tracy's garden

Pelargonium



Jigsaw

The Tower of London's Raven Master, YW Chris Skaife, on night patrol.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0b5c83c572bf>



Little Amal – Trafalgar Square

On my Sunday afternoon walk I spotted Little Amal in Trafalgar Square; she continues on her mission to walk from the Syrian – Turkish border to Manchester, where she will arrive on November 3rd. The 3.5metre-tall puppet represents a nine-year-old refugee Syrian girl.



A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly, Lucy, Judy, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, Maria, Ann, Gordon, Joe, and Bridget.

RIP

Trevor Williamson, David Garnett and David Ames 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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