



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

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, this past week Roger and Cortland have been on a pilgrimage in Jordan with a group from the Chapel. From all accounts they have had a brilliant time, and you'll see further down in the newsletter some pictures from their trip.

For those of you wishing to attend Chapel this Sunday, please note that the entry arrangements will be different. The Tower is trialing a new entry system for the upcoming Superbloom display in the moat.

For this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, please use the **EAST DRAWBRIDGE** entrance of the Tower if you are attending Chapel.

There are also road closures around the Tower this Sunday for the London Landmarks Half Marathon. There will be road closures on Byward Street, Lower Thames Street, Upper Thames Street (east of Southwark Bridge) and Tower Hill from 07.30-15.00.

For those of you that make it to Chapel this Sunday (despite these obstacles!) we have The Reverend Isabelle Hamley preaching at the 11am service, which will be followed by coffee.

Thank you to everyone that sent me their well wishes after my recent bout of Covid. It was very much appreciated, and I am feeling much better now.

I hope that you all have a lovely week, Debbie.

**Important**

Please note Bishop Sarah (Bishop of London and Dean of the Chapels Royal) will be making her first visit to the Chapel on Maundy Thursday.

Please put this date in your diary - we would like to see as many of you in Chapel as possible for her first visit.

**14<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday 7pm, St Peter ad Vincula.**

**Sunday Service Details**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday**

**0915** Holy Communion (White Tower)

**1100** Choral Matins (Preacher The Reverend Isabelle Hamley – Advisor to the house of Bishops)  
Coffee after church

**Readings** Isaiah 43: 16-21

John 12: 1-8

**Collect for the fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday**

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully  
to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness  
they may be governed and preserved evermore,  
both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Passion Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – BBC Radio 4 – The Morning Service 8.10am

Please do listen to the Morning Service on Radio 4 at 0810 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April which will come from the Tower or catch up with it later on BBC Sounds.

Along with thinking about Passion Sunday, the service follows part of Radio 4's theme of Matthew, chapter 25. On this Sunday, we will dwell on the words: 'When I was in prison, you visited me'.

**Choral Evensong** will also come from the Chapel on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April on BBC Radio 3 at 3pm.** Again, you can catch up with it on BBC Sounds.

### Poem of the week

The Scottish playwright and poet John Davidson was born in Barrhead, Renfrewshire. He came from an unstable and unhappy family background – he started work in a chemical factory and after night school, finally became a teacher. At the same time he began to write poetry and finally gave up teaching to write poetry. He became known to Yeats and TS Elliot. He died whilst swimming off Penzance. This poem 'Imagination' was described by Yeats as one of his best.

#### Imagination

There is a dish to hold the sea,  
A brazier to contain the sun,  
A compass for the galaxy,  
A voice to wake the dead and done!

That minister of ministers,  
Imagination, gathers up  
The undiscovered Universe,  
Like jewels in a jasper cup.

Its flame can mingle north and south;  
Its accent with the thunder strive;  
The ruddy sentence of its mouth  
Can make the ancient dead alive.

The mart of power, the fount of will,  
The form and mould of every star,  
The source and bound of good and ill,  
The key of all the things that are,

Imagination, new and strange  
In every age, can turn the year;  
Can shift the poles and lightly change  
The mood of men, the world's career.

John Davidson 1857-1909

### Easter Flowers

**Easter Sunday 17th April 2022**

For some years we have collected money throughout Lent for flowers for Easter and often for a few Sundays after that. If you would like to donate towards these flowers, please send a cheque payable to **The HM Tower of London Chapels Royal Foundation**. Cash is also acceptable. Your donation can be in memory of someone. Thank you.



## Our Congregation – Jordan 2022



## Jigsaw

Thanks to noleenwj on Instagram for this reflective Palace Photo of Fountain Court at Hampton Court Palace.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2d4ca22a21e3>



## Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, Maria, Ann, Bridget and Peter.

### RIP Beryl Hale

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by Coronavirus and by the war in Ukraine.

### 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.

### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine 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.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace.  
Amen

With best wishes and prayers, Roger



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