



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

Dear Friends,

This has been an exciting week in the life of the Tower of London. There has been the combination of the Bank Holiday weekend and half-term. We have also been blessed with beautiful weather. Visitor numbers have been very encouraging; most days over 3,000 people have come. Added to this, the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula has been open to the public for the first time since March 2020. Last weekend I conducted the wedding of Dan and Katharine (the first in 17 years to take place in the White Tower) and the baptism of Antigone (see the pictures below). The coming weeks and months will see many weddings and baptisms taking place in the chapel; please keep all of these events in your prayers as we welcome people into the family of the church.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all, Roger.

Wedding of Daniel Hawkins and Katharine Ade in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist in the White Tower.  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Baptism of Antigone Murly-Gotto in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



## Sunday Service Details

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Trinity 1**

0915am Holy Communion – White Tower  
1100am Holy Communion - St Peter ad Vincula

### **Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength all them that put their trust in thee,  
mercifully accept our prayers; and because through  
the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good  
thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that  
in the keeping of thy commandments we may please thee,  
both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

## Gun Salute

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 1pm, the Honourable Artillery Company fired a 62-round gun salute from the Tower to mark the anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Coronation, 68 years ago.



Some familiar faces: Canon Roger Hall, Governor Andrew Jackson and Deputy Governor Debra Whittingham.

## Poem

From an anthology I have read several times and still find very moving, here is a poem from 'Poems That Make Grown Men cry' (100 men on the words that move them). I have selected a poem chosen by Jeremy Irons called 'God Wills it', by Gabriela Mistral.

Jeremy Irons wrote this introduction:

*I first came across this poem thirty years ago in New York, where I included it in a lunchtime reading I did at St Bartholomew's on Park Avenue. It is, I think, the poem that of all those I read I find the hardest to get through; it stirs very deep emotions within me, not at any particular line, but in the relentless and naked passion that imbues the poem throughout. The love that generates such emotion is unequivocal, takes no prisoners, and is perhaps the love I am, or yearn to be, part of.*

### **'God wills it'**

Earth will turn against you  
If your soul betrays my soul.  
A shudder of anguish  
will run through the waters.  
The world has been brighter  
since you made me yours,  
when we stood silent  
by a flowering thorn,  
and love's fragrance  
pierced us like the thorn.  
But earth will send forth vipers  
against you if you betray my soul;  
I will break my barren knees  
no child sits upon.  
Christ will die in my heart,  
and the door of my house  
will break the beggar's knocking hand  
and turn the suffering woman away.

God will keep the sun from you  
if you don't walk beside me.  
God won't let you drink  
if I don't tremble on the water.  
He won't let you sleep, except  
in the deep nest of my hair.

If you go and die far from me,  
you'll hold out your hollowed hand  
for ten years underground,  
to catch my tears,  
feeling the trembling  
of the suffering flesh,  
until my bones crumble  
into dust on your face.

**Gabriela Mistral, 1889-1957  
(Nobel Prize for Literature 1945)**

## Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Cortland Fransella

<https://youtu.be/okss9bwP16k>

## Music for the week, from the Master of Music

**Cello Suite no.1 in G Major - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)**

Lucia Swarts, cello

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGnZHIY\\_hoQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGnZHIY_hoQ)

## Jigsaw Puzzle – Historic Royal Palaces

Budding knights can travel back in time to the Wars of the Roses this May half-term for a chance to experience life as a medieval warrior at London's most fearsome fortress, the Tower of London. Join the forces of Margaret of Anjou in a plot to free her husband Henry VI, imprisoned in the Tower in 1471, in this fun-filled performance of *Knight School: The Show*.

Start date: **29 May 2021**

End date: **06 June 2021**

Daily performances at 10.30, 12.00, 13.30 and 15.00

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=31781acf497f>



## Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words relating to sports. 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.

W	U	B	B	Y	S	C	O	I	D	L	I	P	E	J
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ATHLETICS  
BOWLS  
CRICKET  
CURLING  
DISCUS  
HOCKEY  
JAVELIN  
MARATHON  
NETBALL  
PENTATHLON  
ROWING  
RUGBY  
SAILING  
SKIING  
SOCCER  
WEIGHTLIFTING

## Solution to last week's Wordsearch

S	Y	B	S	L	E	N	M	I	S	T	U	K	E	S
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F	N	O	M	E	L	W	O	R	B	L	I	F	A	K

## **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, Ben, Madeline and Derek.

## **RIP**

Judy Hughes, Roger Gifford, Harold Macdonald 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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