



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

Dear Friends,

On Saturday I went to the National Gallery to see the exhibition ‘**Conversations with God**’. This is my kind of exhibition – just one painting. Jan Matejko (1838-1893) was Poland’s most celebrated artist: famous for his depictions of important moments in Polish history. One of his best-known paintings is ***Copernicus: Conversations with God, 1873***. This painting pays homage to the Polish hero, the astronomer Nicholas Copernicus (1473-1543) and his realisation that the Earth revolves around the Sun.

This amazing painting is on loan from the Jagiellonian University, Krakow. It is the first time that this national treasure has left Poland. Matejko painted Copernicus to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the astronomer’s birth. The painting is full of imagery which, for those who spend time reflecting upon it, makes the connection between religious and secular references. I commend the picture and exhibition to you.



At the time of writing this, I wish the England team the very best of luck and I pray for good sportsmanship, both on and off the pitch.

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

Sunday Service Details

1100am Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
Preacher – The Reverend Richard Smail.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee
such good things as pass man’s understanding: Pour
into our hearts such love toward thee, that we,
loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Epistle - Romans 6:3-11
Gospel - Matthew 5:20-26

Patronal Festival

Choral Evensong

Wednesday 21st July 2021

1830

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

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFW_bV4dTtM

Music for the week, from the Master of Music

The Desert Music, First Movement - Steve Reich (b.1936)

Steve Reich and Musicians · Brooklyn Philharmonic and Chorus · Michael Tilson Thomas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPVexT6itPA>

Poem

For this week, I have chosen the poem '**Remember**' by Christina Rossetti, written in 1849 when she was not yet 20. It is a classic Victorian poem about mourning and remembrance, possibly addressed to a lover with whom a future together had been planned. Like many, I have been thinking about the NHS, especially as they have just celebrated their 73rd anniversary and been awarded the George Cross. For many people the last 18 months have been sad and difficult. Like all those affected by the coronavirus and by loss, memories of their loved ones will still be very much alive each day.

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti 1830 - 1894

Our Congregation



On Sunday 04 July we were delighted to welcome to our 1100 Holy Communion members of the Community of St Anselm (CoSA) and the Chemin Neuf Community, both resident in Lambeth Palace. The Reverend Shannon Preston, an Episcopalian priest from the USA and Chaplain to CoSA, preached for us. It was, of course Independence Day for her and for the US members of CoSA and she skilfully worked into her sermon some reflections on the Christian meanings of both independence and interdependence.

The photos show the group on the Wharf before the service and outside the White Tower afterwards. It was, as always, a pleasure to welcome them to the Tower on what has become an annual tradition.



Martin and Stefania Hurrell, married at 4pm on Saturday July 3rd in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

From Tracy's Garden – Cosmos Daisies



Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=17396414ab8d>



Historic Royal Palaces

On 6 July 1535, Thomas More was executed on Tower Hill.

As a member of Henry VIII's council and later Chancellor of England, More had been one of the most powerful men in the country, as well as a celebrated humanist philosopher and author. But when Henry wanted to annul his marriage to Katherine of Aragon and break from the Catholic Church, More refused to acknowledge him as the Supreme Head of the Church, and resigned.

For his disloyalty, More was imprisoned in the Tower of London on 17 April 1534, and, over a year later, executed on charges of treason. It is said that his last words were "I die the King's good servant, and God's first".

To this day More's remains are buried in the crypt of the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, in the Tower.



Wordsearch

Here is a Wordsearch with 16 words related to construction. 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.

S	N	A	R	G	L	E	C	E	W	Q	U	I	L	F
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BEAM
BRICK
CONCRETE
DIGGER
FOUNDATION
FRAME
GIRDER
JAMB
JOIST
LINTEL
MIXER
PIPING
PLATFORM
SCAFFOLDING
SOFFIT
WEDGE

Solution to last week's Wordsearch

R	B	R	I	T	H	M	A	N	B	L	O	O	S	T
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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, Madeleine, Vivienne and Derek.

RIP

Jane Roberts

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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