



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

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that, like so many people, you will have enjoyed all the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Attached are some photos of what went on here and beyond. Across the country, millions took part in what must have been the biggest collective picnic in history. The pageant, led by the gold state coach, along with 10,000 participants, was wonderful but above all, the service in St Paul's Cathedral was for me, and for many other people, the highlight of the weekend's activities, even surpassing Paddington and his afternoon tea with the Queen...

Her Majesty's loyal service over 70 years is remarkable, and the enthusiasm with which the Jubilee was celebrated was the country's way of demonstrating how much her devotion and hard work is appreciated, as well as the love and affection in which she is held. God bless the Queen.



This coming Sunday (**Trinity Sunday**) our preacher will be The Rev. Richard Smail, and members of the Prayer Book Society will join us at our 1100am service, after which they will be offering a glass of wine. Richard has preached here many times before and we look forward to welcoming him back.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details  
12th June 2022 Trinity Sunday**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
1100 Choral Matins. The Preacher will be The Rev Richard Smail.

Psalm 8

**Readings**

Romans 5: 1-11

John 16: 12-15

**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 stedfast in this faith,  
and evermore defend us from all adversities, who  
livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen**

# Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival Crown, Coronation, Commonwealth

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Free to visit as a Tower of London ticket holder throughout the day



Regular members of our congregation are invited to attend an  
**Evening Viewing of the Flower Festival and drinks reception**  
in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

on  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7pm**

Limited availability

Please email me on [TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk](mailto:TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk) to be added  
to the guest list

## Poem of the week

I was in St Katharine Docks this week and bumped into someone who reminded me how badly bombed the docks were, and how close to the Tower of London many of the bombs fell. I'm writing this on the anniversary of the D-Day landings, 6th June 1944. Nothing much is known of Lois Clark, whose poem 'Picture from the Blitz' I have chosen, not even the dates of her birth and death. All we know is that she drove a stretcher-party car in Brixton during the Blitz, and was often among the first to arrive at the site of a bombing. 'Flak' (or 'flack' as Lois Clark calls it) means fire from anti-aircraft guns, abbreviated from the German word Flugabwehrkanone.

### **Picture from the Blitz**

After all these years  
I can still close my eyes and see  
her sitting there,  
in her big armchair,  
grotesque under an open sky,  
framed by the jagged lines of her broken house.

Sitting there,  
a plump homely person,  
steel needles still in her work-rough hands;  
grey with dust, stiff with shock,  
but breathing,  
no blood or distorted limbs;  
breathing but stiff with shock,  
knitting unravelling on her apron'd knee.

They have taken the stretchers off my car  
and I am running  
under the pattering flack  
over a mangled garden;  
treading on something soft  
and fighting the rising nausea –  
only a far-flung cushion, bleeding feathers.

They lift her gently  
out of her great armchair,  
tenderly,  
under the open sky,  
a shock-frozen woman trailing khaki wool.

Lois Clark

### Platinum Jubilee Weekend at the Tower of London

#### **Gun Salute**

At 1pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, HAC Regiment fired an incredible 124-round gun salute from the Tower. 62 rounds to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's coronation and 62 rounds for Her Majesty's official birthday



#### **Beacon Lighting**



Chief Yeoman Warder Pete McGowran presented the Commonwealth of Nations Globe at the lighting of the Principal Beacon at Windsor Castle.

The lighting of the Beacon at the Tower of London. At 9.45pm the Beacon was lit by the Constable of the Tower.





### Baton Relay

After a global tour of the nations and territories of the Commonwealth, the Queen's Baton Relay arrived in London for the Jubilee Weekend. Under Tower guard the Queen's Baton spent the night in the Jewel House before the Baton bearers carried the Baton through Superbloom in the moat.



### Residents street party



## Whit Sunday State Parade

Attended by the Constable of the Tower, Governor, Deputy Governor and Chief Yeoman Warder.



## Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0b6a6eef58c4>

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Tracy's Garden - Fleur de Lys and Camellias from outside the Chaplain's house.



## **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, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Bridget and Peter.

## **RIP**

Georgina Scott and the Reverend Ian Skinner  
May they rest in peace.

## **Please continue to pray 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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