



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

Dear friends,

Our Lent series of addresses goes from strength to strength. I have been encouraged by the emails and comments from those who have attended the 11am services and enjoyed these sermons. We continue with the theme of 'women who have influenced theological thinking and made a difference to the church' next Sunday, when The Reverend Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley will be preaching on the work of Corrie ten Boom. While I was eating my cornflakes this morning, I heard Isabelle on Radio 4's Thought for the Day, speaking on the subject of happiness.

Equally, I have been very pleased to see people signing up and enjoying the Lent lunches. These give people an opportunity to talk to our preachers over a bowl of soup, with bread and cheese. There are two Lent Lunches left, on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; please contact Debbie if you would like to attend.

On **Passion Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>** (The Fifth Sunday in Lent), the Chapel Choir will be performing **Stainer's Crucifixion** at the 11am service. Do come along and support this.

On **March 26<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday in Holy Week) the **London Haydn Quartet** will be performing '**Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross**'. The performance lasts an hour. Tickets are still available; please do come along to this very special event and hear world-class musicians.

With best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 The Third Sunday in Lent**

**0915 Holy Communion (White Tower)  
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula**

**Psalm 19**

**Readings** Exodus 20: 1-17.  
John 2: 13-22.

**Collect for The Third Sunday in Lent**

**We beseech thee, Almighty God, look  
upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants,  
and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty,  
to be our defence against all our enemies;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Poem of the Week

I'm writing this Newsletter on February 27th, a day when the Church of England calendar recalls, with thanksgiving, one of our greatest Christian poets and writers, George Herbert. His poems, hymns and writings are as loved today as they were when he first wrote them.

George Herbert was born in 1593 into an aristocratic family. He went up to Cambridge in 1614, later becoming a Fellow of Trinity College. At the age of 25 he was elected Public Orator in the University and then became a Member of Parliament. By 1626, however, he had decided to be ordained, and in 1630 he became vicar of Bemerton, near Salisbury, where he remained until his early death. Although never far away from the academic life, his heart was always with his parish and the people he cared for. Many of his hymns were written specially for the parish of Bemerton.

*Let all the world in every corner sing* is a hymn of praise, and some consider it akin to a psalm. It is most often sung to the famous melody 'Luckington', but there is also a setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams. You can find both tunes on YouTube. It is one of my favourite hymns, and the last line 'My God and King!' always lifts my spirits.

### **Let all the world in every corner sing**

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

**George Herbert 1593-1633**



### **Easter Flowers**

As in previous years, we are collecting money for Easter Flowers.

If you would like to donate towards the flowers, please bring either cash or a cheque with you on Sunday, or you can send a cheque to me at the address at the end of the newsletter.

Flowers are often given in memory of people who have died, and these names will be remembered at Easter.

Thank you.

**'Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross'**  
performed by the London Haydn Quartet

**Tuesday 26th March 2024, 7pm**

One of the world's leading period instrument string quartets, The London Haydn Quartet was born out of a passion for Haydn. They have received invitations to many of the world's most important concert series and venues, including the Wigmore Hall, Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House. Their complete series of recordings of Haydn's quartets on the Hyperion label have met with international critical acclaim.

Haydn's 'Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross' is one of his most enduring works. Originally an orchestral work commissioned for Good Friday, this popular transcription for string quartet was made by Haydn himself. Following the recent release of the London Haydn Quartet's recording of the work, the Tower of London presents them live in concert at the Chapel Royal of St. Peter ad Vincula.

Tickets available at – [https://tickets.hrp.org.uk/hrp\\_b2c/palace.html?eventcode=TLCHAP](https://tickets.hrp.org.uk/hrp_b2c/palace.html?eventcode=TLCHAP)



**Our Congregation**

Enjoying the second Lent Lunch after Chapel on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.





Canon Roger rejoicing in a Liverpool win at Wembley.



### Jigsaw

Signs of Spring! Daffodils outside the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1391a725b8c0>



## Tracy's Garden – Flowering Quince



### Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Norma, Ann, Mark, Dan, Ian, Patti, Florence, Jeff, Margaret, Toby and Kofi.

### RIP

Bill Hanbury, Graham Matthews, Alexei Navalny and Christopher Hardy.

### **Please continue to pray for Ukraine, Israel and Palestine:**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine 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 to all, Roger.



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