



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

Dear friends,

Thank you to everyone for responding so positively and signing up for the Patronal Festival. We now have over a hundred people attending and it is still not too late to sign up if you would like to come to what will surely be a wonderful evening. Please let Debbie (the Chapel Administrator) know if you would like to join us. Deborah.Corbett@hrp.org.uk

People will have noticed, perhaps from the wonderful flowers in church, that we are well into the wedding season! This month alone, we have five weddings. Please keep all these couples in your thoughts and prayers. I'm personally delighted that so many people still wish to get married in church when there are many alternatives these days.

Our last Sunday before the summer recess will be July 21st, and we start again on September 8th.

A thought for the day: Matthew 11: 28 '*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*'.

I write this at the point when Sir Keir Starmer joins the NATO Summit, and top of their agenda is Ukraine. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the problems of the world and by our own problems. However, this verse from Matthew's gospel reminds us that if we turn to Christ and lay our burdens on him, Christ will give us that sense of rest. It's about faith and trust. Despite the worries and anxieties we all face, there is still great beauty in the world. If we can put our trust in God to lift our burdens, then we will also be able help others to do the same.

We recently had a very moving ecumenical service in the chapel where we prayed together, sang together and laughed together. That service led to a real sense of peace as we shared our preoccupations. Through the Holy Spirit, God established a unique communion between us and for a moment, our burdens were lifted.

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

**Sunday Service Details for 14th July 2024
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula
1100 Choral Matins

Psalm 24

Readings 2 Samuel 6: 1-5 & 12B-19 & Mark 6: 14-29

Collect for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

The sonnet *Ozymandias* seems very appropriate after this time of electioneering in the UK, and as we look ahead to elections in other places, such as the USA. (The name 'Ozymandias' is Greek for Ramses II, also known as Ramesses, who was an ancient Egyptian pharaoh who reigned in the 13th century BCE.) The poem, written in 1818, is about the discovery of a semi-destroyed statue of Ozymandias in the desert, and illustrates how civilisations and empires will also crumble as time changes everything, just as 'that colossal Wreck' of the once 'King of Kings' has decayed.

Percy Bysshe Shelley, one of the major English Romantic poets, was born in 1792 and lived a short life; he was only 29 when he died in a boating accident. He achieved no fame during his lifetime but recognition of his poetry, novels, essays and dramatic works grew steadily after his death. Shelley had visited the British Museum in 1817 with his friend, the poet Horace Smith, and suggested they each write a sonnet on the subject of Ramses II, under the title 'Ozymandias' as a friendly competition.

Shelley was a lifelong hater of any kind of tyranny, as can be seen in the poem. I would suggest that this is a poem that really needs to be read aloud to get the full meaning. I also believe that many of those currently seeking power would do well to dwell on its powerful message.

Ozymandias

I met a traveller from an antique land,
Who said—"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert..... Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;
And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Percy Bysshe Shelly 1792 - 1822

Patronal Festival

6.30pm, Wednesday 17th July

Choral Evensong followed by a reception on Chapel Green

This is a major event in the life of the Chapels Royal. Do come and bring your friends.

Guest Preacher:

Professor The Reverend Robin Griffiths-Jones, Master of the Temple

If you would like to attend, please email TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk in advance to facilitate entry to the Tower.

Our Congregation

On Saturday 6th July, Sam and Stephanie were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. Sam is the son of the Chief Yeoman Warder Rob Fuller.



Tracy's Garden – Cosmos



Jigsaw

A view of the East Moat of the Tower of London, taken by the Chaplain.
<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2D2Fde4c3776>



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Stanley, John, Dom, Barbara, Ann, Ros, Mark, Dan, Ian, Florence and Kofi.

RIP

Claire Mellish and Trevor Sullivan

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.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen.

With best wishes to all,

Roger.



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