



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

Dear friends,

Welcome back to our Newsletter. I hope you all had a good summer. This Newsletter covers two weeks, as Debbie is away on holiday in Montenegro next week; we wish her well.

It's good to be back in church. I've missed the regular rhythm of our services, as well as the people who join me each week. This summer we mostly stayed here, which enabled me to experience Sunday worship in different places and often with a somewhat different flavour. This variety reminded me of the breadth and depth of Christian worship and witness which exists within the Church of England. Mostly, I enjoyed what I experienced and I wonder if some of you had similar feelings if you visited other churches, whether here or abroad, over the summer.

It reminded me powerfully that we go to church to worship God. The nature of the surroundings, the choir, the vicar and even the warmth of welcome on arrival are all secondary to the essential importance of joining together in worship with fellow Christians. (In one church, I was given so many books and pieces of paper that I was confused before we even got started!)

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers. Roger.

Sunday Service Details	Sunday Service Details
15th September, The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	22nd September, The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula 1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula	0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula 1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula
Psalm 19: 1-6	Psalm 1
Readings Proverbs 1: 20-33 Mark 8: 27-end	Readings Proverbs 31: 10-end Mark 9: 30-37
Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity O Lord , we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Lord , we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The London Hygiene Bank



The chapel continues to support this project, together with nearly all the churches in the centre of London. Lack of basic toiletries can be shaming and humiliating and result in social isolation.

There is a box by the door of the chapel every Sunday morning, so do please drop in a few items each week if you can. These all add up and will make a big difference to people who simply can't afford the normal hygiene items we take for granted. The following link gives details of what is currently needed, as well as how to donate - <https://thehygienebank.com> .

Poem of the week

Laurie Lee (1914-97) was born in Stroud, Gloucestershire, and lived for the first twenty years of his life in the village of Slad. He was the youngest of eight children and left school when he was 15. During his teenage years he ran a local dance band, before leaving home 'to seek his fortune', as he said. He was in Spain when the Civil War broke out and some years later, visited Greece and Cyprus. During the Second World War, he made documentaries for the GPO. He later wrote radio plays, a travelogue about his time in Spain and, perhaps most famously, his hugely popular autobiography *Cider with Rosie*. Laurie Lee published four collections of poems covering a variety of subjects: his war experiences, his travels and, above all, a wide range of poems about nature through the seasons and the beauties of a lost rural world, including the famous poem *April Rise*. This week, I have chosen his poem *Field of Autumn*, written in 1945, which feels appropriate, since here in London at least, the weather has changed, the nights are drawing in, leaves are falling from the trees and summer seems to have ended.

Field of Autumn

Slow moves the acid breath of noon
over the copper-coated hill,
slow from the wild crab's bearded breast
the palsied apples fall.

Like coloured smoke the day hangs fire,
taking the village without sound;
the vulture-headed sun lies low
chained to the violet ground.

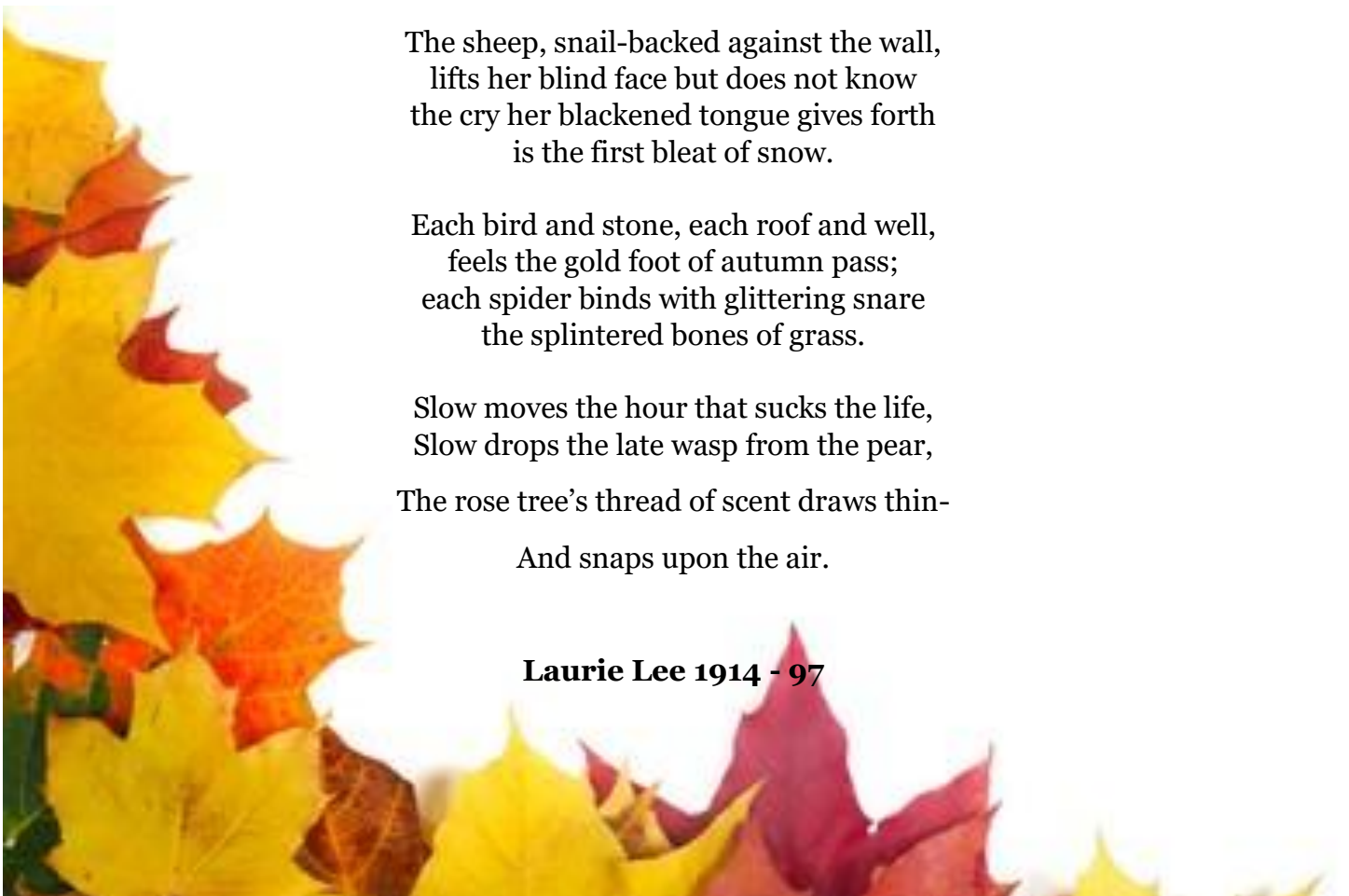
The horse upon the rocky height
rolls all the valley in the eye,
but dares not raise his foot or move
his shoulders from the fly.

The sheep, snail-backed against the wall,
lifts her blind face but does not know
the cry her blackened tongue gives forth
is the first bleat of snow.

Each bird and stone, each roof and well,
feels the gold foot of autumn pass;
each spider binds with glittering snare
the splintered bones of grass.

Slow moves the hour that sucks the life,
Slow drops the late wasp from the pear,
The rose tree's thread of scent draws thin-
And snaps upon the air.

Laurie Lee 1914 - 97



Our Congregation

On Sunday 8th September, Austen Musson was baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



Tower of London

On Monday 9th September, a 62-round gun salute was fired by the Honourable Artillery Company Regiment from the Tower of London, to mark the second anniversary of His Majesty The King's Accession to the throne.



Sporting Bears event



The “Bears”, as they are affectionately known, are a dedicated group of classic car and sports car enthusiasts whose primary aim is to raise money for children’s charities through their own socials, Dream Rides and touring events.

This year Rolls Royce, escorted by the police, brought ten terminally-ill children and their families to the Tower for an evening of events. The children were driven into the Tower in these ten magnificent almost new Rolls-Royces, before enjoying a private view of the Crown Jewels, and a meeting with members of the Tower community and the Officer of the Guard and soldiers. As you can see, they all had fun!



Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1e487113b84a>

Thirty little boats in St Katharine Docks Marina, featuring several involved in the Dunkirk evacuation.



Tracy's Garden – Begonia



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

Val Abbnett

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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We are always grateful for financial contributions to help us in our work. If you would like to support the Chapels Royal, HM Tower of London by setting up a Standing Order, making a one-off donation to Chapel Funds or setting up a Direct Debit, this is how to do it.

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To: The Manager, _____ [*Name of your bank*] [*Address*
of _____ [*Address*
bank] [*Sort code*] _____ [*Account No.*] _____

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Please remit £ _____ to the account detailed below commencing on

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