



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

Dear friends,

This coming Sunday is Harvest Festival and I'm delighted that we shall have three groups of visitors coming to join us. They are the East India Club, the Parachute Association, and Jane England, on one of her regular trips to London from Utah, bringing a group of students.

Last week, I mentioned that we will be supporting the **London Hygiene Bank** for our collection, joining with other central London churches who are doing the same thing (details below).



Harvest Festival is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the harvest and to remember those aspects of daily life we perhaps too often take for granted, such as the people who work to produce the food we eat, so that we can easily buy whatever we need for our table from supermarkets and shops. Those who work on the land, often in the cold and rain, need especial thanks for all that they do.

I am always glad when I see my family eating avocados, as they are both delicious and nutritious, but I have read that they are often produced by people who are paid well below the minimum wage and that in addition, avocados are bad for the environment because of all the water needed to grow them. The family tell me to look on the packaging of what I buy to check where it is coming from, and to try to buy locally-produced vegetables and fruit in season. However, in our climate, that is not always possible, and much of what we eat may have been transported for hundreds of miles, especially in winter, and have been harvested by people working in suboptimal conditions.

We are all aware of the rapidly mounting crisis in the Middle East. As always, hundreds if not thousands of innocent people are finding themselves the victims of the present desperate situation, losing their homes, livelihoods and indeed, tragically all too often, their lives. The fear of escalation and the possibility of all-out war in the region is something none of us wants to see happen.

We all need to make an effort to pray for peace and an end to this terrible conflict, and for world leaders to speak out before yet more innocent people die. The prayer for the whole of the Middle East, which is at the bottom of each Newsletter, is one that we should all be using.

With my warm thoughts and greetings to you all, Roger.

The London Hygiene Bank.

List of items currently needed can be found at their website - <https://thehygienebank.com>



Sunday Service Details for 6th October 2024
The 19th Sunday after Trinity and Harvest Festival

0915 Holy Communion (White Tower)

1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

Psalm 150

Readings Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

John 4: 31-38.

Collect for The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are
not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Poem of the week

Anne Brontë (1820-49) was the youngest of the three Brontë sisters, and lived for most of her life with her family in the parsonage at Haworth, on the Yorkshire Dales. Although she was never as well-known as either Charlotte or Emily, her two novels, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* and the semi-autobiographical *Agnes Grey*, based on her time as an unsuccessful and ill-treated governess, are now considered classics of English literature.

The Brontë sisters also wrote poetry as well as novels, and this week's poem by Anne Brontë, *Lines composed in a Wood on a Windy Day*, written in 1842, is taken from the collection *Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell*, published in 1846. (The sisters used pen names to conceal their sex but retained their initials.) Anne died young, at 29, probably of tuberculosis, and is buried at Scarborough. The poem seems particularly appropriate for autumn, and illustrates Anne's love of wild weather and the sea, together with the exhilaration she felt at the power of nature to inspire her emotions. Both the rhythm and the rhyming scheme heighten the impact of the poem, and seem to beg for it to be read aloud.

Lines composed in a Wood on a Windy Day

My soul is awakened, my spirit is soaring
And carried aloft on the wings of the breeze;
For above and around me the wild wind is roaring,
Arousing to rapture the earth and the seas.

The long withered grass in the sunshine is glancing.
The bare trees are tossing their branches on high,
The dead leaves, beneath them, are merrily dancing,
The white clouds are scudding across the blue sky.

I wish I could see how the ocean is lashing
The foam of its billows to whirlwinds of spray;
I wish I could see how its proud waves are dashing,
And hear the wild roar of their thunder today!

Anne Brontë 1820-49

Jigsaw

Tentacle takeover at Spitalfields Market!

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=15aa6240b140>



The Chapel flowers.

As always, thank you to our flower team who do a brilliant job arranging the flowers each weekend.

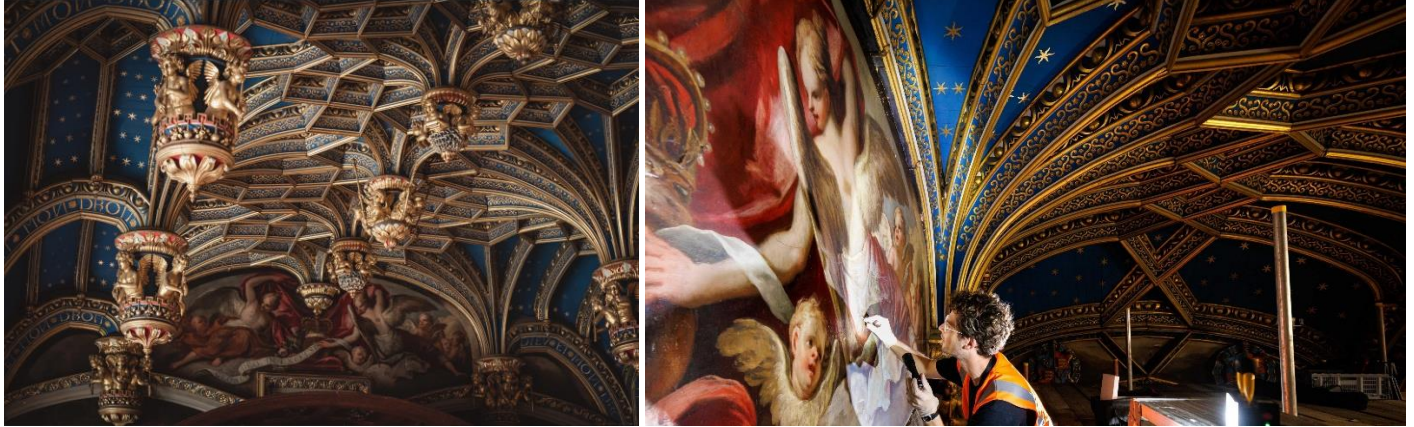


Historic Royal Palaces – Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace

Conservation work has been taking place at the Chapel Royal Hampton Court Palace all summer. An expert team of conservators, curators, surveyors and engineers was assembled to carry out condition, research and restoration work in the chapel, which was first built in 1514.

For the first time in more than 20 years conservators were able to get close to the chapel's 18th Century baroque redecoration. The team ascended a 33ft (10m) bespoke scaffold to examine and restore the work commissioned by Queen Anne in 1710 and masterminded by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect who also designed St Paul's Cathedral.

The Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace is now open again for services and for the general public.



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.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and the countries of the Middle East:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East 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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Please remit £ _____ to the account detailed below commencing on

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