



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

Dear friends,

I'm very grateful to all those who supported last Sunday's Harvest Celebration, where we had an almost full church; thank you, as well as to everyone who contributed so generously to the collection for the **London Hygiene Bank**.

I wanted to share some thoughts with you. At this time of year, the prophet Jeremiah reflects, *'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'* We hear the melancholy in his voice as he looks at the world around him, and sees no relief from the misery and pain that afflict him. Jeremiah's voice is a sad one, reminding us that, at the same time as we celebrated the Harvest here at St Peter ad Vincula, in a service full of beauty, and with gratitude expressed for the blessings we have received, other parts of the world are in major conflict or experiencing serious famine and devastation.

Difficult conversations and feelings are a part of all relationships, including those between the past and the present. This applies to nations, families and to ourselves. However, we have the power to transform these sadnesses into a new beginning and a true renewal, and we pray this most earnestly as the situation in the Middle East continues to deteriorate.

As Marcel Proust reminds us, in the words of the character, Elstir, a painter, in his novel *A la recherche du temps perdu*:

*"There is no man, however wise, who has not at some period of his youth said things, or lived in a way the consciousness of which is so unpleasant to him in later life that he would gladly, if he could, expunge it from his memory. And yet he ought not entirely to regret it, because he cannot be certain that he has indeed become a wise man—so far as it is possible for any of us to be wise – unless he has passed through all the fatuous or unwholesome incarnations by which that ultimate stage must be preceded... We are not provided with wisdom, we must discover it for ourselves, after a journey through the wilderness which no one else can take for us, an effort which no one can spare us, for our wisdom is the point of view from which we come at last to regard the world."*

Let us pray for peace in the Middle East and elsewhere, and be reminded that real peace begins with each one of us, and amongst all those with whom we live and work.

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

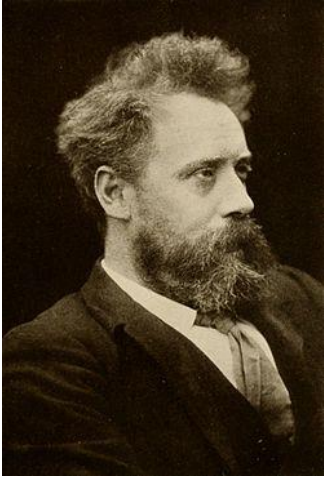
**The London Hygiene Bank.**

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



## Poem of the week

The theme of this week's poem, *Invictus*, (whose Latin title means 'unconquerable') is resilience, stoicism and inner strength when confronted with adversity. The last two lines of the poem, by poet and critic William Ernest Henley (1849-1903,) may be familiar to many of you, and were said to have been a source of solace and inspiration to Nelson Mandela during his long imprisonment. They were also quoted by both Winston Churchill and Barack Obama.



From the age of 12, Henley suffered from tuberculosis of the bone, resulting eventually in the necessary amputation of his left leg below the knee in 1868. He underwent long periods in hospital, but when his right leg also became diseased, he refused to accept that a second amputation was inevitable. He travelled to Scotland to seek help from the famous surgeon Joseph Lister in Edinburgh, where he spent three years in the Royal Infirmary, and, after many operations, Lister managed to save Henley's leg. The famous poem was written in 1875 while Henley was in hospital recovering from surgery, and was published in a volume of verse in 1888. During his time in Edinburgh, Henley was visited by the Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson, and the two developed a firm friendship. Stevenson even based his one-legged pirate character, Long John Silver in *Treasure Island*, on Henley's appearance and gait. The poem was initially untitled, but when it was included in the *Oxford Book of English Verse* in 1900, the editor, Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, gave it its definitive title, *Invictus*.

### **Invictus**

Out of the night that covers me  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance,  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate  
I am the captain of my soul.

**William Ernest Henley (1849-1903)**

**Sunday Service Details for 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**0915** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
**1100** Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

**Psalm 22: 1-15**

**Readings**

Job: 32:1-9, 16- end.

Mark 10: 17-31.

**Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

**Jigsaw**



<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=39d4c0701ae1>

This beautiful photograph of Tower bridge was taken by Brian Preece, ToL Security Team Leader.

You may well have seen Brian at the entrance to the Tower when you've attended services in the Chapel.

## Our Congregation

On Sunday we were joined by members of the Ilford Parachute Regimental Association.

## Historic Royal Palaces

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October four Royal Auxiliary Air Force Squadrons were honoured with the presentation of a standard in a ceremony at the Tower of London. The squadrons paraded before Air Vice-Marshal Ranald Munro, Commandant General of the RAuxAF.



## **Winter daffodils**



## **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**

Andrew Duncan  
Rohan Malhotra

## **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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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.

### **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

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Sort code: **40-52-40**

Account number: **00027597**

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**Thank you again for your generosity.**

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### Gift Aid

#### Charity Gift Aid Declaration – Multiple donations

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