



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

Dear friends,



This week I would like to acknowledge one of the unsung heroes of the chapel, **Bernard Jackson**. Many of you will have seen him serving as sacristan around the altar. Bernard has been part of the chapel community for 57 years and on October 19th, he celebrated his 90th birthday. Some of us were privileged enough to be invited to attend his birthday party at the Georgian Society HQ in Fitzroy Square.

It's all too easy to take people like Bernard for granted; there are many who faithfully give of their time and service without asking for, or indeed expecting, any kind of reward. It was therefore fitting that, during the service last Sunday, we were able to present Bernard with a small token of our appreciation for his very many years of service and loyalty, and we all wish him well for the future as he enters his tenth decade.



We are about to move into a busy church season with the cycle of **All Souls' Day, All Saints' Day and Remembrance Sunday**. Within a matter of weeks after that, we will be into Advent and preparing spiritually for Christmas.

This year **All Souls' Day** will be remembered on Saturday 2nd November at 7pm in the White Tower. We are collecting the names of those whom you would like remembered in the service; please send them either to Debbie or myself. **All Saints' Day** has been translated to Sunday 3rd November.

Remembrance Sunday will begin outside the chapel at 1050. All these details are highlighted in the accompanying boxes.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details for 27th October 2024
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

Readings Philippians 1: 3-11

Matthew 18: 21-end.

Collect for The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Souls

7pm Saturday 2nd November

Chapel of St John the Evangelist

Please pass on the names of those whom you wish to be remembered either to Roger or to Debbie.

All Saints

Will be celebrated in the Sunday service

11am Sunday 3rd November

Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula



Remembrance Sunday

1050am Sunday 10th
November

The service will begin on
Chapel Green.

Dom Oughton



A message from Andrew Jackson, The Governor of the Tower of London:

I'm very sad to tell you that our great friend and colleague, Dom Oughton, passed away on the 13th October. Many of you will know that he had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and had recently moved to a care home in North Wales to be closer to his family. Dom joined HRP in November 2018 and became the Tower's Maintenance and Facilities Manager after the pandemic.

Dom will be hugely missed by all at the Tower of London. He lived and breathed the Tower and was tireless in his work to ensure that the palace ran smoothly. He was always on hand to offer wise advice and could frequently be seen solving problems out of hours. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, and all who knew and loved him at this difficult time.

Our Congregation

On Sunday 20th October, James Roberts was baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



Poem of the week

I have chosen a short poem, *All Things Pass*, by Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese philosopher, thought to have been born between 600-300 BC. He is remembered for his writings, particularly the **Tao Te Ching**, one of the foundational texts of Taoism. (**Tao** means ‘the way of life’, **Te** means ‘for the use of life’ and **Ching** means ‘text or classic’). Lao Tzu’s writings had a profound influence on Chinese religious movements and on later philosophers. His texts attracted many followers, drawn by Lao Tzu’s emphasis on goodness, serenity and living in harmony with nature and the universe. He advocated deep empathy between people as a means towards peace and harmony, and taught that a person’s conduct should be governed by conscience.

This poem by Lao Tzu is written as a kind of meditation on the transient nature of human existence. The rhythms of the seasons follow each other in much the same way as those of the Christian year; all things pass, change and yet in essence may stay the same. The natural world of flora and fauna is ephemeral and we are aware of our own physical impermanence. Despite that, however, we will all leave legacies: descendants, possessions and influences on those we have known and loved. *All Things Pass*, short and simple a poem as it is, has been a source of comfort to people throughout the ages, and has inspired many, including George Harrison in his 1970s song *All Things Must Pass*, which quotes extensively from Lao Tzu.

All Things Pass

All things pass.

A sunrise does not last all morning,

All things pass.

A cloudburst does not last all day.

All things pass.

Nor a sunset all night,

All things pass.

What always changes,

Earth...sky...thunder...

mountain...water...

wind... fire...lake...

These change.

And if these do not last,

Do man’s visions last?

Do man’s illusions?

Take things as they come

All things pass.

Lao Tzu (6th century BC)

Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=00b8e8a0ee79>



Prayers

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

RIP

Dom Oughton
Andrew Duncan
Ann Nelson
Rev. Derek Heaver

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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