



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

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! I do hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

For those of you attending services on Sunday, you will now see, as you look towards 1 Tower Green, scaffolding emerging right in front of the house. This is so that work can begin on the **disabled access lift to the Chapel**. You will also see from the photographs that work has also begun inside the Chapel for the removal and conservation of the East Window.



The second important part of this first newsletter of 2025 is to encourage those of you who are attending the Chapel regularly to get a **Chapel pass**. All that is required is for you to let us have a passport photograph with your name clearly written on the back (and if possible, a stamped address envelope) and Debbie will return your pass to you as soon as possible. You can either drop off a passport photo at the service on Sunday or email it as an attachment to Debbie. (Deborah.Corbett@hrp.org.uk)

It was good to see so many people in church on Epiphany Sunday in spite of the bad weather, and many of us enjoyed coffee and a chat together afterwards in the New Armouries after the service.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the letter from the Chapel Committee in the newsletter of December 12th, asking you to consider increasing your donation to the Chapel, or to start a regular standing order donation or direct debit. This is because the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula will be closed until after Easter, for the installation of wheelchair access, as well as repairs, renovation to the East window and other necessary works. During this period, we are anticipating a significant reduction in weekly congregations whilst we are worshipping in St John's Chapel in the White Tower. This will inevitably mean that we will also experience a considerable reduction in our service collections, as well as, of course, money normally left by visitors in the box by the door. You will appreciate that we rely heavily on these funds for the upkeep of the Chapel and payments to our exceptional choir, amongst other costs. I hope you will be able to help.

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

Sunday Service Details for 12th January 2025
The First Sunday after Epiphany

0930 Holy Communion
Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower

Readings:
Romans 12: 1-5, Luke 2: 41-end

Collect for The First Sunday after Epiphany

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our Congregation

On Sunday 5th January, Edward and Sadie were baptised in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower.



The Tower of London

We have all experienced some bad weather this past week, with some of us even experiencing local floods or heavy snow.

In 1928, the Thames flooded the Tower Moat and Water Lane during the London floods.



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Thomas Cromwell by Hans Holbein the Younger
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Many of you will have recently enjoyed watching **Wolf Hall: The Mirror and The Light**, much of which was filmed at Hampton Court Palace.

For Thomas Cromwell, the Tower of London would be the scene of both the start of his career as Henry VIII's all-powerful minister, and the end of his life. As the King's Master of the Jewels and right-hand man, Cromwell was a regular visitor to the Tower; his legacy from the height of his career can still be seen at the fortress today. But the Tower would also be where his enemies enacted their revenge – eventually ending with his head on the execution block on Tower Hill.

Here, Chief Historian Tracy Borman explores the Tower through the lens of Thomas Cromwell's rise and fall. <https://www.hrp.org.uk/blog/thomas-cromwells-legacy-at-the-tower-of-london/#gs.j22oje>

Prayers

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

RIP

Paul Shand.

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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Donations to the Chapel

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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