



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

Dear friends,

Please take special note of the services between **22<sup>nd</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July**, details of which are included in this Newsletter.

And now for something very serious. I keep in touch with the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem, which I have visited on a number of occasions. The following message was sent to many supporters by the Dean of the Cathedral, and I commend it to you.

*Richard Sewell, the Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem, is inviting people to join him in fasting, in solidarity with the people of Gaza, every Wednesday, beginning on 21st May. Please consider joining Richard by fasting in whatever way you can, whether by skipping a meal or eating less, or by using the time to pray for food and aid supplies to get into the region and meet the needs of those who are suffering so terribly. (Please, however, be sensible in fasting, doing only as much as you can manage and following medical advice where necessary.) If you do join in, you can share what you're doing on social media by using the hashtag #fastforgaza.*

<https://mediacentre.christianaid.org.uk/fast-for-gaza-a-senior-church-leader-is-calling-for-people-to-join-him-in-a-day-of-protest-against-the-siege-in-gaza/>

The situation in the Holy Land is becoming truly desperate, and all the peoples of the region need peace, with justice.

However you personally respond to Richard Sewell's message, please continue to hold in prayer all those who are suffering before God in these very challenging and difficult times. I hope to go to Jerusalem myself in the autumn to show my support for the small Christian community there.

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

**Sunday Service Details for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
The Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**0930** Holy Communion

*Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower*

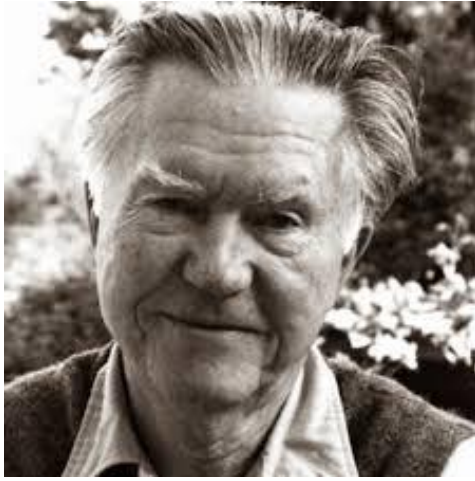
**Readings**

James 1: 22- end. & John 16: 23b - end.

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**O Lord**, from whom all good things do come;  
Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy  
holy inspiration we may think those things  
that be good, and by thy merciful guiding  
may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Poem of the week



William Stafford was an American poet and pacifist. He took his BA and later his MA at the University of Kansas and in 1954 completed a PhD at the University of Iowa. He had been drafted into the armed forces in 1941 but declared himself a pacifist and, as a registered conscientious objector, worked between 1942 and 1946 in forestry and soil conservation work. It wasn't until he was 48 and had already been teaching in several different academic institutions that his first collection of poetry, *Travelling through the Dark*, was published. It won the National Book Award for poetry in 1963. Stafford's poetry is often short, uncomplicated and tends to focus on the details relating to a specific locality. He composed nearly 22,000 poems, of which about 3,000 were published.

This short poem, *Ask Me*, poses questions in the first stanza and offers answers in the second. It reflects on those who have helped and hindered us in life and explores the interconnectedness of past actions and present experiences through the metaphor of a river. The river seems to me to be a good analogy of life: sometimes frozen, allowing time for stillness and contemplation, and sometimes running, carrying the speaker forward, shallow in some places and deeper in others. Listening to each other, looking and waiting suggest a willingness to find meaning in the continuous flow of life with the people whom we encounter.

### **Ask Me**

Some time when the river is ice ask me  
mistakes I have made. Ask me whether  
what I have done is my life. Others  
have come in their slow way into  
my thought, and some have tried to help  
or to hurt: ask me what difference  
their strongest love or hate has made.

I will listen to what you say.  
You and I can turn and look  
at the silent river and wait. We know  
the current is there, hidden; and there  
are comings and goings from miles away  
that hold the stillness exactly before us.  
What the river says, that is what I say.

**William Stafford 1914 - 93**

**22nd June 2025:** The First Sunday after Trinity  
**11am Service at The Royal Foundation of Katharine**, with our choir.  
No service at the Tower. Further details to follow.

**The following services are all back in St Peter ad Vincula:**

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** The Second Sunday after Trinity  
We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival at 11am.  
Drinks and light refreshments will be served after the service

**6<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** The Third Sunday after Trinity  
Choral Matins at 11am, with coffee after church.

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2025:** The Fourth Sunday after Trinity.  
Holy Communion at 11am and the last service before the summer break.  
This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch which (weather permitting) will take place on long benches outside 1 Tower Green. (Should it be wet, lunch will take place indoors.) Wine and soft drinks will be provided by the chapel. Do come along!

**The Tower of London – David Loveland, RIP**

Last week we were all very sad to hear that David Loveland, a member of the Warding Team at the Tower of London, had passed away. He was a much-loved member of the team and will be greatly missed.

David started working at the Tower in April 2018. He enjoyed history, Shakespeare, travelling and was a big Disney fan. He was only 33 years old when he passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his many friends at the Tower.



## **Lilies and Roses**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May we held the Ceremony of the Lilies and Roses. The procession always starts outside the King's House, led this year by YW Nev Dednum, and makes its way to the Wakefield Tower for the service.



## Music

### **From Olivia Hugh-Jones (member of the Choir)**

'If I Loved You', Rogers & Hammerstein (from Carousel).

### **For Sunday May 25 - Brother James' Air**

#### **Brother James' Air - James Leith Macbeth Bain, c.1840-1925**

James Leith Macbeth Bain was a healer, mystic, and poet known as Brother James. He founded the Brotherhood of Healers, and he and his fellow healers often sang to their patients during healing sessions. Reputedly, melodies came to him spontaneously and this is perhaps the most famous. It sets the words of Psalm 23 and is sung here in an arrangement for 4-part choir by Gordon Jacobs.

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own Name's sake.  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## **Jigsaw**

Forming up at the King's House – YW Nev Dednum, Chapel Clerk YW Terry Briggs and Canon Roger Hall.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3f60ebd3fbo7>



## **Prayers**

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

## **RIP**

David Loveland, Roxanne Stevens and Mark Falkner

## **Please continue to pray for peace in 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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**DIRECT DEBIT.** It is also possible to use the links above to set up a Direct Debit if that is what you prefer.

If you are an eligible UK taxpayer using the CAF Bank website via the links above to make either a one-off donation or to set up a Direct Debit, please remember to tick the Gift Aid box on the CAF site form. This method of Gift Aid payment does entail some delay in our receiving the benefit – hence our preference for Standing Orders. Gift Aid is available only to eligible UK taxpayers.

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Please see below for the Standing Order and Gift Aid forms.

### **Thank you again for your generosity.**

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### Gift Aid

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