



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

Dear friends,

What a complete joy it was to be back in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, after six months of exile! We had three good reasons for celebration and thanksgiving: our return to the chapel, celebrating our Patron St Peter and recalling all those men and women who would be ordained to the sacred ministry of deacon or priest over last weekend.

I was also very touched by the beautiful and delicious cake (thank you Gill Howard!) that marked my own 40 years in ministry as a priest. I was ordained deacon in 1984 and priest in Lichfield Cathedral in 1985.

We have two more Sundays in the chapel before the summer recess:

6th July - 11am Morning Prayer followed by coffee after the service.

13th July - 11am Holy Communion, followed by a bring and share lunch.



Wine and soft drinks will be provided; do please let Debbie (chapel administrator) or myself know if you plan to join us, and what you would like to contribute. This is to avoid there being 30 pork pies...

Thought for the day

2 Timothy 4: 7 *'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'*

As I sit down to write this thought for the day on Monday afternoon, the temperature outside is over 30 degrees. Wimbledon has started, and I wonder how many of the players and spectators are prepared for the heat. St Paul often used athletic imagery to convey his message. To become a Wimbledon champion involves real discipline, sacrifice and hard work. Most of us appreciate the enormous effort which goes into becoming a champion sportsperson. Having once trained for the London Marathon, I can relate to St Paul's idea of 'fighting the good fight'. I spent a year in preparation to enable me to run the London Marathon, at times pushing my body to the limit. I had a strict schedule and goals to achieve as the weeks and months went by.

By using this athletic imagery and language to describe the work of evangelism, teaching, proclamation and encouragement, St Paul emphasises the work and dedication necessary to spread the Gospel and grow the church. It's not easy, as I found out running the Marathon...

I ran the London Marathon back in 2014 and all that training paid off. Every day I hope I can apply something of that same discipline in my day-to-day life and here at the chapel.

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

Prayer of the week

This prayer is one which I like to use at funeral services and when saying the last rites with those who are dying or who have just died. The prayer is based upon an ancient commendation and was expanded by Cardinal Newman in his great poem *The Dream of Gerontius*, set to music by Sir Edward Elgar. The prayer offers hope to the dying and welcomes them as they enter heaven. That the prayer mentions angels and archangels reminds us of the heavenly host surrounding the Throne of Heaven and welcoming us in. I have used the prayer numerous times and commend it to you.

Go forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul.

In the peace of him in whom thou hast believed.

In the name of God the Father, who created thee,

In the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for thee,

In the name of the Holy Spirit, who strengthened thee.

May angels and archangels, and all the armies of the

heavenly host, come to meet thee,

May all the saints welcome thee,

May thy portion of this day be in gladness and peace and thy

dwelling in paradise.

Go forth upon thy journey, O Christian soul.

Service details for 6th July 2025

The Third Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Choral Matins followed by coffee/tea and soft drinks.

Psalm 30

Readings: Galatians 6: 7-16 and Luke 10: 1-11.

Anthem How beauteous are their feet (Sir Charles Villiers Stanford)

Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us;

and grant that we, to whom thou hast given

an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid

be defended and comforted in all dangers and

adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From The Venerable Roger Preece, Master of The Royal Foundation of St Katharine

We had a delightful visit from the Tower Chapel Community to St Katharine's on Sunday 22nd June. Thank you to all of you who came.

All members of the Chapel community who show their chapel passes at the Yurt Café can get 10% off!

Please come and support our community work at St Katharine's and enjoy café food during the day seven days a week 8am-5pm, and the summer evening menu Tuesday-Saturday evenings until 8pm.

<https://www.rfsk.org.uk/yurt-cafe>



There is also now afternoon tea served in the main St Katharine's Grounds at £25 – booking via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afternoon-tea-at-the-royal-foundation-of-st-katharine-tickets-1405492528989>

Jigsaw

A photograph of the Taj Mahal, from our Chaplain's recent visit to India.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=14e2f634c2a3>



Prayers

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

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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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.

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