



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

Dear friends,

This will be the last Newsletter until after the summer recess. Debbie and I will be in touch with you in early September to remind you when the chapel will be open again for worship (Sunday 14th September).

Although St Peter ad Vincula has only been open for three weeks (the last week in June and the first two in July), everyone has enjoyed being back in the chapel, with the choir, with each other and getting back into our normal Sunday routine.

I want to reassure you that although the excavations outside the west door and the installation of the disabled access will not be complete by the time we return in September, worship will still carry on in St Peter's, as we have been doing over these last three weeks. The latest forecast, however, is that the work won't be completed until November, which means that work on the roof and tower will not begin until sometime next year. Meanwhile, I'm grateful to all those who have worshipped with us in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist in the White Tower over the last six months.

I hope you all have a good summer and enjoy exploring some new and different places in which to worship.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details for 13th July 2025
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

0915 Holy Communion (said) St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Holy Communion (sung) St Peter ad Vincula

Readings: Romans 8: 8-23 & Luke 6: 36-42.

Motet: Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy;
that, thou being our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we finally lose not the things eternal:

Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for the summer holidays

St Augustine (354 – 430 AD), often referred to as St Augustine of Hippo, was the bishop of Hippo Regius in Numidia, Roman North Africa. He was a theologian and philosopher and one of the great Fathers of the Church. His writings deeply influenced the development of Western Christianity and are still a source of inspiration and learning to this day; his book *The City of God* is considered to be one of the great classics of the early church. St Augustine was also renowned for his piety and his prayers, one of which I have chosen for this week's Newsletter.

This prayer, which has the idea of service at its very heart, reminds us that as Christ came to serve us, so we are to serve Christ's people everywhere. The way we respond to poverty, cruelty and injustice in the world must come from within us and be the very essence of our being and our instincts.

It's a beautiful prayer, worth learning and allowing to take root in our hearts, as we respond to the challenging world in which we live.

Prayer of St Augustine

O thou, who art the light of the minds that know thee,
the life of the souls that love thee
and the strength of the wills that serve thee;
help us so to know thee that we may truly love thee;
so to love thee that we may fully serve thee,
whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

Gun Salute

On Tuesday 8th July, a 41-round gun salute was fired to mark the state visit of President Emmanuel Macron.



The Chapels Royal HM Tower of London in pictures

January – July 2025

January

Works begin outside the main door to install a disabled access lift, and the East Window is removed for repair.



February

Chapel services are held in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist in the White Tower from January to June.



March

The Valasse Cross goes on display in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist.



May

30,000 poppies return to the Tower of London on 6th May 2025, visited by HM The Queen,



VE Day Service at the Tower of London.



May

The ceremony of the Lilies and Roses



June

The Congregation attend the Sunday service on 22nd June at The Royal Foundation of St Katharine. On Sunday 29th June we were back in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula celebrating our Patronal Festival and Roger's 40th year in ministry as a priest.



Canon Roger Hall MBE was appointed Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian order (LVO) in His Majesty the King's Birthday Honours on 14 June 2025. Congratulations go also to all at HRP who were recognised in the King's Birthday Honours.



July

Services resume in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, and the congregation are reunited with the Choir of the Chapels Royal at Sunday services.



Jigsaw

Morgans line up on the Tower Wharf.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=09188cf1706f>



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, Joaquim, Nick, John and Val.

RIP

Terence Briggs and Thomas Healey.

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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