



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

‘Alleluia Christ is risen – he is risen indeed Alleluia’

Dear friends,

I'm writing this Newsletter on Monday in Holy Week, the most significant week in the Christian calendar. Just as in 2025, this year has been a time of disruption and chapel closure because of the ongoing building works in St Peter's. I am pleased to say that St Peter's is now open and should remain so until the summer break starting in July. This means that on Sundays, our rhythm of worship will resume with the usual 09.15 and (from April 19th) 11.15 services. Attached are some of the latest pictures of the work in progress.

A short thought for Easter Sunday.

Matthew 28: 5-6. *The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised from the dead’.*

American President Benjamin Franklin is well-known for having stated that in this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes. But according to God, the only sure and certain thing in life is resurrection. Yes, resurrection implies that death occurs first and is the natural journey of all of creation. However, our confidence in following the way of Jesus is shown by our belief that life always follows and overcomes death, that light always overcomes dark, and love always conquers despair.

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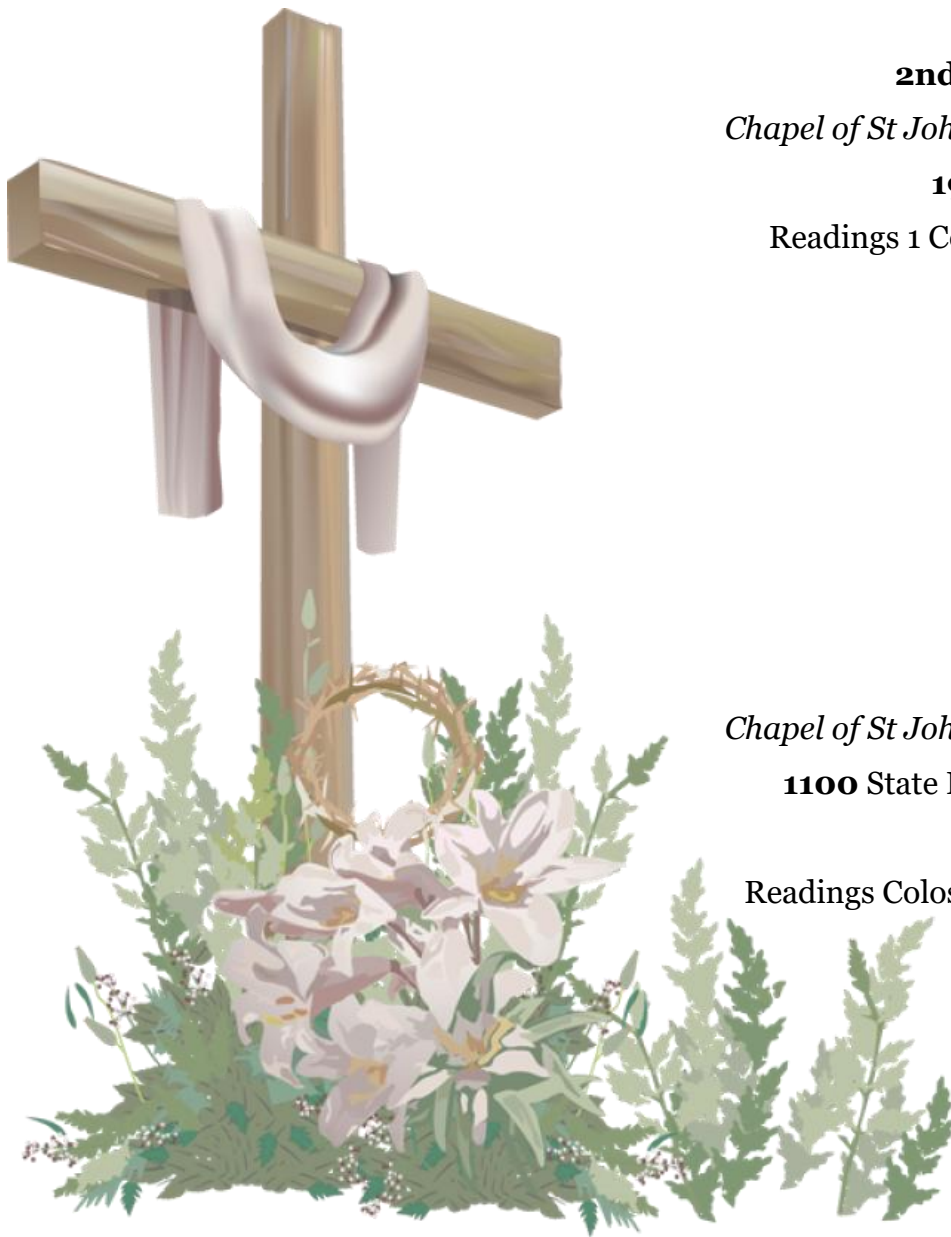
All the service details for Holy Week are shown below. I hope that you have a good Easter wherever you are celebrating the most important time in the Christian year.

Please continue to remember our brothers and sister in the Middle East; for many, this year will be a particularly difficult and challenging time, especially for the small Christian community in Iran. We all pray for an end to the war, and for sound and wise leadership.

With my good wishes and prayers for you all this Easter, Roger.

Please note: - Change to Chapel service time after Easter

From Sunday 19th April our second service will be moving from 11am to **11.15am.**



2nd April – Maundy Thursday

Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower

1900 Maundy Thursday Service

Readings 1 Cor 11: 17-end and John 13: 1-17.

Hymns 310, 276, 304, 272.

3rd April – Good Friday

Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

1900 Good Friday Meditation

5th April – Easter Sunday

0915 Holy Communion

Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower

1100 State Parade and Easter Communion

Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

Readings Colossians 3: 1-7 and John 20: 1-10.

Hymns 110, 113, 124, 120.

12th April – No Services

**Service details for Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Sunday**

0915 Holy Communion (*White Tower*)
1100 Holy Communion and State Parade

Readings

Colossians 3: 1-7
John 20: 1-10

Collect for Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and
opened unto us the gate of everlasting life;

We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special
grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds
good desires, so by thy continual help we may

bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world
without end. **Amen.**

Prayer of the week

Based upon the Epistle for Easter Sunday, from Colossians chapter 3: 1-4, this Easter Prayer is included in numerous prayer books. It is part of the 1980 Alternative Service Book (ASB) and is sometimes used at confirmation services. It is a prayer of affirmation and hope and can be used as much by individuals as by a congregation meeting in church.

Risen with Christ

Help us, O Lord our God, to hear and obey your call
to us, as those who have been raised with Christ,
to seek the things that are above where Christ is,
seated at your right hand; that our thoughts may be
set on heavenly things, not on the things of earth,
and we may be partakers of his risen life until we are
manifested with him in glory. Amen

Based upon Colossians 3: 1-4.

Missa Papae Marcelli at the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula, Tower of London

Wednesday 8th July, 7pm

Tickets on sale now - <https://spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk/events/missa-papae-marcelli/>

Spitalfields Music Festival 2026 comes to a close in collaboration with the Choir of the Chapels Royal, HM Tower of London. Experience a historic legacy of music dating back to the 16th century, including Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli – a masterpiece of vocal polyphony- in its lesser-known but equally beautiful arrangement by Soriano.



The Choir of the Chapels Royal, HM Tower of London
Colm Carey Director
Daniel Greenaway Organ

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, arr. Francesco Soriano Missa Papae Marcelli
Flor Peeters Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur Ave Maris Stella
Charles Tournemire Introit & Offertoire from L'Orgue Mystique
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina Assumpta est Maria

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Chapel works

The scaffolders are now working on covering the scaffold with hoarding and protective covering, as well as 'What's happening here' information boards.



South side of Chapel



Back of the Chapel



Chapel Crypt

Jigsaw

Can you spot Roger? He was attending the Installation of Sarah, the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=355b67a80531>



Tracy's Garden

Peach Blossom



Prayers

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Rob, Kofi, Nick, John, Donald, Christopher, Peter, Wayne, Phillip, Tay-Ya and Sheila.

RIP

Ursula Kosseda, Lucy Bradley and Audrey Holmes.

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.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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