



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

Dear Friends,

**‘Alleluia, Christ is risen – He is risen indeed, Alleluia’**

I trust you all had a good Easter and a pleasant Bank Holiday. I was delighted we had so many people in church last Sunday – you never know what might happen on a Bank Holiday!

The coffee, tea, cake, and biscuits after the service were enjoyed by the many who stayed on afterwards. Thank you very much to those who so generously provide for these occasions, and who also help clear up! If you would like to add your name to the list of helpers, please contact Gill Howard.

And thank you to Reverend Patrick Irwin for preaching at the 11am service last Sunday.



Platinum Jubilee Concert on 28th April. What a wonderful evening of special music sung so magnificently by our excellent choir and directed by Colm, with Christian on the organ! I want to thank Colm and the choir for an outstanding evening, greatly enjoyed by everyone who was there. The concert was recorded by Lion Television for Channel 5 and the next series of ‘Inside the Tower’, which will be broadcast later in the year.

**Important dates for your diary**

**Thursday 26th May**

Ascension Day and the Beating of the Bounds. Following a short Evensong at 6pm, the congregation will make their way to Tower Hill where we will meet our friends from All Hallows by the Tower and ‘beat our bounds’ with ceremony and fun. This will again be recorded for the next programme about The Tower. Do come and join us.

**Sunday 5th June**

Jubilee Weekend and State Parade for Whit Sunday.

**Tuesday 5th July**

Patronal Festival with the former Bishop of London, The Rt Rev and Rt Hon The Lord Richard Chartres as our preacher.

Our prayers and solidarity continue to be with the people of Ukraine.

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

## Our Congregation



On Saturday, Ed and Cajska were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. The wedding was followed by the Baptism of their son William.

On Sunday, Ethel Okorji and her family visited the Chapel. They were married here, twelve years ago, and it was a very pleasant surprise to see them.



### **Sunday Service Details The Third Sunday after Easter**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula  
1100 Matins St Peter ad Vincula

Psalm 23

#### **Readings**

Acts 9: 36-end

John 10: 22-30

#### **Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter**

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be  
In error the light of thy truth, to the intent that  
they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant  
unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship  
of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those  
things that are contrary to their profession, and  
follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Poem of the week

Arthur Hugh Clough's best-known poem, 'Say not, the struggle naught availeth', composed in 1849 in Rome, was made famous by Winston Churchill, who quoted its last two stanzas in a radio broadcast at a dark time during the Second World War. By February 1941, all Britain's allies in Europe were defeated, but the United States was sending Britain armaments, hence the aptness of 'westward, look' in the last line. This poem struck me this week as I was thinking about, and praying for, the people of Ukraine.

### **'Say not, the struggle naught availeth'**

Say not, the struggle naught availeth,  
The labour and the wounds are vain,  
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,  
And as things have been they remain.  
If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;  
It may be, in yon smoke concealed,  
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,  
And, but for you, possess the field.  
For while the tired waves, vainly breaking  
Seem here no painful inch to gain,  
Far back through creeks and inlets making,  
Came silent, flooding in, the main.  
And not by eastern windows only,  
When daylight comes, comes in the light,  
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,  
But westward, look, the land is bright.

**Arthur Hugh Clough 1819-1861**

## Tracy's Garden – Bluebells



## Historic Royal Palaces – Superbloom update

As part of HRP's plans to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, they are creating a Queen's Garden at the Tower of London inspired by Her Majesty's 1953 coronation gown.

The Queen's Garden is made up of Meadow flowers, topiary, perennials, bulbs and ornamental grass. The display includes twelve cast glass forms by artist Max Jacquard representing the national emblems in Norman Hartnell's coronation gown design as well as a glass crown for the Tower's role as home of the Crown Jewels.



## Jigsaw

This week's jigsaw is another image from the Easter State Parade, taken by Chapel Steward Andy Howard. A great shot of the YWs at the door looking into the service.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3cabe1ab99df>



## **Prayers**

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly, amongst whom we name: Deborah, Heather, Pat, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Judy, Dan, Derek, Ann, Bridget and Peter.

We pray for all those who have died and especially for those who have met violent deaths. May they rest in peace.

### **Please continue to pray for Ukraine:**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine 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.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace.

**Amen**

With best wishes and prayers, Roger.



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