



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

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a good August and have enjoyed the wonderful weather we have been having recently. This week, 'Thought for the Day' has resumed, along with our Newsletter. It was a pleasure to welcome back the congregation last Sunday, to sing hymns and canticles and to hear and see at last the wonderful singing of a fully-robed choir. However, I said then, and also in my 'Thought for the Day', that we are still moving forward carefully. Those who wish to continue wearing a mask are encouraged to do so. The north aisle has been kept as it was before, for those who wish to sit with space around them.

The contactless machine is at the back of the chapel, and I encourage people to use it, although a collection will now also be taken during services. Holy Communion will still only be in one kind, in common with the rest of the Chapels Royal and many other churches. As you enter and leave the chapel, please try not to bunch up. Hand sanitiser is available. We can all play our part in ensuring the chapel is safe for everyone, regulars and visitors, who worship with us each Sunday.

It was with deep sadness this week that I learnt of the death of Vice Admiral Rory McLean CB OBE. We pray that he may Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Rory was a very faithful member of the congregation and a strong supporter both of the choir and of the Tower of London. Please keep Kathryn and the rest of Rory's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Rory left this message:

'I am sorry that I shall be unable to join the choir on another outing and after church on the lawn. I valued my friends in the congregation and truly appreciated all those who helped me when the going got tough'. Rory.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.



Sunday Service Details

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

0915 Holy Communion - Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Choral Matins - Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula

1215 Holy Baptism

Collect

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with
thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without
thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help
from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings

Epistle - James 3: 1-12

Gospel - Mark 8: 27 – end

Psalm 19

Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E40-3MMqAnQ>

Poem

Gerard Manley Hopkins was an English poet and Jesuit priest, who posthumously, became one of the great Victorian poets. His poetry had a marked influence on the likes of Eliot, Dylan Thomas, Auden and Stephen Spender.

Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things—
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced—fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise Him.

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844-1889

Note from Laura Fransella

Some of you may remember that during lockdown, I recommended a delightful book by RC Sherriff called *The Fortnight in September*, written in 1931, about an ordinary family from Dulwich going on their annual holiday to Bognor Regis. This week, an abridged version is being beautifully read on Radio 4 by Adrian Scarborough, and will be available on BBC Sounds for the next 29 days.

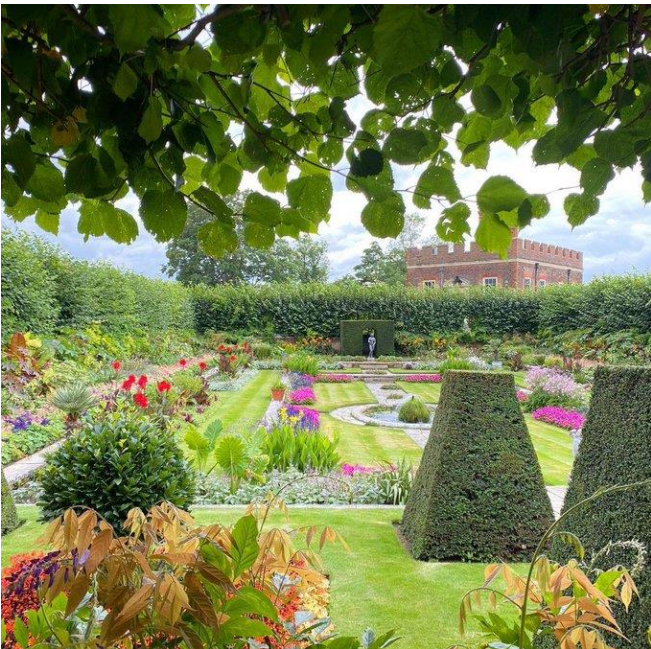
Our Congregation

On Saturday 4th of September we had the wedding of Andrew and Kerry in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



Jigsaw Puzzle

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0f724bb90d6a>



The pond garden at Hampton Court Palace. Photograph captured by a visitor (raminder_x) on Instagram.



From Tracy's garden – Morning Glory and Dipladenia

A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly:

Trevor, Isabelle, Lucy, Judy, Neil, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, John and Maria.

RIP

Rory McLean and Antony Acland.

Our Coronavirus Prayer

God of love,
We ask for your blessing on
those who are ill,
those who are vulnerable
those who are worried about
themselves and those they love,
and on those who mourn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With best wishes and prayers, Roger



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