



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

Dear Friends,

Yesterday I was walking from Westminster Bridge towards Lambeth Bridge along the South Bank. Many of you may well know that route. As you walk along the pathway, on your left-hand side is **The National Covid Memorial Wall**. There are, quite literally, thousands of names on the wall. The photographs below show you something of this. As I neared Lambeth Bridge, a lady with two small children was on her knees writing the name of someone in a red heart and she was clearly upset. As I was in clerical dress, I asked her if she was ok. She said that a friend of hers had recently died and she wanted her name included on the wall. It was a reminder to me that there are still people dying from this disease and there are people grieving for loved ones in our community.

The candle and Covid prayer on a stand in the chapel are there for us to remember all those who have died in the last two years of the virus. Please continue to use our prayer at the bottom of this Newsletter.



**All Souls Day falls on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.** There will be a service in the White Tower at 1900hrs. This month, I will be collecting names to be read out at that service of those who are remembered and loved, but seen no more. Please send the name you would like recalled either to myself or Cortland, or to Debbie.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details**

**The Twentieth Sunday After Trinity**

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

**Collect**

O Almighty and most merciful God,  
of thy bountiful goodness keep us,  
we beseech thee, from all things that  
may hurt us; that we, being ready both  
in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish  
those things that thou wouldest have done;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Readings**

Psalm 104: 1-10.  
Epistle: Hebrews 5, 1-10.  
Gospel: Mark 10, 35-45.

## Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Cortland Fransella

[12 October 2021 a Thought for the Day from The Reverend Cortland Fransella - YouTube](#)

## Poem

James Henry Leigh Hunt (usually known as Leigh Hunt) was a lawyer and later journalist, born in Southgate, Middlesex in 1784. He was a friend of Charles Lamb, Byron, Wordsworth, Shelley and Carlyle, and became renowned for his 'independence of spirit' and his distinctly chaotic and peripatetic family life in London. *Abou Ben Adhem* was first published in an anthology in 1838 and has remained very popular.

### **Abou Ben Adhem**

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold:-  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
'What writest thou?' – The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made all of sweet accord,  
Answered, 'The names of those who love the Lord.'  
'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerly still; and said, 'I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men.'  
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

Leigh Hunt 1784-1859

## The Chapel community

Elenor Clarke, who I am sure many of you will recognise from the choir - "We are delighted to have a new addition to our family: Benjamin Rhys Clarke was born at 6am on 29th September. Felix is thrilled to have a "baby brother" and we've enjoyed lots of family stories and cuddles since returning home."



## Our Congregation

Last weekend was a busy and joyful weekend.

On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> October, Victoria and Dominic had their wedding blessing in the Chapel.



And on the Sunday, we had the baptism of Oliver and Clara.



## Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3bf63375ba10>



## From Tracy's Garden – Asters



## Historic Royal Palaces

Last week was National Poetry Day in the UK which encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. The special theme this year is 'Choice'. Curator Charles Farris explores the lives of just some of the poets who have lived and worked at the Tower of London... not always by choice. National Poetry Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and share poetry past and present, and hopefully inspire future generations of writers. The Tower of London boasts more than 1000 years of royal history and so it will come as no surprise that several important poets have visited, worked and even lived in London's most famous fortress.

<https://blog.hrp.org.uk/curators/poets-at-the-tower-of-london-national-poetry-day-2021/>



On this day in 1066, William the Conqueror won at the Battle of Hastings, defeating King Harold II and ending the Anglo-Saxon era.

William went above and beyond to assert his new position as king, building the Tower as a secure fortress and symbol of his Norman royal power.



## A Prayer

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very poorly Trevor, Lucy, Judy, Heather, Pat, Lorraine, Sue, Mark, Madeleine, Vivienne, Derek, Maria, Ann and Gordon.

## RIP

John Blackburn and Peter Clemett (Priests) and John Ade; and all those who have died from Coronavirus.

## **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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