



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

Dear Friends,

Over the last few weeks, I have become increasingly alarmed at the news reports coming out of Afghanistan of nationwide starvation. In particular, the number of children and elderly people on the edge of starvation, according to the figures produced by UNICEF, the World Food Programme and the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), is shameful. In addition, winter temperatures in Afghanistan are often below -12C.

Save the Children and five other well-respected charities have come together to try and help. Save the Children has had experience of working with Afghan children since 1976. Regardless of how current politics might be exacerbating this problem, *children should not be starving to death.*



Therefore, as a chapel (and on behalf of us all), I am sending a cheque, from our annual giving, of £1,000 to the Save the Children Afghanistan Appeal. If you can help, I encourage you to do so. Details of how to donate, with Gift Aid, can be found by following this link: <https://www.savethechildren.net/what-we-do/emergencies/afghanistan>

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) have also launched an Afghanistan Crisis Appeal which you can support by going to [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk). As the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 8: v22: 'God loves a cheerful giver'.

With my best wishes, thoughts and prayers, Roger.

**Sunday Service Details**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

0915 Holy Communion (White Tower)  
1100 Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

**Readings**

Isaiah: 6: 1-8

Luke 5: 1-11

**Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church  
and household continually in thy true religion;  
that they who do lean only upon the hope of  
thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended  
by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## Platinum Jubilee Service of Choral Evensong

Followed by a toast to HM The Queen

3.30pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula



Please email [TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk](mailto:TowerOfLondonChapelAdministrator@hrp.org.uk) in advance to be added to the guest list, otherwise you will be denied entry.

### Save the date

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022



As part of our celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there will be a concert here in the chapel on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from the 28<sup>th</sup> February on the HRP website.

### Poem of the week

Mary Webb was an English novelist and poet active in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, whose work is set chiefly in Shropshire (God's own county, as the Chaplain is wont to remind everyone!), where she grew up. She may well have inherited literary genes, as she was descended from the great novelist Sir Walter Scott. However, it was her father who encouraged her writing and who believed she had a gift for writing, born out of a passion both for literature and the Shropshire countryside. Initially, she wrote poems, mainly for her siblings, but her fame spread with her historical romance *Precious Bane*, first published in 1924, and set in rural Shropshire during the Napoleonic Wars. *Snowdrop Time* is a poem highly appropriate for many gardens in February.

#### Snowdrop Time

Ah, hush! Tread softly through the rime,  
For there will be a blackbird singing, or a thrush.  
Like coloured beads the elm-buds flush:  
All the trees dream of leaves and flowers and light.  
And see! The northern bank is much more white  
Than frosty grass, for now is snowdrop time.

Mary Webb 1881-1927

## Regular Congregation Chapel Pass



If you are a regular member of our congregation, you may want to have a 'regulars' Chapel pass with your photograph. These help the security at the gate recognise our regular congregation when you attend Chapel services.

If you would like one made up for you, please send Debbie an email. Please either attach a photo of yourself to the email, send in a passport photo, or bring one with you when you are next in Chapel. Debbie will then make you a pass, which you can collect next time you attend.

## Jigsaw

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1ffda92f41c7>



## Orchid



From the world-famous Orchid garden in central Singapore. From the Chaplain's wife (Barbara) who is visiting three 'noisy' grandchildren.

## **Prayers**

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

## **RIP**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by the Omicron virus, both those ill at home and those in hospital.

### **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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