



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

Dear Friends,

This is very much a time of remembrance. It began with All Saints, which we celebrated on October 31st, followed by All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and next Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, is Remembrance Sunday. This is a deeply important time of the year for so many of us, as we recall those whom we love, but see no longer, as well as all the servicemen and women who gave their lives for their country at the time of most need. We also remember those who are still experiencing the mental and physical consequences of more recent conflicts, as well as the many civilians who died. The British Legion are out in force selling poppies to remind us of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to raise funds to care for those who are still suffering from the consequences of war.

Our own Garden of Remembrance has already become a focus of thought and reflection here in the Tower of London.



Please come and join us this Sunday at our Act of Remembrance. Many of us who work at the Tower have lost colleagues who served alongside us, and we remember them with love and respect. The Act of Remembrance begins at 1050am.

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

**Sunday Service Details – Remembrance Sunday**

0915 Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

**1050 Act of Remembrance** outside the chapel of St Peter ad Vincula  
(please note the change of time from 11am to 1050am)

**Call to Remembrance**

Let us remember the kindness of God,  
and his favour to us in time of need.

Let us remember and commend to His mercy and  
keeping, those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we have known, and those whose memory we  
treasure and all who have lived and died in the service of us all.

**Reading**

by The Governor: John 15: 9-17.

## Thought for the Day

From Canon Roger Hall

<https://youtu.be/T0GPB4a8fSQ>

## Poem

Rupert Brooke wrote two poems called *The Dead* in his collection of five war sonnets, entitled *1914 & Other Poems*, published in 1915 shortly after Brooke's early death. The book became hugely popular and was reprinted many times. The poem below was one of Brooke's personal favourites, although his sonnet *The Soldier*, in the same collection, is the one for which he is best known. Brooke, born in 1887, was academically talented both at Rugby and at King's College Cambridge, where he was awarded a Fellowship in 2013, and was known for his good looks, charm and his complicated emotional life, which eventually led to a nervous breakdown. As part of his recovery, he travelled widely, to Germany, the United States and Canada. Brooke enlisted in August 1914 and rapidly became famous as a war poet. Many of his poems, known for their idealism, were published posthumously. He died of sepsis from a mosquito bite on his way to the Dardanelles, aged only 27, in April 1915, and was buried on the Greek island of Skyros. In 1985 Brooke, together with 16 other first world war poets including Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, was commemorated on a memorial in Westminster Abbey.

### **The Dead**

These hearts were woven of human joys and cares,  
Washed marvellously with sorrow, swift to mirth.  
The years had given them kindness. Dawn was theirs,  
And sunset, and the colours of the earth.  
These had seen movement, and heard music; known  
Slumber and waking; loved; gone proudly friended;  
Felt the quick stir of wonder; sat alone;  
Touched flowers and furs and cheeks. All this is ended.

There are waters blown by changing winds to laughter  
And lit by the rich skies, all day. And after,  
Frost, with a gesture, stays the waves that dance  
And wandering loveliness. He leaves a white  
Unbroken glory, a gathered radiance,  
A width, a shining peace, under the night.

Rupert Brooke 1887- 1915

## Historic Royal Palaces – Standing with Giants

To commemorate and remember those who lost their lives in both World Wars and present-day conflicts, a new specially commissioned art installation will be on display in the East Front Gardens at Hampton Court Palace this November. The piece includes more than 100 specially commissioned silhouettes of soldiers, including Indian soldiers that camped in Home Park, Hampton Court. There will also be 75 screen-printed poppy wreaths as part of the installation.

The new installation has been created in partnership with **Standing with Giants**, a community-based art installation formed by Oxfordshire artist Dan Barton and a dedicated group of local volunteers. It will open on 3 November and run throughout the month, including Armistice Day on 11 November.

A guide will be available from the ticket office. It includes stories about Grace and Favour residents who were connected to the palace and the Indian Army camp in 1919.



## Tower of London

**Inside The Tower** returns to channel 5 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. Follow the link below for a preview.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1458005244944781313>

## Our Congregation

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Gemma and Mark were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula. And on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Edie and George were baptised.



## Jigsaw

Scottish piper and bugler, St Giles Cathedral, Act of Remembrance.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=19022ebdcf43>



## **A Prayer**

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

## **RIP**

RIP the Reverend Joe Rooney, Peter Woodford, Michelle Williams, David Garnett and Raymond Barrett; 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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