



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

Dear Friends,

This is Cortland standing in for Roger again this week. I hope that this Newsletter finds you well and safe. Laura and I recently had a few days in the Isle of Wight and spent a fascinating morning at Osborne House, Queen Victoria's favourite residence, designed by her beloved husband Prince Albert. We knew that Albert was artistically gifted but had not realised what an accomplished painter Victoria herself was. You can see examples of her skill here: [Queen Victorias watercolours and drawings \(rct.uk\)](http://rct.uk). Two of her daughters, Louise and Beatrice, inherited her talent, examples of which can also be seen on the island, especially at St Mildred's Church in Whippingham and at Carisbrooke Castle. We were away for only four nights but were reminded of the truth of the old chestnut that a change is as good as a rest. Getting away from our usual surroundings for just a few days and learning new things is immensely restorative. It is also something that we have all missed in the past eighteen months or so. Major travel plans may still seem a little risky but just a night or two away from one's routine can be really refreshing. We recommend it!

Sunday Service Details

7th November 2021 – Trinity 23

0915 Holy Communion (said) – St Peter ad Vincula

1100 Sung Matins – St Peter ad Vincula

Readings

Hebrews 9: 24 – end

Mark 1: 14-20

Collect for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, To hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we May obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Advance Notice – Remembrance Sunday

14th November is Remembrance Sunday

Please note the service begins at **1050am**
outside the Chapel by the Garden of
Remembrance.



Thought for the Day

From the Reverend Cortland Fransella

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Poem: 'Remember' by Christina Rossetti

Christina Georgina Rossetti (5 December 1830 – 29 December 1894) was an English writer of romantic, devotional and children's poems, including 'Goblin Market' and this poem – 'Remember'. She also wrote the words of two Christmas carols well known in Britain: 'In the Bleak Midwinter', later set by Gustav Holst and Harold Darke, and 'Love Came Down at Christmas', also set by Darke and other composers. She was a sister of the artist and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti and features in several of his paintings. This poem seems a suitable one in the days following our celebrations of All Saints and All Souls', when we remember those whom we love but see not more. Rossetti expresses well the mixed emotions of the bereaved by putting words into the mouth of the deceased. Those who have died wish to be remembered but, perhaps above all, they want those left behind to enjoy happiness.

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet, turning, stay.
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet, if you should forget me for a while,
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Our Congregation

On Saturday 30th October, Amelie was baptised in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.



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, Joe, and Bridget.

RIP

All those whom we commemorated at our All Souls' service on Tuesday 02 November; 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, Cortland



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