



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

Dear friends,

On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September Cortland and I are leading a group of Chapel members and friends on Pilgrimage to Turkey.

Therefore, this week's Newsletter covers both this week, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and next week, the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Chapel service details for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September are both enclosed. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

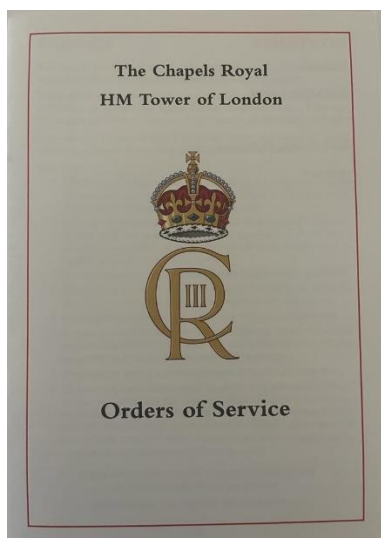
We are only away for one Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, and I am grateful to The Reverend Jonathan Beswick (vicar of our neighbouring parish of St Peter's Wapping) for kindly agreeing to take the services on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I am sure that you will make him welcome. Members of the Chapel community have been to Israel, Jordan (last year) and north Wales, and I am beginning to think about next year's Pilgrimage.

As I write this on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September and before today's Gun Salute, I am very conscious that it is exactly a year to the day since HM Queen Elizabeth II died and King Charles III ascend the throne.



## **Gun Salute, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

62 rounds were fired by HAC Regiment from the Tower of London to mark the first anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne.



As a Chapel Royal we pray for all the royal family at all public services, and I am pleased to say that our new service books have arrived and will be in use at next Sunday's service. We still have many good quality copies of the old service books and if you would like one as a keepsake then please let me know.

Thank you all for continuing to donate to the City of London Hygiene Bank <https://thehygienebank.com> Your support is much appreciated. A single item can make all the difference.

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

## **Date for the Diary**

**This year's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**



**Sunday service details – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**0915** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

**1100** Choral Matins St Peter ad Vincula

**Psalm 114**

**Readings**

Exodus 14|: 19-end

Matthew 18: 21-35

**Collect for Trinity 15**

**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.**

**Sunday service details – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**0915** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

**1100** Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula

**Readings**

Ephesians 3: 13-end

Luke 7: 11-17.

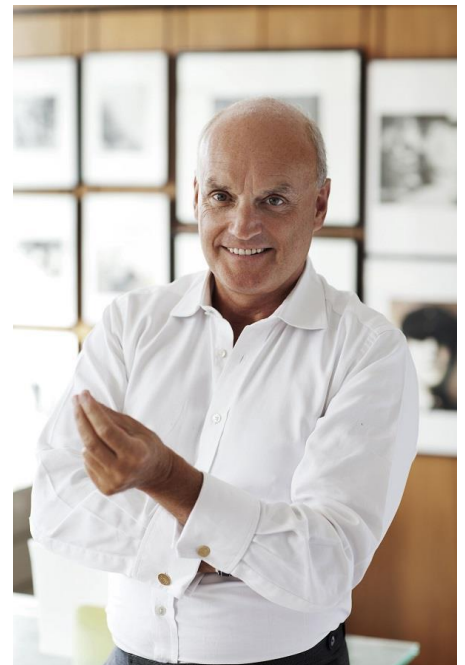
**Collect for Trinity 16**

**O Lord**, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity  
cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it  
cannot continue in safety without thy succour,  
preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Historic Royal Palaces**

HM The King has approved the appointment of Sir Nicholas Coleridge as the next Chair of Historic Royal Palaces from 1 November 2023.

Sir Nicholas brings a huge amount of experience as Chair, not least of the Victoria and Albert Museum, from which he stands down on 31 October. During his tenure, the V&A has embarked on a major expansion adding four new sites to its portfolio including V&A Dundee and Young V&A, while laying the groundwork for the opening of V&A East Museum and V&A East Storehouse in 2025. He is very excited about the role and has visited all of our palaces recently.





## **Our Congregation**

On (a very hot!) Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, Craig and Phoebe were married in the Chapel of St Peter ad Vincula.

Craig is a Team Leader in the Crown Jewels, and Phoebe is also a member of the Crown Jewels team, so it was very much a Tower wedding!





## **Jigsaw**

An interesting view over the Tower walls, looking West towards the city.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1078bcd15a41>



## **Prayers**

Please continue to remember those on our sick list, some of whom are very ill, amongst whom we name: Norma, Ann, Ros, Mark, Dan, Colin, Ian, Patti, Florence, Bridget, and Kofi.

## **RIP**

Suzy Vernon, Sheila Whittingham, Venerable Frank Johnson and Alec Smith

## **Please continue to pray for Ukraine:**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen

With best wishes to all, Roger.



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