

Thank you to SARAH HULME from St Ethelburga's Centre for peace and reconciliation, for leading the 3 G's discussion today.

NEWS

Join the **Enquirers Course**, starting this Wednesday 7.45 pm in Peter's Café **For anyone, from anywhere** with **any** faith questions.

Easter 3

26 April 2009

Next Sunday

RCL P 385

Acts 4. 5-12

Ps 23

1 John 3.16-24

John 10.11-18

'Enery's 'eritage

This year's most celebrated anniversary of the great and (in some cases) good, so far, is Charles Darwin, author of *The Origin of the Species*, whose 200th birthday fell on 12 February.

More recently, the BBC enthusiastically promoted the 250th anniversary of the death of the composer George Frideric Handel on 14 April 1759.

Last Tuesday saw another milestone. It attracted less public attention, but was just as momentous as Darwin's birth and Handel's death: 21 April 1509, when Henry VIII became king.

Within 10 weeks, Henry had married his late brother's widow Catherine (the first of his six wives), been crowned in Westmin-

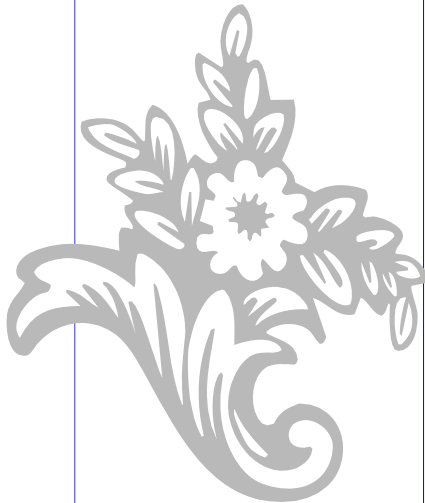
ster Abbey and, finally, reached the age of 18. Henry's determination to father a legitimate male heir to the throne, Catherine's inability to provide him with one and the Pope's reluctance to annul their marriage set the stage for the break



with the Church of Rome. Today, as in Henry's time, we seem at the mercy of powerful forces beyond the control of ordinary people. Two things stand out about Henry and his struggles. (1) His main aim, to

found a dynasty, ended in failure, for all three of his legitimate children inherited the throne in turn but died without issue. (2) But in the process, he re-founded the Church of England with the Monarch as its head. By evolving into a middle way ('via media') between Catholic and Protestant ways of understanding scripture and tradition, the CofE, though never perfect, may be the most lasting achievement of Henry's turbulent reign.

500 years' hindsight offer some encouragement that, amidst the upheavals of our own day, we too can trust that *all things work together for those who love God* (Romans 8.28) – even if it may take another 500 years to know how this will come about. DG



Next Sunday's Hymns

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet 282

Father, hear the prayer (4vv) 120

The King of love 484

He is Lord 204

Jesus Prince and Saviour 274

(tune : *Onward, Christian Soldiers*)

Please pray for...

27 April : Angie, Chyna and Baby AHERTON - MASON

28 April : Dennis BAILEY

29 April : Amanda, Ebo & Nyamba BART- PLAGE

30 April : Joy & family BEISHON

1 May : Gabriela, Octavian & Laura BEJAN

ALL THOSE who are joining the new Enquirers' Course and who have started the Open Door retreat.

ALL THOSE caught up in the Sri Lankan chaos.



Notices

St PETER'S application for a grant to make the church grounds and garden look very beautiful now the ramps are completed, has been shortlisted! We will know by the end of May if we have been given the funds to go ahead with the design plans, given to St Peter's by Anthony Darbyshire, a local landscape gardener. These include soil and plants, benches and bird boxes, murals and outside café space. So don't despair – with the help of the De Beauvoir Gardeners and other keen naturalists we will get there. *Gillian B.*

FOOD FOR ALL : The Hackney Debates. The BBC News correspondent GEORGE ALAGIAH is patron of the Fairtrade Foundation, and a resident of Hackney. He will



be launching this first in a series of debates on the big issues of our times, starting with Fair Trade. This will raise money for the Crypt development, so make a date in your diary for June 5th at 7.30pm in Church.

FAITH QUESTIONS a chance to explore questions about faith, religion and spirituality in a series of conversations in the crypt café beginning on Wednesday 29 April at 7.45pm. This is for anyone who's interested: for people who come to church as well as for people who don't. We need help to provide refreshments or crèche facilities. If you'd like to come along, help or find out more,

please contact Daniel.

CHILDREN'S ART CLUB
10 week course is starting *this Thursday 30th April, 4 - 6pm in The Crypt* for children 8-12 yrs—£10 per session.
LIFE DRAWING 10 week course on Thursdays 7 - 9pm starting 30th April in The Crypt. £10 per session.
Concessions available Contact Sophie : 020 7249 1114

PCC MEETINGS for your diary :
1 : Thursday 30th April 7.30, informal buffet meeting @ the Gerranses, 19 College Cross;
2 : Thursday 14th May, 7.30 in the Crypt, first full meeting
3 : Training session, for new and not so new PPC members, Monday 1st June 7.30—9.30 pm @ St Anne's Hoxton. Please let Daniel

People of God

The fundraising team : MAYA BHOSE, AMANDA DAVIES, VIVETTE FERGUSON, DANIEL GERRANS, MICHAEL LAZAR, IAN McECHANIE-JARVIS, CLEO SYL-VESTER and JULIET WEBSTER are taking forward fundraising initiatives for the Crypt development.



JUDITH HALE celebrated the first day of the rest of her life in festive style last Monday.

JERMAINE STCLARE was thrilled to find that the daffodil bulb she'd planted in deepest February burst into flower exactly on Easter Sunday.

The FREEDOM CLUB learned about local music hall star Marie Lloyd and sang in her honour.

NAOMI SUTHERLAND's solo at the Good Friday service was gratefully noted by the worship team. BELLE BRIGGS always thought lilies of the valley were a soap until she met the real thing.

Find out more

Clergy Team

JULIA PORTER-PRYCE is on sabbatical from 13 April-30 May

DANIEL GERRANS can be contacted on 07949 783079 week-days either between 1.30-2pm or 9.30-10 pm or leave a message!

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