

Bring us your cakes,
and bric a brac..
And yourselves!

NEWS

..for the Spring fund
raiser outside Church
on Saturday 16th May

Easter 4

3 May 2009

Next Sunday

RCL 387

Acts 8. 26-40

Psalms 22. 24-30

1 John 4. 7-21

John 15. 1-8



Next Sunday's Hymns

Awake, awake 49

There's a wideness 501
(3vv)

Lord, Thy word 318
abideth

And now O Father 32

God is love : His 169
the care

I'm glad you asked that question

"Are you very holy?" asked Naseema.

We had just established that we both believed in God, and that I went to church. I didn't feel the need to ask her the same question, because she wore a black headscarf and a long black tunic over her jeans. I was touched by Naseema's question, and I began wondering what *holy* meant to her, as a Muslim. I wish I could have asked her, but it was time to start the class. Naseema was there as the IT expert, to show my students where to click and what to press, as my expertise is not at all

in the field of IT.

No, Naseema, I'm not really very holy, but thank you for asking the question. The next question is, if I'm not very holy, what do I get out of going to church?



It happened that I asked that same question of someone attending the same course as me, at the Museum of London. We

had just established that we both went to church, and I asked the question, out of curiosity. He blinked, in that nervous way that way near strangers do, when the subject of religion is touched upon.

But he must have decided it was a fair question, because he said firmly, "People".

"Yes, people," I said, "and music."

To sum up, I'm not very holy, and I am grateful for the people I see at church, and for the music. I wonder if there is a little bit of holiness in gratitude for people and for music.

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Please pray for...

4 May : Maya BHOSE

5 May : Pamela BLOOD

6 May : Gillian, Michael,
George & Tom BORRIE

7 May : Christine, Luke,
Jazzelle and Monique
BRAMBLE

8 May : Zofia, Teresa,
James, Christopher
BOYD

ALL THOSE involved in
the law : police, juries,
lawyers, judges, and all
those serving sentences
or in the prison service.

WE PRAY for all those
threatened by a flu epi-
demic, and those work-
ing to prevent it.



Notices

FAITH QUESTIONS a chance to explore questions about faith, religion and spirituality in a series of conversations in the Crypt Café, continuing on Wednesday 6 May 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 continuing this Thursday 7th May, 4 - 6pm in The Crypt for children 8-12 yrs—£10 per session.
LIFE DRAWING 10 week course on Thursdays 7 - 9pm in the Crypt. £10 per session.

Concessions available
Contact
Sophie : 020 7249 1114

DIARY DATES

for **MAY**:
FOOD FOR ALL: The

Thursday 14th Hackney Debates. The PCC meeting

BBC News correspondent

GEORGE ALAGIAH is patron of the Fair-trade Foundation, and a resident of Hackney. He will be launching this

Thursday 21st (Ascension Day) 7.30 Low Mass

The Hackney Debates **FOOD FOR ALL**



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The BBC News correspondent **GEORGE ALAGIAH** is patron of the Fair-trade Foundation, and a resident of Hackney. He will be launching this first in a series of debates on today's big issues, starting with Fair Trade.

**Friday June 5th at 7.30pm
 in Church**

The event will raise money for the Crypt development. Make a date in your diary, and tell your friends.

People of God

DENNIS BAILEY found his way to the Freedom Club on Tuesday, but was not in a hurry to join **CEC DARKER'S** freedom dance—unlike **OLGA HALL**, **RUBY HAY**, **GLENDA HUBBARD**, **VIOLA JOSEPH**, **CLEO PALMER**, **LORRAINE SANIE** and **JERMAINE ST CLARE** who threw

themselves into the experience with **GRACE** and **GUSTO** (two welcome guests). **ELIZABETH HAINES** invited some helpful dogs to come and shift stuff from the crypt to the tower. **LIZ KOHLER** is mightily relieved that a new head has been appointed to take over from her at the end of term.

EILEEN MOORE is fed up with being stuck at home again after a fall. **SANDRA KENNEALY**, **LIZ NIGHTINGALE** and **BRENDA HERBERT** were at the first Enquirers meeting with **DANIEL GERRANS** in Peter's Café on Wednesday night, while at the same time in the 'Posh Room' **GORDON WEBB**, **BELLE BRIGGS**, **GLENDA HUBBARD**, and **CAROLINE** and **MIKE LAZAR** were playing with clay.

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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