

**ASCENSION DAY :**  
*Low Mass on Thursday  
 May 21st at 7.30 pm*

# NEWS

**MARY SEACOLE :**  
*at the Rosemary Branch  
 Tuesday June 2nd at 1 pm*

EASTER 6

17 MAY 2009

Next Sunday  
 Easter 7

RCL P 391  
 Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26  
 Psalm 1  
 1 John 5. 9-13  
 John 17. 6-19



Next Sunday's  
 Hymns:

- Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour 309
- The strife is o'er 495
- Crown Him with many crowns 103
- Come, risen Lord 96
- Hail the day that sees Him rise 191

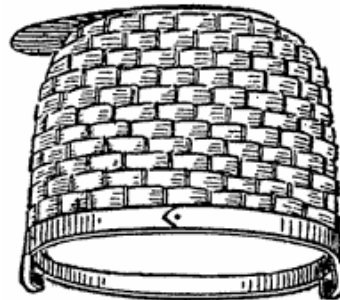
## No hiding place for talents

I recently interviewed Giles Long, a Paralympian who has won several Gold medals and who is blessed with an incredibly positive attitude and inspiring determination. Diagnosed with cancer when he was 13, he managed to continue his promising career as a swimmer. With the help of his trainers, he developed a new way of swimming breaststroke with one arm and went on to break world records.

We were talking about talent, and how employers can make the most of the talents of their disabled employees. He said something that made me stop and think. There was nothing

wrong with trying things out and discovering they didn't work, he said. There was still something positive to be learnt from knowing not to try it again.

Our conversation got me thinking about talents, and how these days, it is often



One bushel, many talents

narrowly defined as being the domain of a successful singer, or footballer, or TV reality show contestant. Indeed, people with no dis-

cernable talent become rich and famous – and are lauded as a success.

Christianity tells us that we each have a light, and none of us should hide it under a bushel. We may not be a great singer, or sportsperson – I'm certainly neither! – but we each have our God-given talents. It could be that we are a good listener, caring, a good neighbour or level-headed in a crisis.

These are not the talents that are celebrated in media like Heat magazine or Ok! It can also take time to find out what our talents are and find a good use for them. Yet when we do, it can bring us a little closer to the person God intends us to be. LN

## Please pray for...

18 May Sue and Tom BUSH 19 May Cynthia CAMPBELL 20 May Wendy and James CODRINGTON and family 21 May Sarah CONNEELY and family 22 May Coreen CUMMINGS and family

**Confirmation on May 31st** We hold in our prayers Adaeze ASADU, Jessica GEORGE-CONNELLY, Kezia ESIEN, Keironah JOHNSON, Sianna MCDONALD and Tae

PUNTER, preparing for Confirmation at Pentecost, May 31st. Also we pray for Sharon JOHN and Lynn BROADHEAD who have been helping them prepare. And for Bishop STEPHEN who will confirm them.



# Notices

**THE CHURCH GARDEN .. will not be staying the desert that it now is. New soil will soon go in, but by then it will be too late/dry to plant. So a small group of local - and church - people are working hard to make some wonderful new planting plans for the Autumn. And the BEST NEWS: the Funding Committee have been successful in obtaining a grant towards financing this. YES.**

**FAITH QUESTIONS** At the Faith Questions group, Daniel Gerrans met Joanne Moss who helped him train as a lawyer more years ago than either cares to remember'. The course continues

on Wednesday nights, 7.45 in Peter's Café. It offers a chance to explore questions about faith, religion and spirituality in an informal setting.

**TWO ART CLUBS are going strong on THURSDAYS in the Crypt. 4-6 pm for Children aged 8-12 years, and 7-9 pm a LIFE DRAWING class. It is possible to join single sessions. For more information contact Sophie on 020 7249 1114**

## The Hackney Debates **FOOD FOR ALL**



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 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. Tell your friends to come and join us in the debate.

# People of God



Judith HALE is happy that her new liberty enables her to visit her mum in the Midlands midweek (as well as skipping off to New York for a quick trip with Amy) Eileen HARRISON found the wildest images to describe 'wings' to the unsuspecting Freedom Club. The soup at PETER'S CAFÉ is better than ever and needs urgent sampling. Cleo SYLVESTRE has

generously offered to do a special matinee performance for a St Peter's audience @ 1pm on Tuesday 2nd June at the Rosemary Branch. A big thank you to Michael DAVIES for organising yesterday's fund raising stalls, and to EVERYONE who helped/baked/bought. Glenda HUBBARD has been suffering from a bad cold. Kate GREEN is also afflicted The

OPEN DOOR RETREAT group has been extolling the values of community life. Good luck to Savannah JOHN, who'll be doing a sponsored walk in the City to raise money for Christian Aid after church today. Congratulations to Pauline MATHESON whose daughter Elena has given birth to a healthy and lovely boy on 27 April

# Find out more

## Clergy Team

JULIA PORTER-PRYCE is on sabbatical from 13 April-30 May. DANIEL GERRANS can be contacted on 07949 783079 weekdays between 1.30-2pm or 9.30-10 pm or leave a message:/email: [daniel.gerrans@xxiv.co.uk](mailto:daniel.gerrans@xxiv.co.uk)

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