

MARY SEACOLE
at the Rosemary Branch
Tuesday June 2 at 1pm

NEWS

GEORGE ALAGIAH
in first HACKNEY DEBATE
Friday June 5 at 7.30 pm

EASTER 6

24 MAY 2009

Next Sunday :
Pentecost

RCL P 394
Acts 2. 1 - 21
Psalm 104. 25 - 35, 37
Romans 8. 22 - 7
John 15. 26 - 27,
16. 4b -15



Next Sunday's
Hymns:

Eternal ruler of the ceaseless rounds	115
Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost	184
Come down, O love Divine	90
Spirit of the living God	454
The Spirit lives to set us free	494

The Battle of the Buses Comes to a Close

The buses swing round Newington Green, carrying useful information and advice on their sides. The 236 offers *The best chance to stop smoking*, to anybody who has time to note the contact details before the bus disappears down Newington Road. A few minutes later the 476 passes, with the laconic message *Paper, glass and cans aren't rubbish*. Well. The 73's message is purely practical: *Buy tickets before boarding*. Another 236 roars past, allowing barely a glimpse of *Untangle yourself...* Something about wireless connection.

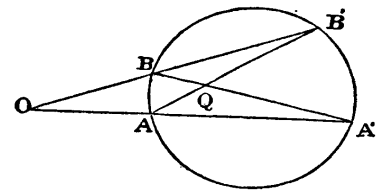
Here comes another 476 with a different slogan, telling the Green that *There definitely is a God, so stop worrying and enjoy the rest of your life* - a riposte to the British Humanist Association's previous bus-side advert of *There probably is no God, so stop worrying and enjoy the rest of your life*. This campaign is mounted by the Christian Party, who propose extremely conservative, not to say uncharitable, policies.

The Trinitarian Bible Society have appeared on buses too, with a line from Psalm 93: *The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God*. It's a powerful line, in yellow letters on a black ground and looks terrifying.

And the Russian Orthodox Church have had *There IS God. Believe. Don't worry, and enjoy your life*, on central London buses. They say that they have had direct experience of life in an atheist society, and it was not joyful.

This *probably* and *definitely* are unsatisfying. How about a quotation from St Augustine (354 – 430 AD): *God is a circle whose circumference is nowhere and whose centre is everywhere*. Would that fit on the side of a bendy bus, do you think.

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Please pray for...



25 May Rita, and Kate DALLAS & family 26 May Sarah DALLAS and family 27 May Laurel DANIELS 28 May Boache DANKWAH, Eva KESSEL and their family 29 May Michael and Amanda DAVIES and their family

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

people 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

MARY SEACOLE at the Rosemary Branch Theatre : **Cleo Sylvestre** is giving a special Matinee performance on **Tuesday 2nd June @ 1 pm** for **St Peter's Freedom Club** and anyone else who would like to learn more about the amazing 'Mother Seacole'.

THE CHURCH GARDEN will not for ever be the desert it now is. New soil will soon go in, but by then it will be too late/dry to plant. So a dedicated community group is working hard to make some wonderful new planting plans for the autumn. And the **BEST NEWS** : the Funding Committee has been successful in getting a grant for financing this.

FAITH QUESTIONS, an opportunity to explore questions about faith, religion and spirituality in an informal setting, is continuing on **Wednesday nights 7.45 @Peter's Cafe** **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. 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

Nia JOHN is keen to help Sharon JOHN demonstrate the tricks of the game to Whitmore's netball team. We welcome back her grandmother Winnie JOHN. Julia PORTER will be licensed as Area Dean of Hackney on June 8 at St Martin's in the Field. As an intrepid 14-year old, Daniel GERRANS went up and *right over the top* on a moving 'pod stair' (pa-

ternoster) and lived to tell the scary tale. A squeaky bike sent Peter DAY to California to talk to the man who invented WD 40. Ruby HAY wishes someone would invent something like WD 40 for rusty joints. Leila MYERS warned against asking for Christophene in a Chinese shop. Lorraine SANIE made many hungry guests in Peter's Café happy with cake



and trifle. SPEAK workers and PETER'S CAFE guests cheered the Freedom Club's steamy choreography of Hot, Hot, Hot. Many thanks to CEC DARKER who fired up the Freedom Club in four hugely enjoyable dance sessions. A roomful of St Peter's women discussed Ed Husain's topical book *The Islamist*.

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

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