

The Archbishop 'drops in' for lunch

DR ROWAN Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, dropped in for lunch at the 999 Club in Deptford Broadway on Friday 14 October

The Archbishop was greeted by founder and chairman Patricia Wyndham MBE and co-founder Iris French, Director of the 999 Club. Patricia Wyndham said, "The Archbishop's visit is an enormous encouragement, not only for us in our work among the most vulnerable people in the community, but for everyone who uses the 999 Club!

This South London 'open house' drop-in has been welcoming lonely, depressed and vulnerable for the past 13 years. It started in the crypt of St Paul's Church, Deptford. Today there are three centres - in Deptford Broadway, at All Saints Church, New Cross, and in Downham, open weekdays between 10am and 5pm.

The clubs take referrals from GPs, community mental health teams and hospitals, the police and prison service, the courts, housing and benefits offices and many others. They also welcome anyone who simply 'drops in' - whether they need friendship, help, advice or just someone to talk to over a cup of tea.



AT THE END of September a group of Southwark Cursillistas represented the Diocese at the annual National Ultreya in Chichester. They joined over 300 cursillistas from all over the country, and beyond, for a reunion in a local school before a Walk of Witness through the city centre ending up at the Cathedral for a Eucharist, presided by Bishop Lindsey Urwin -Bishop of Horsham and himself a cursillista.



'The Carol Collection'

A new CD has been recorded by the choir of Southwark Cathedral to showcase a new publication from the Royal School of Church Music 'The Carol Book'. It lasts 75 minutes including 30 carols, ranging from Joy to the World to the Calypso Carol, with the boys, girls and men of the choir clearly enjoying every moment. The CD is available from the Cathedral Shop at £14.99.

A book for Christmas?



Diocese of Southwark 1905-2005 - A Centennial Celebration

By Rev. Antony Hurst

THE DIOCESE of Southwark was founded in 1905 - a community bound by a shared history and a shared vision of the future. Our history includes its share of excitement and of hope: the expansion and enrichment of South London as suburbia extended outwards with its vision of a new and improved lifestyle, the arrival of Commonwealth immigrants bringing with them cultural diversity, the revolution in attitudes and behaviour during the sixties and the big shift in patterns of living and working during the eighties and nineties.

This history also includes its share of sadness: the poverty of the South London riverside in

Edwardian times, the traumatic horrors of the Blitz, industrial London's decline, the erosion of the suburban dream and more recently the emergence of a new excluded underclass.

In all this history the Church has played a significant part, sometimes low-key - 'little unremembered acts of kindness and of love' - and sometimes a leading role, for example when it assumed new social responsibilities during wartime and when it was at the forefront of the sixties revolution with "South Bank Religion" and the publication of "Honest to God".

The Church has held communities together and given people an enhanced sense of their own identity. During times of social upheaval it has played its part in emphasising that there are some aspects of life which don't change because certain values are eternal.

This book is written both for people who attend their churches regularly and for those who don't - we are all bound together by our common humanity under the love of God, irrespective of whether we or not we choose to give God the credit.

As the Diocese of Southwark enters its second century, a better understanding of what went on during its first can only enhance the depth of our humility and expand our hope's dimensions.

Written by Rev Antony Hurst, this book would make an ideal Christmas present for anyone interested in the Diocese of Southwark and its history.

Copies are available from the Cathedral Bookshop or by post from the Centenary Administrator, Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London, SE1 1HW for £5 plus 75p postage and packing.

TRAINING MATTERS



Reader Training

Have you ever thought about becoming a Reader?

If you would like to find out more about Reader ministry, there will be an **Open Evening at Trinity House on Tuesday 15 November from 6.30-8.00pm.**

It will be a very informal evening, with plenty of opportunities to talk to experienced Readers about their ministry, and to people who are on the training course at the moment.

Drinks and light snacks will be provided. To register, please contact Sue Maree - or simply turn up on the night.

For further information, please contact Sue Maree, the Diocesan Training Administrator, 020 7939 9475, email: sue.maree@southwark.anglican.org

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100 years Southwark Diocese

1981

- First Space Shuttle - Columbia - launched
- Assassination attempts on the Pope and President Reagan
- Wedding of Prince Charles & Lady Diana Spencer

1982

- Falklands War
- Women's peace protest at Greenham Common
- The 'Mary Rose' is raised

All our yesterdays... 1981-90

- 1983**
- Front seatbelts compulsory in the UK
 - Thrust 2 sets new land speed record of 633.468 mph
 - Brinks Mat robbery
- 1984**
- York Minster Fire
 - Soviet Union boycotts Los Angeles Olympics
 - Ethiopian famine
- 1985**
- Live Aid
 - Heysel Stadium disaster
 - Mohammed Al Fayed buys Harrods

- 1986**
- Space Shuttle Challenger explodes on lift-off
 - Chernobyl
 - Desmond Tutu becomes Archbishop of Cape Town
- 1987**
- Hurricane hits UK
 - Hungerford Massacre
 - Zeebrugge ferry disaster
- 1988**
- Australia celebrates Bi-centenary
 - Pan-Am 103 is blown up over Lockerbie

- Clapham Junction rail crash
- 1989**
- Hillsborough disaster
 - Tiananmen Square protests
 - Berlin Wall dismantled
- 1990**
- Nelson Mandela freed from prison after 27 years
 - Iraq invades Kuwait
 - Margaret Thatcher resigns and is replaced by John Major