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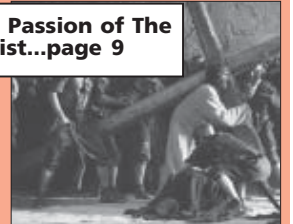


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Children bring Lent Call gifts to the Cathedral

At a lively and colourful service in Southwark Cathedral on 6 May Bishop Tom received the money collected by schools in the Diocese which had taken part in the Bishop's 2004 Lent Call Appeal.

There was a dance item from Trinity St Mary Primary School, Balham, and music from St Cecilia's, Wandsworth, the newest of the church schools within the Diocese.

Three pupils from Macaulay Primary School, Clapham read the lesson and five from St John's Primary School, Caterham led the prayers.

Over 300 pupils from 16 CofE Schools in the Diocese at the service, where around £8,250

was presented, with more money coming in.

The money collected will support projects in Pakistan, Bosnia, South India, Zimbabwe and Angell Town, Brixton.

Bishop Tom thanked the pupils for their generosity and joked "it's always important to have a strong verger to receive the money as one year a school brought £2,000 in coins."

This year, fortunately, the money all came in cheques!



Freedom of Southwark for D B-S



Photo: Douglas Bartles-Smith is presented with the Freedom of the Borough by Southwark Mayor Cllr Columba Blango

The Ven. Douglas Bartles-Smith, former Archdeacon of Southwark, has been given the Freedom of the Borough by Southwark Council for services to the people of Southwark.

The Freedom was bestowed on him on Saturday 8 May in St George's Cathedral.

Nominating him for the award, Borough Councillors James Gurling and Robert Smeath, spoke of his enormous contribution to the people of the Borough through his work with the Church Urban Fund; as Chair of the Southwark and London Diocesan Housing Association and as a member of Southwark Council's Education, Leisure and Scrutiny Committees.

The citation says he 'strongly encouraged the churches to be

more involved in the regeneration of their area for the benefit of local people, especially through community work'.

In his acceptance speech, Douglas spoke of the need for pressure to be brought to bear on the affluent and on government not to forget those who live in poverty and on the margins.

Douglas Bartles-Smith who now lives in his native Shrewsbury says that he is delighted to have been honoured in this way and to have a permanent link with Southwark where he spent most of his ministry.

Bishop Tom said "It was a pleasure to support Douglas Bartles-Smith as he was given the Freedom of Southwark Borough. His work in the area over many years did much to transform it and to see that those who live on the margins were not forgotten. This honour is well deserved."

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