



St. Hilda's Newsletter

September 2023

Father Joseph

When Father Joseph left St Hilda's Church in May he was presented with a cheque for £700 from the congregation. It was suggested that he put it towards the new style of cassock that he is now entitled to wear as a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral

Father Joseph recently visited St Hilda's to officiate at a celebration and the renewal of wedding vows on the 30th anniversary of the marriage of Paula and Nick Gething. On the very morning of this special occasion his new cassock was delivered so he was able to wear it for the first time back in St Hilda's.

I am sure you will agree that Father Joseph looks the part.

Joyce Rouse



That's Teamwork!

Have you ever considered what goes into the smooth running of a Sunday service?

It begins months in advance when people prepare the rotas for presiding minister and preacher. During the vacancy this involves phoning around to find cover for the services not taken by our resident retired priests and Licenced Lay Minister. Rotas also need to be prepared for sidespeople and intercessors to lead the prayers, servers, people to administer the chalice, flower arrangers, and people to serve the refreshments. The choir don't need a rota because they are on duty every Sunday except during August. For readers, someone has first to find which readings are to be used each week and then produce a document of the text of the first and second readings to be distributed to the people on those rotas.

Three or so weeks before the service, a small team from the choir pick the hymns to be used taking into consideration the readings for the day. Then someone sorts out the text of the hymns, and someone makes sure we have an accompaniment for them. Most of these are taken from a useful web site, but some are commissioned recordings from one of our talented musicians.

In the week before the service the preacher composes the sermon, the intercessor prepares the prayers, and the readers familiarise themselves with their readings. Someone prepares the service sheet with the texts of the readings and hymns from earlier activities. This is then vetted by the presiding minister and printed by the Parish Administrator in time for the choir to use it to practise the hymns. The flower arrangers decorate the church.

On the Sunday morning a number of people arrive early to open the church, put the 'Sunday Service' notice out on the pavement. They then fill and switch on the urns and set out the mugs etc. for refreshments, prepare the altar, prepare the equipment for streaming the service, switch on the sound system, and put out the microphones. They should then be ready to greet the rest of the congregation and hand out the service sheets to them. They count the congregation as they arrive for diocesan statistics, and so that the minister knows how many communion wafers to consecrate.

At the appropriate times in the service, the prepared work is used: the choir leads the singing and responses, the readers read, the intercessor prays, and the preacher preaches. The sidespeople take the collection and the servers and chalice administrator step forward for their duties. The members of the congregation take their part in the worship.

After the service the sacristan and servers clear up the altar, the refreshments are served by that week's volunteers, who then do the washing up and clearing away. Others stop the streaming and put away the equipment. The microphones are put on to charge, and someone will put away the pavement sign. The churchwardens count the collection and put it in the safe.

Meanwhile, the Junior Church team have been organising and running the activities and worship for the children.

It's all a wonderful example of teamwork, as each small (or not so small) task contributes to the worship of God.

In addition to all of the above, there are many maintenance and administration tasks which are carried out in the background. These include cleaning, gardening, ordering the wine and wafers for the sacrament, recording and banking the cash, facilitating study groups, running the Wednesday lunches and Saturday breakfasts and other weekly activities, as well as producing this Newsletter. Those who are not able to support with the practical tasks have the important role of praying for the rest of us. Apologies if you carry out a role that I have forgotten to mention.

If you would like to play a part in this large team, then please speak to a member of the PCC.

Rosemary Greenwood

Margaret Perry

Several people have asked me about Margaret Perry who is now in a care home in Old Woking. She has been there for 12 weeks and her daughter tells me that she is happy there, although very muddled. She has made friends with another resident and has found her feet and a little niche for herself. She also corrects some of the carers' English so you will see that once a teacher always a teacher! I have her address if anyone would like it.

Marion Scholar

ALMA Sunday – 23rd July, 2023

The Angola London Mozambique Association (ALMA) is a Companion Link Partnership that has existed now for 25 years between the Anglican churches in the London Diocese, Angola and Mozambique. This started in St Paul Cathedral in July 1998 and a renewed Covenant was signed last summer when all the ALMA Bishops were together at the 2022 Lambeth Conference.

The Republic of Mozambique is located in south eastern Africa bordered by the Indian Ocean to the east, Tanzania to the north, Malawi and Zambia to the northwest, Zimbabwe to the west, and Eswatini and South Africa to the southwest. Our link Parish, Holy Cross, Murrupula is situated in the Diocese of Nampula, which is in the North of the Republic in an area frequently affected by disruptive weather.

There was a Eucharist service celebrating the Diocese of London's link with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique on ALMA Sunday at St Paul's Cathedral and Paula & Nick Gething and I attended. The service was led by The Bishop of London, The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE and the sermon was given by The Right Reverend Manuel Ernesto, Bishop of Nampula, Mozambique.

It was a very inspiring service with representatives from other London parishes and groups from Mozambique and Angola who had travelled over to join in this celebration.



*Bishop Emma, Sheena from ALMA,
and Bishop Manuel from Nampula*



Photo taken at the ALMA service

Over the 25 years there have been reasons to celebrate:-

- The church in Mozambique has grown from 2 to 3 to 8 Dioceses and from 1 to 4 Dioceses in Angola.
- In September 2021 the ALMA partners became an autonomous Portuguese speaking province of the Anglican Communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury visiting in November 2022 to formally inaugurate *Igreja Anglicana de Mozambique Angola* (IAMA). You may remember that Fr Joseph accompanied The Right Reverend Justin Welby on this tour.

There have also been reasons to mourn:-

- The impact of the Cabo Delgado conflict in Northern Mozambique with over one million internally displaced people who have suffered hugely.
- The impact of climate emergencies, with drought in Angola and cyclones in Mozambique and the floods earlier this year which regularly destroy homes, churches, clinics, schools and core infrastructure. Our 2023 Lent Appeal helped support the people living in the area.

If you would like to know more about the link we have with Holy Cross, Murrupula or about the Diocesan ALMA Partnership please ask.

Liz Brian

July Garden Party Lunch

At our July Garden Party members of St Hilda's Mothers' Union ran a Bring and Buy table to support the Mothers' Union national campaign: Summer of Hope. We made £114.70, which we increased to £150 with money from our funds.



Mothers' Union, Summer of Hope, is a national campaign to raise funds to support their work in the UK and across the world: in 84 countries.

This is from MU leaflet sharing a story about how the money is spent.

Here in the UK, the cost of living crisis is adding tremendous strain for families already going through incredibly difficult times. Mothers' Union helps parents and children facing adversity have a much needed break away together. A time where they can enjoy being with one another and put aside the stresses and strains of everyday life. Parents Claire and Andy have two sons. Claire told us: "Alex (15 years old) had brain surgery in 2020, which left him with epilepsy, and Toby (14) was donated a kidney just before Christmas by my husband." The family's life revolves around hospital

appointments, blood tests, ordering catheters, queuing in pharmacies, and “anything not related to health had taken a back seat.” Mothers’ Union members arranged a week’s break away from it all for the family on the beautiful Welsh coast. “I cannot articulate the benefit we have gained from this trip,” says Claire. “We were broken and felt repaired. Your kindness and generosity reminded us that we are not alone, but that we are blessed. Sometimes it is hard to stay positive and my faith has been truly tested but we are galvanised again.

Well done to all members at St Hilda’s who raised the funds!

Rosalyn Young

Confirmations

There will be a Service of Confirmation at St Hilda’s on 5th November 2023. If you are thinking about being Confirmed, and are thirteen or over this next academic year, please talk with Rosalyn Young. Also speak with her if you would like to find out more about what it means to be Confirmed.

We aim to begin a series of meetings in preparation for this next stage on your Christian journey in September. More details to follow.

Rosalyn Young



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Upcoming Events

St Hilda's Community Breakfast

Saturday 9th September 9:30am *suggested donation £5*

St Hilda's Quiz Night

Saturday 16th September 7pm

contact the Parish Office for more details.

Oliver! @ Rhoda McGaw Theatre Woking

Wednesday 25th – Saturday 28th October 7:30pm

tickets from www.atgtickets.com/shows.oliver.rhoda-mcgaw-theatre-woking/

Pantomime: Jack & the Beanstalk

Tickets available from www.sthildasentertainers.com

Friday 1st & 8th December | Saturday 2nd & 9th December

Bible Study

Every Wednesday
7:30pm

All welcome
Meet in Church



Community Lunch

Every Wednesday at 12pm

Join us in Church for the
Community Lunch at midday.



Frost Fayre

St Hilda's is planning a Frost Fayre on 4th November this year, and would be grateful for contributions towards the stalls. In particular, if you enjoy making jams or pickles of any kind we would love you to get involved.

Please see Paula Gething for more details.

Want to contribute?

It would be preferred if all submissions were between 250 and 500 words to save on editing time. Please write in Calibri 12 point.

Pictures/photographs are encouraged, but please select only one or two that you want included with the article.

We would welcome contributions for a children's page, or articles about the wider church.

Please email all contributions to the **NEW** email address:

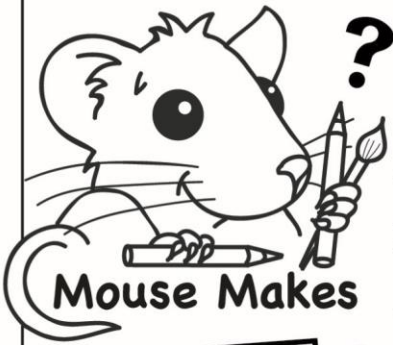
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Church contact details

If you would like help or to speak to one of the ministry team, please contact the parish office:

Telephone 01784 253525

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WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

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- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

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- Mother of John (Luke 1:3)
- Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)

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- Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)
- His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

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- Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)
- A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

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- Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)

IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...

What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

AKNNC

EQNFR

FMZSR

EKHDR

CHRDZRD

OKZFTD

GZHK

KNBTRSR

CZQJMDRR



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

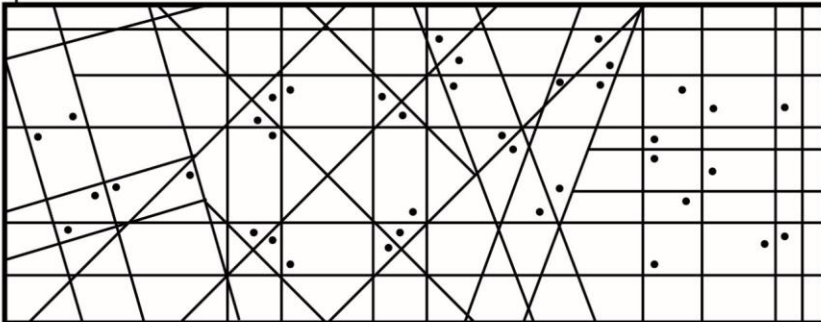
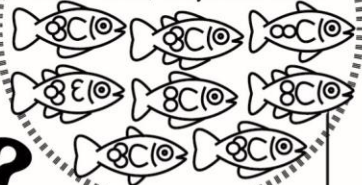
Match the wife to their husband

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| MARY | BOAZ |
| SARAH | JACOB |
| RUTH | ZECHARIAH |
| REBEKAH | JOSEPH |
| RACHEL | ABRAHAM |
| ELIZABETH | ISAAC |



FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus want us to do

