



**ONE FAMILY  
ONE DESTINY**

Welcome to St Hilda's Church



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Dear Friend

## A very warm welcome to St Hilda's Church!

We are indeed blessed by your presence.

St Hilda's has been serving the Katong neighbourhood since 1934. Our Church family today comes from all parts of Singapore. Whether you are visiting our Church for a day or would like to have a chat or know more about us, please feel free to drop by our Office or call +65 6344 3463. You can also write to us at [church@sthildas.org.sg](mailto:church@sthildas.org.sg) if you have any questions or comments. Our website is [www.sthildas.org.sg](http://www.sthildas.org.sg).

In the following pages you will get to know more about our Church and how we are shaped by five purposes as a community. We hope you will feel at home with us.

God Bless.

Archdeacon Wong Tak Meng  
Vicar  
St Hilda's Church







St Andrew's Cathedral

## The Anglican Diocese of Singapore

St Hilda's Church is a parish of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, which is made up of 27 Anglican parishes in Singapore and six deaneries throughout Asia. The diocesan mother church is St Andrew's Cathedral.

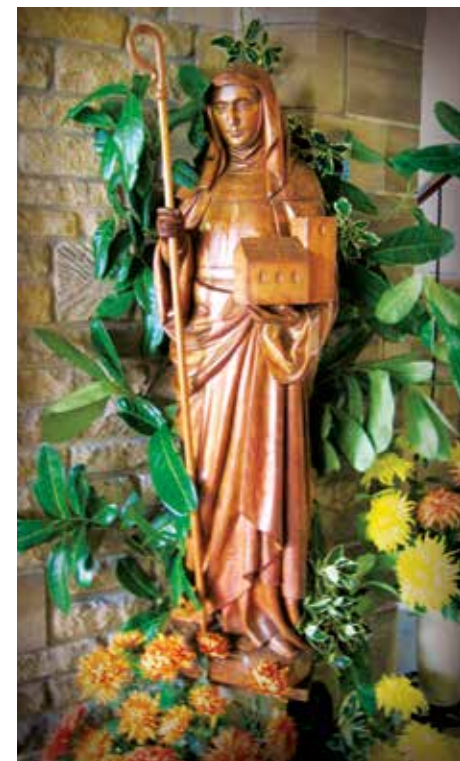
The Diocese has an established history of church planting while actively providing educational, medical and social services in Singapore and the region.

Presently, the Right Reverend Rennis Ponniah, who was installed as Diocesan Bishop in 2012, heads the Diocese.

## St Hilda, our Patron Saint

In AD 627, Hilda joined the nunnery at the tender age of 13 years to devote her life to Jesus. She was an English princess by descent and became the founding abbess of a monastery in Whitby, Yorkshire in 657. She remained there until her death in 680. Kings, princes, the rich and poor across the land greatly respected Hilda for her teaching and wise counsel. She was renowned for her emphasis on education. Five of her students became bishops.

While St Hilda's Church does not worship or pray to the saints, the dedication of St Hilda continually inspires us to make a difference through our work in education and community services.







## Graham White, Our Founder

Archdeacon Graham White devoted his lifetime to serving the Lord upon completing his Master's degree at University College, Oxford, in 1910. He served a six-year chaplaincy in South Perak before his appointment as Archdeacon of Singapore in June 1931 by the Bishop of Singapore, John Leonard Wilson.



## The Original Church Building

In July 1934 Archdeacon White started St Hilda's Church in a dilapidated two-storey bungalow which housed a private school for boys, called Bethel English School. In May 1935 he rented an adjoining house to open a girls' school. In 1936 he used his own savings as downpayment, and later took loans and raised funds, to buy the buildings and land they stood on. It was an act of deep faith and self-sacrifice to secure the future of St Hilda's as a place for worship, education and outreach.

## The Early Years, War and Witnesses

The early congregation of St Hilda's was predominantly Eurasians and English-speaking Chinese, mostly Peranakans, living in the south east of Singapore from Tanjong Rhu to Katong and Siglap. This congregation grew steadily under Archdeacon White's devotion and dynamism, at the same time retaining its homely atmosphere as a family church.

The Diocese was allowed to continue worship services but with only three clergymen during the difficult days of the Japanese Occupation from February 1942 to September 1945, thanks to the intervention of a Japanese officer, Lt Andrew Ogawa, himself an Anglican.

Archdeacon White chose to be imprisoned so that the younger clergy, including Reverend John Hayter, could remain free to shepherd their parishes. Sadly, the Archdeacon and his beloved wife, Georgina, died in prison just months before the Occupation ended.



In the nine months before he was also interned, Rev Hayter, just graduated from Cambridge and Oxford, strengthened the foundation for fellowship at St Hilda's Church.

Successive vicars through the decades have built upon this spirit of caring, sharing and serving one another. To many members, the Church is comfortably like 'home'.





# The St Hilda's Church Community

St Hilda's Church has maintained the tradition of a close clergy-laity relationship since it began in 1934. The Church continues to build upon the legacy of its founder, Graham White – a man of great vision for worship, education and growing the faith.



By the grace of God, St Hilda's Church has served generations of members and continues to impart the same warm, family spirit that St Hilda's has come to be known for. Our members actively serve in more than 40 ministries catering to all age groups.



Welcome to our Church family!  
Join us and serve in Christ.





## Worship

Inspiring biblical worship through our Sunday Services

Our worship is evangelical (centred on the Word of God), sacramental (expressing deep spiritual meaning through ordinary materials like water, bread and wine) and charismatic (believing in the Holy Spirit to be present to inspire, guide, strengthen and heal us).



## Discipleship

Growing disciples of Christ with a biblical world view, committed to love deeply, serve passionately and respond to every circumstance with Christ-likeness.



## Evangelism

Sharing our faith in a respectful and winsome manner through special outreach services like neighbourhood blessings; systematic exploration of the basics of Christian faith through programmes like The Alpha Course.



## Mission

Going beyond our shores to bring the love of Christ to different parts of Southeast Asia.





## Fellowship

Sharing the joy as a family of God - learning from and caring for one another



## Home Cells

Home cells are the basic building blocks of St Hilda's. We share the joy of fellowship and worship as a family of God. We learn from each other and care for one another, serving the community as a beacon of faith, hope and love.



## Seniors

Our seniors are the silver threads of the fabric of the SHC family. They are just as vibrant and excited about God and for God as our youth. They are actively involved in visiting the sick and home bound, and prayer.



## Young Adults

The YASH or Young Adults of St Hilda's connects those between 18 to 30 years in a community of care as they enter a transitional stage of life to adulthood.



## Youth

The New Day youths of St Hilda's are vibrant, exuberant and excited about God, and for God. Every young person matters to us and each one is challenged to be the beacon for their generation.



## Children

We create a safe environment for the next generation of Christ-followers to grow in character and devotion. Programmes like Victory Kids are for pre-primary and primary children to socialise, learn self-reliance and discover their individual uniqueness.





## Ministry

Empowering and releasing our members to serve one another in the church and in the society .



## Community

The Church seeded and, to this day – under St Hilda's Community Services or LoveCOPE - actively supports one of Singapore's pioneering fully-integrated social, daycare and rehabilitation centres for the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged in Tanjong Rhu.



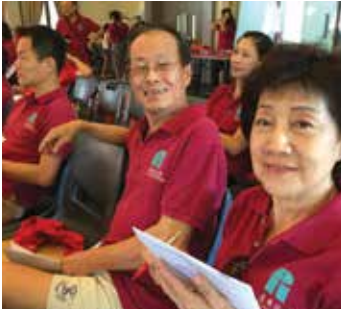
## Schools

Education is an important ministry of the church to the community. While the St Hilda's schools have relocated to Tampines back in 1988, they maintain their spiritual links to the Church. St Hilda's Kindergarten is one of the most sought after kindergartens in Singapore.





# Testimonies



Jimmy with his wife, Jannee, and son Allan (left).

## Knowing Christ at Any Age

By Jimmy Ng

– as told on 24 December 2014 at the Christmas Eve Service

*"I had spent 65 years believing in a different god. But since June this year, I accepted Jesus Christ as the one and only God. I thought I was considered very advanced in age to do so. However, someone once told me that her father accepted Christ at the age of 90 years old. So, I'm not so late after all.*

*Three years ago, I was invited by my son to attend St Hilda's Church camp in Kuala Lumpur. By the last*

*night there, it dawned upon me that this was not just a church social gathering. I was warmly welcomed and accepted. I quickly recognised the unity amongst the followers of this God, and how passionate they were as they worshipped together, and shared the Gospel with me.*

*It took me another two years of attending church camps, and the calling of the Holy Spirit, to accept the undeniable truth in Christ as my Saviour and the Creator of this world.*

*I quote 2 Corinthians 5:17: 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!'*

*Since then, my life is a period of renewal. I am told that I grumble and nag less often, am less 'gan cheong' and less self-righteous. It seems that God is moulding me to be more accepting of others, rather than expecting a lot from them.*

*I have been asked, 'How is this so? What makes you different?' I can only think of one word – humility. Because of God's great love, I am forgiven for all my sins, so, I too should forgive freely. Because God accepted me despite all my flaws, I too can accept other people's weaknesses and differences.*

*With more trust in Christ in my daily life, I strive less in my own strength and worry less about endless things.*

*I want to know God better and experience this freedom in coming to Him. I know this relationship will last forever and I pray that many more people will come to experience this great joy I have received."*



From left: Constance with Josephine Lee and Jenny Chak.

## A Golden Bowl of Prayers

By Constance Ng

- As told at service in July 2014

*"Six months ago I discovered a lump about half a ping-pong ball size on the right side of my throat. I felt no discomfort but consulted an ENT specialist. A cyst had formed around my thyroid gland.*

*An operation was scheduled on 23 April. The day before, a call for prayers was sent out to my cell group, the Cambodia mission team and others. The Bible says a cheerful and joyful heart is good medicine.*

*When I knew so many were praying for me, I was happy and glad. I prayed personalised scriptures that I had memorised as prayers" to retain its intention without creating a theological misunderstanding? I would rephrase it as "In prayer, I claimed Scriptures which I have memorised as God's personal promises to me."*

*Then it was over. When I woke up, there was no pain, just a little discomfort in my throat. I could eat. I slept well. The other patients on my left and right had no appetite and were feeling nauseous, and I had nothing of that!!*

*I stayed with Susie Choo. Her maid looked after me and I had home-cooked meals for a week. Best of all, I attended Church on Sunday and was able to give thanks to God and to say thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ for their prayers.*

*I am fully recovered now. All Glory to God!"*



# Testimonies



## A Student's Miracle from God

By Michael Leong  
– As told at service in July 2014

*"I have both Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Sensory Integration Disorder. So you can guess how stressed and anxious my parents are during my exams.*

*I was particularly worried as I wanted to pass PSLE badly. As expected, I failed in my preliminary examination. My teachers were very concerned and they expressed their fears to my parents. Leading to PSLE, my mum quit her job. She spent her time praying for me and coaching me. I also prayed.*

*I tried my best to study but most times I could not manage to be still in order to put in time for studying. But when the PSLE results were released I was very surprised that I passed all subjects! I got 171 points compared to my prelims of slightly above a hundred! This result got me into the Normal Academic level. I call this a miracle from God. God answered our prayers.*

*I thank Him with all my heart. Though my results may not be great, I am sure it would not be this good without God's grace and provision. God answered my prayers. For this, I am very thankful.*

*God is great!"*



## Our Vision

In Christ we serve the community as a beacon of faith, hope and love.

## Our Mission

To be a worshipping community that is grounded in God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit for sanctification, ministry and mission and growing in Christ to reach out as a beacon of faith, hope and love.

## Our Identity

The St Hilda's identity appears as a window to the world yet retaining a sense of family and home. The cross embodies the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Church - symbolic of St Hilda's Church's vision of being the beacon of faith, hope and love to the community.

The colour blue represents the Holy Spirit, whom we depend on for His anointing, power and counsel.





## The Chapel

The quaint Chapel with its distinctive belfry and vestries was completed in November 1949. It has since become a conserved landmark in Katong. Within the Chapel, the English congregation worships in the traditional liturgical E1 service on Sunday. The Mandarin service is also held in the Chapel.



## Bethel Hall

A more expressive style of worship integrated with liturgy is held at the Bethel Hall at the E2 Sunday service. Rousing songs from contemporary to inspirational Gospel can be heard at the largest service in St Hilda's.

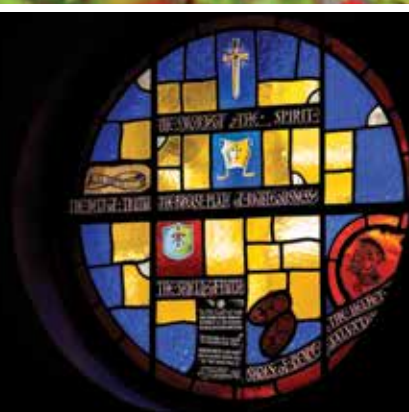


## Joshua Hall

The E3 Sunday service reaches out to a younger generation inspired by contemporary and lively worship.

## The Armour of God

Within the Sanctuary is a stained-glass window panel in the sanctuary depicting the Armour of God. It was created in 1986 as a gift by a retired Anglican clergyman Revd John Hamer-Howorth and his wife Kitty from Brisbane, Australia.



## The "Tree of Life" Lord's Table

This stylised Lord's Table was created and gifted by Brother Joseph McNally, a Catholic priest and renowned sculptor. Canon Roy Yin, then the Church Vicar, had commissioned it to commemorate St Hilda's Day in 1974. The thick "trunk" is sculpted from recycled car fenders. The tabletop is formed from slabs of Langkawi onyx.



# Our Services

St Hilda's is a multi-lingual and multi-cultural church. Come worship with us in English, Mandarin or Hokkien.

## English

Sunday

E1 8am

(Holy Communion)

E2 10am

(Holy Communion)

E3 10am

(Holy Communion on 1st)

## Mandarin

Sunday

10.30am

(Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd)

## Hokkien

Saturday

3pm

(Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd)

## Children's Ministries

Sunday

8am to 9:15am (0-5yrs & Pri. School)

Sunday School

Sunday

10am to 11.30am

Cradle Club (Toddlers)

Praise Club (Preschool)

Kids' for Christ (Primary school)

Sunday

1.30pm to 3.30pm

Victory Kids (Preschool)

## Youth Ministry

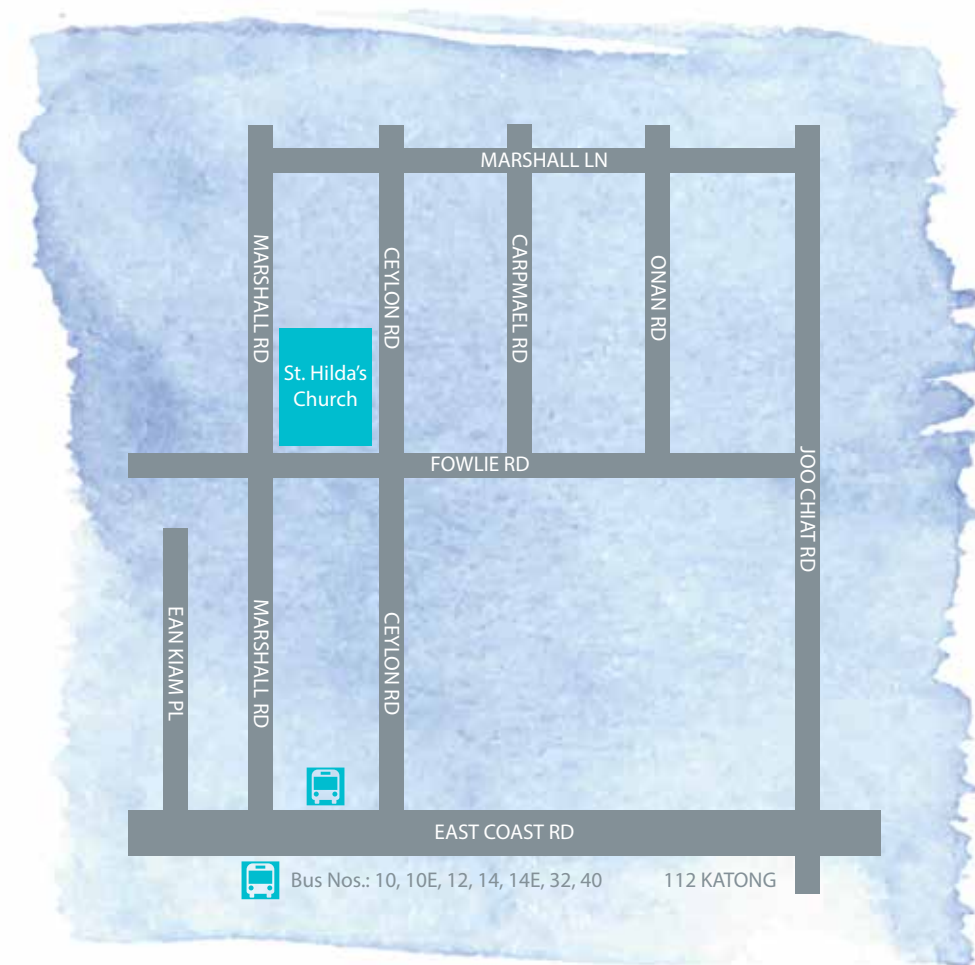
Sunday

11.30am to 12.30pm

## Young Adults Ministry

Friday

8pm to 10pm (18 - 25yrs)



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