

## **All Saints' Hertford Mothers' Union Annual Report 2012/13**

We have had another successful year and our members continue to be involved in many aspects of the worship and life at All Saints. We have another new branch member, who was previously a Diocesan member and worships at another Church.

Our programme in 2012 was varied and interesting and included talks about the Oberammergau Passion Play and poetry reading. Jo led our 2012 Lent Meditation and Joe Caruana talked to us about his life. We did a first aid course, made wreaths and had an exercise session to keep us fit. We had visits out to Mary Sumner House and Church House as well as to the Compass Braille Press where we learned how Braille Bibles are printed.

Our Deanery events included our annual coffee morning and a Deanery meeting on the MU theme "Going for Gold" led by Diocesan President Susan Roberts, as well as our Wave of Prayer and Lady Day Services.

Our banner has been receiving some refurbishment and TLC from Lena Elliston-Ball and was rededicated at the Mothering Sunday service in March 2013.

For 2013 we have another varied programme of events and would be delighted to welcome you to attend any or all of our meetings – you do not have to be a member to come! This year we have already had an interesting talk about Stained Glass Windows and our Lent Meditation was given by Alan Stewart on St Patrick and the Celtic Church, which ended in a spoken Compline service, we were delighted to welcome so many visitors from local Churches to this meeting. Meetings planned for later this year include a talk by Future+Hope and Don Graves and a discussion on World Faiths. We will be hosting one of the Diocesan Faith Days on the 21<sup>st</sup> September on "A Time to Sow, A Season to Grow". Lifts can be arranged if you would like one. Programmes are available at the back of the Church or from Rosemary or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Our popular Deanery Coffee Morning will be held at 39 Fordwich Rise, Hertford on St George's Day, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon with the proceeds going to the MU Relief Fund which provides support and practical help in times of disaster. You are warmly invited to attend.

Please pick up a programme and come and join us anytime! We look forward to welcoming you.

*Rosemary Bolton*