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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



But emptied himself....

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

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Philippians 2:7

We along with all the faithful, are observing the *Season of Lent*, beginning with *Ash Wednesday*, and as we sing, “*sailing across the great sea of the fast.*”

During the three years of the ministry of Jesus, he met people in the villages of Galilee, where he *preached, taught and healed*. Therefore, at the end of those three years, Jesus, “*resolutely set his face toward Jerusalem.*” People in thousands gathered to meet him, but Jesus never lost sight of the *passion, betrayal, malice, hatred, pain and death* ahead of him, as he cautioned his disciples, “*Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees*” (Luke 12:1). Jesus knew that what lies around him cannot take him away from what lies ahead of him, *The Cross*.

Apostle Paul articulates this in a unique fashion, “*But emptied himself*” (Philippians 2: 5). The Greek conjunction *alla* (but) means “*not this but that,*” indicating a clear contrast of ideas. The idea of *kenosis* or *emptying* is located in the Christian Hymn or ‘*Hymn of Christ,*’ in *Philippians 2: 5-11*. The Lenten Season has been providing us opportunities that the verb “*to empty*” is used elsewhere in the *Pauline Epistles* four times (*Romans 4:14; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 9:15; 2 Corinthians 9:3*), and in each instance, it is used metaphorically in the sense of “*to bring to nothing*”, “*to make worthless,*” or “*to empty of significance.*”

The whole Hymn is Christ's example of humble service and traces his pre-existence, incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God. Jesus is a model of genuine spirituality, not a self-glorifying struggle for supreme authority, but a deep love for God and neighbour shown in deeds of service. The *emptying* consisted of his becoming more and more human, and for the sake of all human beings, Jesus keeps moving towards the *cross*, and that is what we closely meditate during this month. Jesus redefines power by turning his back on claims of power, humbles himself to serve the people in the margins and empties himself that we can experience God's fullness, and dies so we can live. Paul in *Philippians 2:5-11*, articulates the core values of the ‘*Jesus model*’ by

saying, *“let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 2:4-5). While Jesus had every right to stay comfortably in his position of power and privilege, his love drove him to a position of weakness for our sake that we can overcome sin and death, a *“generous act,”* and though he was rich, for our sakes, he became poor (2 Corinthians 8:9).

May our continuing meditation and personal devotion help us to ponder deeply as we participate in the *Passion Sunday* and toward *Palm Sunday, Good Friday* and *Easter*. Inviting us to think of the three pointed reasons for Jesus going on the cross, *“We found this fellow subverting the nation, opposing payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King”* (Luke 23:1–2).

Wish to close with a *Jewish legend*:

When God was about to create man, says Jewish legend, He took into His counsel the angels that stood about his throne.

“Create him not,” said the angel of Justice, “for if Thou dost he will commit all kinds of wickedness against his fellow men; he will be hard and cruel and dishonest and unrighteous.”

“Create him not,” said the angel of Truth, “for he will be false and deceitful to his brother-man, and even to Thee.”

“Create him not,” said the angel of Holiness, “he will follow that which is impure in Thy sight, and dishonor Thee to thy face.”

Then stepped forward the angel of Mercy (God's best beloved) and said: “Create him, our Heavenly Father, for when he sins and turns from the path of right and truth and holiness, I will take him tenderly by the hand, and speak loving words to him, and then lead him back to Thee.”

May God bless us all and help us ponder deeply during this Lenten Season.

Your Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Lenten and Holy Week Meditations 2023

Abiding and Bearing Fruit

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Wednesday 22nd February 2023 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday <i>Abiding and Bearing Fruit</i>	Isaiah 5:1-10 Colossians 3:1-11 St. John 2:1-11 (K)	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Friday 3rd March 2023 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>Abiding and Believing</i>	1 John 4:13-21	Rev. Shashikala Alva
Friday 10th March 2023 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>Abiding and Receiving</i>	St. John 1:6-13	Rev. M. B. Kotian
Friday 17th March 2023 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>Abiding and Doing</i>	1 John 3:18-24	Rev. Alfred Sudarshan
Friday 24th March 2023 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>Abiding and Continuing</i>	1 John 2:18-25	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Friday 31st March 2023 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>Abiding and Living</i>	St. John 15:12-17	Rev. Dr. Manohar C. Prasad

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Sunday 2nd April 2023 9:00 am	PALM SUNDAY <i>Christ: The King of Peace</i>	Zechariah 9:1-12 Ephesians 2: 11 – 22 St. Mark 11: 1-11 (K)	Rev. Dr. Rohan Gideon
Monday 3rd April 2023 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>A Journey to the Cross: Crucified</i>	Galatians 5: 22-26	Rev. Dr. A. Israel David
Tuesday 4th April 2023 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>A Journey from the Cross: New Creation</i>	II Corinthians 5: 16-21	Rev. Dr. A. Israel David
Wednesday 5th April 2023 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>A Journey with the Cross: Companion</i>	St. Mark 8: 31-34	Rev. Dr. A. Israel David
Thursday* 6th April 2023 6:30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY (Holy Communion)* <i>Christ: The Life-Giving Bread</i>	Exodus 12: 12-20 1 Corinthians 11: 23- 29 St. John 6: 47 – 58 (K)	Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Friday 7th April 2023 9:00 am	GOOD FRIDAY Cross: Self Giving Love	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12 1 Peter 2: 21 – 25 St. Mark 15: 22 – 41 (K)	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Friday 7th April 2023 11:30 am to 3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY		
	1st Word	St. Luke 23: 34	Rev. Dr. R. Sahayadhas
	2nd Word	St. Luke 23: 43	Rev. I. J. W Ambler
	3rd Word	St. John 19: 26 - 27	Rev. Silpa Rani
	4th Word	St. Matthew 27: 46	Dr. Stafford Cripps
	5th Word	St. John 19: 28	Rev. Donald Grant
	6th Word	St. John 19: 30	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
	7th Word	St. Luke 23: 46	Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Sunday* 9th April 2023 5:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE (Holy Communion) <i>Service begins with a Play by the Youth Fellowship</i> <i>Abiding and Celebrating Life in Jesus</i>	1 King 17:17-24 1 Corinthians 15: 42-58 St. Luke 24: 1-12 (K)	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Sunday* 9th April 2023 9:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE (Holy Communion) <i>Abiding and Celebrating Life in Jesus</i>	1 King 17:17-24 1 Corinthians 15: 42-58 St. Luke 24: 1-12 (K)	

COMMUNITY HEALTH CAMP



A Community Health Camp was organized on Sunday, February 26th by CSI Hospital, Bangalore, for the benefit of our congregation members, after the English Worship Service. Free Consultation with specialists which included OBG, Ortho, Cardiology, Ophthalmology, Dental and Pediatrics was available during the camp. Additionally, BP, Sugar Test and ECG were also available during the camp.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING COMMITTEE - EPNC

Career Hub Team organized an Interactive Session on 3D printing on February 25th in Rev. Stewart Wright Hall, for the benefit of technology enthusiasts in the congregation. The lead resource person was Mr. Shiju George, a graduate from NTTF with more than two decades of experience. Mr. Shiju George was assisted by Mr. Godfrey Aiyadorai.

During the Session, various information areas related to 3D printing were covered which included the following:

- What is 3D Printing?
- 3D Printing Process
- Advantages of 3D Printing
- Applications of 3D Printing
- Display of 3D Printing Machine

Session was appreciated by the participants.

Career Hub Team continued the Weekly Career Counseling Sessions every week after the English Worship Service.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna

Convener

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Praise God for the beginning of another New Year 2023!

We resumed after the Christmas vacation on *Saturday the 4th of February* with a wonderful *BIBLE STUDY* learning "*WHO I AM IN CHRIST JESUS*", and we also enjoyed learning and understanding the *NAME OF OUR LORD* and *SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST*, with great zeal and enthusiasm.

The members of our Women's Fellowship attended the *Civil Area Lenten Retreat* on *Saturday the 25th of February*, from 9 am to 2 pm at Kothanur CSI Church.

We are grateful to God for all His bountiful blessings and we pray for all the members of our Fellowship that they will have a meaningful *Season of Lent*.

Mrs. Daisy Richard

Vice President / Secretary, SAWF

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praise God for carrying us through another month in this year, and for all the good things He has done to us.

We congratulate the winners and the participants who took part in State level *Bible Exam* organized by *Scripture Union - Karnataka*.

The *Kannada Sunday school* had almost *100% attendance*. The classes were held outdoors in the park, under the trees, birds chirping, insects crawling and the morning sun shining on them, and the children admiring God's creation.



On 26th February 2023, during the *English Worship Service*, our children rendered a beautiful and apt song for this period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter - "*COUNTDOWN*" Song - The countdown's getting lower every day.

We teachers and volunteers wish "*ALL THE BEST*" to our *Xth & XIth Std.* children who are writing their *Final Board Exams*.

Mrs. Sujatha Kishore

Sunday School Superintendent.



Kannada Sunday School was specially invited by the President and Cabinet members of the Rotary Club Cantonment Region Bengaluru to present a Christmas message to the Senior Citizens of the respective club on 28th December 2022.

We were thus privileged to perform at the club premises which was highly appreciated by the members of the club, approximately 50 members were present.

Mrs. H. Nalini Lawrence



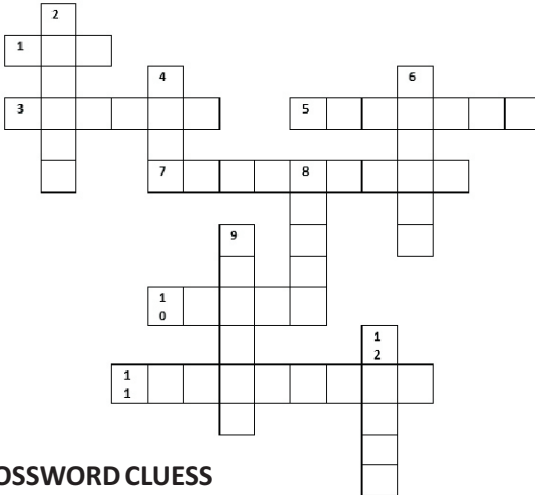
SEEKER'S NOOK



March 2023

Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December (Decem is ten in Latin). Whatever your plans for March, do take time out to try this easy crossword. Identify the speaker using the clues mentioned below. We would love to know how you fared!

CROSSWORD: WHO SAID THIS?



Correct answers will be published in next month's newsletter along with answer keys. Send your **printed** answers to the **Church Whatsapp number 9741401874** by **25th March 2023**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer

CROSSWORD CLUESS

Across

1. Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.
3. Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?
5. God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.
7. How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother's womb and be born?
10. This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been Raised from the dead!
11. Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Down

2. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
4. Am I my brother's keeper?
6. Speak, for your servant is listening.
8. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.
9. Lord, If you had been here, my brother would not have died.
12. Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?? Up to seven times?



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Word of God and the ultimate declaration of His love, mercy, and the gift of Salvation to mankind. There are 66 books in the Bible that cover a time span of 1500 years; the Old Testament consists of 39 books and the New Testament consists of 27. Whether you read your Bible for daily inspiration, or study the Bible in scholarly depth, navigating through the different books of the Old and New Testament can be confusing, as they are not in chronological order. This is because the books of the Bible are organized by literature and not by chronology. Is there an easy way to remember names of the books in order? Help is just a click away

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZmZnyFF6xQ> ! Scan here



Answer Keys to February 2023 Quiz

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| 1. Sabbath | 6. Law of Moses |
| 2. Almost the whole city | 7. He reasoned in the synagogue trying to persuade Jews and Greeks |
| 3. Philippi - outside the city gate to the river | 8. The Sabbath was made for Man |
| 4. Three | 9. Sabbath day |
| 5. Thessalonica | 10. Rest/ Not do any work |

February Champs

1. Felicia Manoraj
2. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
3. A. N. Indira Devi
4. Santosh Kumar Hans



5. Annie Felix
6. Gitanjali Lazarus
7. Samuel Macwana
8. Tania Whitson

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

OBITUARY



Mr. Victor Gladstone Soans

(aged 89 years)

husband of Mrs. Claribel Soans, father of Mrs. Annette Aman
slept in the Lord on 4th February 2023

INFANT BAPTISM



Shreyajit Steve
Son of Mr. Sunny Steve and Mrs. Meghana H. N
on 19th of February 2023



Calendar for the First Week of April 2023

*2nd April Sunday	Palm Sunday		
	Sunday before Easter		
	Theme - Christ: The King of Peace		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Zechariah 9:1-12	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri	
Epistle	Ephesians 2: 11-22	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj	
Gospel	St. Mark 11: 1-11	Mrs. Sujatha Kishore (K)	
Evening Service	Concert of Passion & Easter Music		6.00 p.m

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS



PLEASE NOTE

After transaction, please send a message on WhatsApp - 919741401874 Or send an email to andrewschurchblore@gmail.com the breakup of which ministries you are contributing to, along with your Full Name.

Example:

Name: Full Name

Transferred amount: Rs. 1100

Rs. 450 for Youth Fellowship,
Rs. 650 for M&E

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS

St. Andrews Social and Economic Development Society

For St. Andrews School, Please use the below account details.

ACCOUNT NAME: ST ANDREWS CHURCH

BANK NAME: CANARA BANK

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 04062010030023

IFSC CODE: CNRB0001168

MICR CODE: 560015025

BRANCH NAME: Infantry Road Branch, Bangalore 560001

Kindly note you can also post a cheque in favour of "St. Andrews Church" at any Canara Bank Branch with the account number and church office number (9741401874) written behind it.

Calendar for the Month of March 2023			
*5th March 1st Sunday	5th Sunday before Easter, 2nd Sunday in Lent		
	Theme: The Forgiving Christ		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Genesis 4: 8-16	Mr. Wilson Pratap	
Epistle	Romans 5: 6-11	Mr. Kenneth Franklyn	
Gospel	St. Mark 2: 1-12	Mrs. Usha Somashekar (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Mr. James Muthalgiri		6.15 p.m
12th March 2nd Sunday	4th Sunday before Easter, 3rd Sunday in Lent		
	Theme: The Accepting Christ		
	Preacher: Mr. Dominic Manuel	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Christy Gndasan	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Hosea 2: 14-23	Mrs. Jessie A. L. A. Bangara (K)	
		Dr. Renith Richardson	
Epistle	Philemon 1-21	Mr. Praveer Enthath (K)	
		Mrs. Madhu John	
Gospel	St. Mathew 15: 21-28	Dr. Mamtha (K)	
		Mr. Jeevaraj Ebenezer	
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m
*19th March 3rd Sunday	3rd Sunday before Easter, 4th Sunday in Lent		
	Theme: The Liberating Christ		
	Preacher: Rev. M. B. Kotian	*Kannada Holy Communion	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Exodus 3: 1-13	Mr. Glen Phineas (K)	
		Mrs. Agnita Robert	
Epistle	Galatians 5: 1-12	Mrs. Evelyn Sumana (K)	
		Mr. Dilip Abraham	
Gospel	St. Luke 13: 10-17	Mr. Athishal W (K)	
		Mrs. Anisha Lazarus	
Evening Service	Holy Communion Service Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m
26th March 4th Sunday	Passion Sunday		
	2nd Sunday before Easter, 5th Sunday in Lent		
	Theme: Cross and the Restoring Christ		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Selvaraj	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Job 42: 10-17	Mrs. Smita Pramodan (K)	
		Dr. (Mrs.) P. Sumathi Suresh	
Epistle	Ephesians 2: 1-10	Mr. I. Darren John Francis (K)	
		Mr. Sam Sathyamitra	
Gospel	St. Mark 10: 46-52	Ms. Soumya Raichel (K)	
		Mrs. Diadema Fesley	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Silpa Rani		6.15 p.m

***Note:** Kindly keep the Church Office informed in advance about your inability to be present for the Scripture reading as scheduled.*