



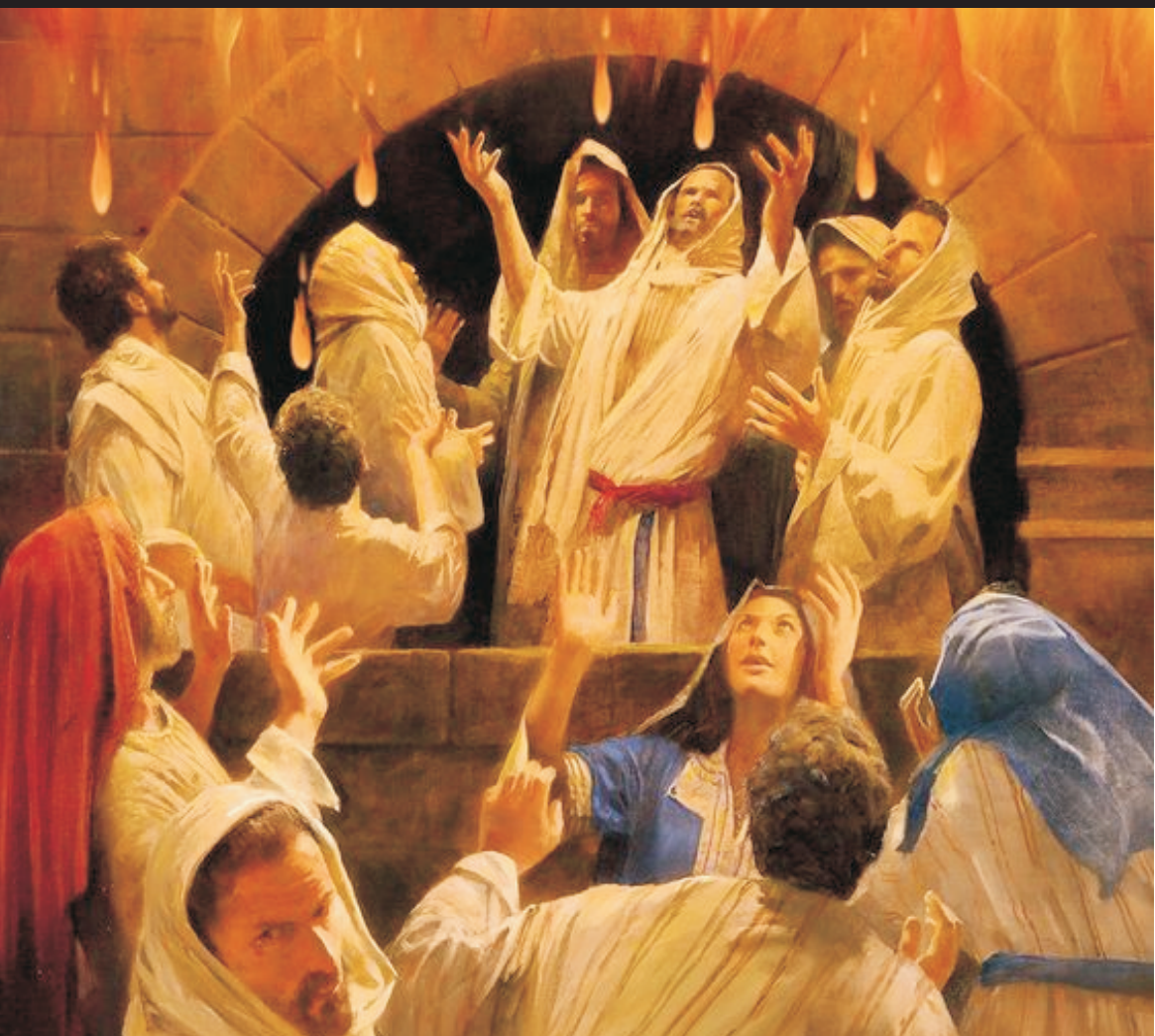
# St. Andrew's Church

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N E W S L E T T E R

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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



## Stay Focussed

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## From the Presbyterian's Desk

***“Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you” - Deuteronomy 31:6***

Distractions tend to keep us away from our focus and the goals before us. We all want to stay focussed with our convictions and values, but the values of the world around us is overwhelming. In the words of Abraham Kuyper, *“When principles that run against your deepest convictions begin to win the day, then battle is your calling, and peace has become sin; you must, at the price of dearest peace, lay your convictions bare before friend and enemy, with all the fire of your faith.”*

We are preparing to celebrate the *Day of Pentecost*, and this month, we focus on some of the core doctrinal ideas of the Christian faith - the *Doctrine* of the *Holy Spirit* and the *Trinity*.

The *Day of Pentecost* teaches us the continuing work of God in the world rather than the beginnings of the Church as is generally stated. In *Deuteronomy 31:1-8*, we discover one of the most fascinating narrations pointing to the work of God. For Moses, one of the most difficult messages from God was, *‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’* For someone who was a reluctant leader and obedient follower of God, this must have been a rude shock. But his faith in the continuing presence of God and the grace to transition is truly remarkable and no wonder Moses holds a special place in the Jewish tradition as a figure of *faith, hope and liberation*. His task was to convince the People that their faith in an *Unchanging God* is more precious than an *Unknown God*, an experience when they began their journey. His assurance to Joshua and the People is that, *‘God will nor fail them or forsake them.’* With this, Moses also initiates a tradition of teaching.

The Christian *Feast of Pentecost* finds its origin in the Jewish *Feast of Shavuot* or the *Festival of Weeks* (*Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:9-12; Leviticus 23:15-22*). The *Festival of Pentecost* was *fifty days after Passover*. The *Pentecost* celebrated the *Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord*, and the *power of the Holy Spirit given to all* (*Acts 1:8*). In *Acts chapter 2*, the word *“All,”* is indicative of the continuing promise of God to all irrespective of their identities and social contexts. The God, who was with the People of God in the wilderness and the promised, is the same God who in Jesus Christ continues to dwell in the lives of

people. One of the greatest stories of Pentecost is the *gift of understanding and harmony* brought about by the *work of the Spirit*. It helped the early Christians to stay focussed and continue in their journey of faith. No matter how much we are divided, the Spirit of God is able to unite us and help us understand one another and transform us. May this be our experience this season.

*Blessings*

Your Presbyter

**Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben**

## Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



*Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God. Genesis 6: 8, 9*

A comparative Bible Study of righteous *Noah* and selfish *Lot* was conducted. Noah lived a life of faith whereas Lot lived by sight.

Noah found favour in the sight of God and because of Noah, God had favour on his entire generation. Lot's selfish desire and greed led to his destruction.

Let us live like Noah always praying for our family members, preventing them from this evil and destructive world by our righteous living and developing an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

All of us present for the Bible Study had the unique privilege of sharing the goodness of our LORD through our testimonies. The Bible Study was conducted by *Mrs. Anitha Noel*.

On Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, *Crochet Class* was conducted by *Mrs. Sangeetha Maben*, which all of us present enthusiastically learnt and enjoyed. This was indeed a class with so much of laughter and learning. We praise God for all His love for us.

***Mrs. Daisy Richard***

*Vice President/ Secretary, SAWF*

## YOUNG COUPLES' FELLOWSHIP



*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing - 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Marriage provides one of life's best relationships for building another's self-esteem! We were blessed to have an interactive session this month, on the first part of *Building Your Mates Self Esteem - Strengthening Self Esteem*. It was our pleasure to have our counselor couples *Mrs. Sheeba Thomas & Mr. Biju Thomas*. They highlighted these important points for us as couples and we shared our insights on these trivial matters:

1. *Wrong standard of comparison*: In our mind, we have a picture of how a husband/wife should act, and the chances are that this image is so perfect, so idyllic, that it is completely unattainable. Yet, everyday you judge your performance by this phantom! And since you cannot match this idyllic standard, your self-esteem suffers.
2. A crucial ingredient in any successful marriage is *recognition* by both husband and wife, the importance of *building up* the other person in the relationship.
3. As believers in Christ, we must *imitate God* who is existentially encouraging and enduring.



4. The biggest challenge in marriage these days is when both partners are highly educated, work full- time in demanding professional jobs and see themselves in upward path in their roles. When both partners *dedicate* themselves to work and to home life, they reap benefits; but if there is imbalance, their marriage will suffer.

Our gratitude to *Mrs. Dedeepya Ajith John & Mr. Ajith John*, for anchoring and leading us in *Praise and Worship*. It was our pleasure interacting with the *Choir* during a *Fellowship Lunch* after our Session. We are so blessed to have them amidst us Sunday after Sunday, singing! We thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful *Concert of Passion and Easter Music* they presented in the evening. Thanking St. Andrew's family for their continued prayers and support.

**Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj**  
Convener

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



April was an active month for the Youth Fellowship, starting off with a *Play on Easter Morning* for the *Sunrise Service*. We had a month of practice leading up to it, and everyone had a great time putting on the show. An *abstract interpretation* of the *Easter Message* you can watch on St. Andrew's *YouTube Channel* if you missed it.



The following week we participated in *Leagatum*, a *Sports Festival* organised by *All Saints Church*. Playing in matches over 2 days, our *Throwball Team* did really well making it to the semi-finals.

We also volunteered in the *VBS*, helping out the teachers in any way we could.

**Mr. Kenneth Franklyn**  
Convener

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - VBS 2023



Thank God for all the good things *HE* has done for us!

The *VBS 2023* was conducted for the children of *St. Andrew's Church* from *April 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>*.

It was an amazing event. The *Theme* for this year's *VBS* was "*Serve One another*" (*Galatians: 5.13*). *Mrs. Mallika Jaswanth* was the *Director* this year.

Children were taught how to *serve one another* in their day to day life with the help of *Bible Stories, Crafts, Songs and Games*.

The *Kannada Sunday School* children presented a *VBS* related program during the *Kannada Service* on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2023. The *VBS Report* was presented by *Mrs. Sujatha Kishore*.

During the *English Service*, a detailed program was presented by 89 children, 20 volunteers and 16 teachers, who had participated in the *VBS 2023*.



The 20 volunteers, a few years ago, were our own VBS children; they set an example for the children of VBS 2023!

Some kids returned to tell us on the last day that they will come back next year for the VBS at St. Andrew's Church.

We the Team of Sunday School Teachers take it as our reward and pray that our Lord will help us to serve *HIM* at all given time.

***Mrs. Sujatha Kishore***

*Sunday School Superintendent.*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Greetings from the Music Ministry of St. Andrew's Church!*

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, while we celebrated *Palm Sunday* in our church, our *Choir* held their *Annual Palm Sunday Concert* during the *Evening Service - A Concert of Passion and Easter Music*.

Led by our Organist and Choir Director, *Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan*, the *Concert* showcased a wonderful line-up of fine *Choirs* and *Musicians* from around the City. Amongst the performers were *The Bangalore Conservatory Choir, Bell Choir, Advent Brass Band, SDA Cunningham English Central Church Choir, Advent Double Quartet* and our very own *St. Andrew's Church Choir*.

The Service had a meaningful Sermon that was brought to us by *Rev. Dr. Ken Henson*, who tied in the message of the music and singing in a beautiful way, leaving the congregation with lots to think about. Overall, it was a blessed evening of music and singing that enriched the season for us all.

We look forward to many such *Concerts* in the future and invite you to join us.

***Mrs. Neha George***

*Convener*



# SEEKER'S NOOK



May 2023

Welcome May! Mother's Day is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May, to express respect, honour, and love towards mothers for all they do for their children. May also marks 2 important events in the Christian calendar, Ascension Day and Pentecost. This month, we have an easy quiz based mostly on the events around Ascension recorded in Acts Chapter 1.

## QUIZ

1. Jesus told his disciples that John baptized them with water, what would He baptize them with?
2. Why did Jesus tell his disciples to wait in Jerusalem?
3. What hid Jesus when He was taken up into Heaven?
4. After His Resurrection, how many days did Jesus appear to His disciples before He was taken up into Heaven?
5. What did the angels confirm when they said that this same Jesus you see go up into heaven will come back in the same way?
6. On which mount did the Ascension take place?
7. How long did it take the apostles to walk back to Jerusalem from Mount of Olives?
8. Jesus instructed his disciples to go into the world and do what?
9. Complete the words of comfort Jesus said to his disciples, "In this world you will have trouble, \_\_\_\_\_." John 16
10. As per Mark chapter 16, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and he sat at \_\_\_\_\_.

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 May 2023**, in the following format:

**Name**

**Serial number – Answer**



## THINK BOX



### Pentecost

The disciples of Jesus experienced a series of dramatic highs and lows – they had seen Jesus die, resurrect, and ascend to heaven. Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit. Though the disciples had the hope of His promise, they were living in a time of uncertainty. Then on the day of Pentecost, when they were gathered together, the Holy Spirit came to them.

Christ did not leave them alone; He sent the Holy Spirit. Through its power, the disciples were able to proclaim the Gospel in many different languages, bringing people to Christ across cultural barriers.

The same Holy Spirit continues to empower believers even today. May we therefore seize every opportunity to share the Good News of the Gospel with others, emboldened by the calling entrusted to us.

Here is an animated video presenting events around Pentecost as they unfolded. Scan QR code or visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwJJJoSGw84>



### April Scripture Hunt Answers

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Numbers 22:28-29 | 6. Mark 12:42/ Luke 21:2 |
| 2. Genesis 37:3     | 7. Numbers 17:8          |
| 3. Genesis 19:26    | 8. Revelations 5:1       |
| 4. Judges 6:38      | 9. Daniel 6:7            |
| 5. Jonah 1:17       | 10. Acts 16:26           |

### Awesome April Acers

1. Felicia Manoraj
2. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
3. A. N. Indira Devi
4. Parimala Jayaraj



5. Annie Felix
6. Gitanjali Lazarus
8. Rosabelle Prabhakar



## HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023

### OBITUARY



#### Mr. Benson Goodwill Anchan

(aged 85 years)

husband of Mrs. Prakashi Felicita Anchan, father of Mr. Jeevan Roland Anchan, Mr. Roshan Sharan Anchan & Ms. Olga Usha Kumari  
slept in the Lord on 23rd April 2023



#### Mr. Rayan Richard

(aged 26 years)

son of Mr. Alwin Roy P  
slept in the Lord on 29th April 2023

### Visit the New St. Andrew's Church Website

[www.standrewschurch.org.in](http://www.standrewschurch.org.in)

A Place to learn more about the church and its active ministries. You can reach out to the Presbyterian-in-charge for prayer or connect with the Church Office. Other features include booking facilities of the church and offerings through the website.



Media Section allows you to watch LIVE and previous Worship Services. You may also download the latest Newsletter.



#### Calendar for the First Week of June 2023

*4th June Sunday	Trinity Sunday		
	1st Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: We Believe in the Triune God		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Ezekiel 1: 4-28	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 13: 11- 14	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri	
Gospel	St. Mathew 28: 16-20	Mrs. Sujatha Kishore (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Mr. James Muthalageri		6.15 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](mailto: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 May 2023			
<b>*7th May</b> <b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday after Easter</b>		
	<b>Theme: Believing in Christ - The Way</b>		
	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b> Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	<b>*Combined Holy Communion</b> Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Exodus 14: 10-20	Mr. Wilson Pratap	
Epistle	Acts 16: 19-34	Mr. Kenneth Franklyn	
Gospel	St. John 14: 1-7	Mrs. Leena Jayakumari (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Mr. James Muthalgi		6.15 p.m
<b>14th May</b> <b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday After Easter</b>		
	<b>Theme: Mission as Sharing Christ's Peace</b>		
	Preacher: Mr. Stanley Thomas	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Vasudevan	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Micah 4: 1- 7	Mrs. Ruhita Vivian (K)	
		Mrs. Caroline Anupama	
Epistle	Philippians 4: 4- 9	Mr. Praveen Salins (K)	
		Mr. Satish Paul	
Gospel	St. Luke 24: 36- 49	Mrs. Arpana Pallavi Palanna (K)	
		Mrs. Dedeepya Ajith John	
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m
<b>*21st May</b> <b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Easter</b>		
	<b>Theme: Promise of the Holy Spirit</b>		
	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher:</b> Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	<b>*Kannada Holy Communion</b>	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Joel 2: 28-32	Mrs. Doreen Snehalatha Soans (K)	
		Mr. Jervis Duel Arthur	
Epistle	Galatians 5: 22-26	Mrs. Reena Anoop (K)	
		Mr. W. Suresh	
Gospel	St. John 14: 15-21	Mr. Naveen Rangayya (K)	
		Mrs. Rekha Shukla Arunkumar	
Evening Service	Holy Communion Service Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m
<b>28th May</b> <b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>		
	<b>Theme: Come Holy Spirit Transform the Whole Creation</b>		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Ezekiel 36: 24-36	Mrs. Reema Raj (K)	
		Mrs. Preethi Prabhu Pani	
Epistle	Acts 2: 1-13	Mr. N. Gopala Krishna (K)	
		Miss Deepali Elizabeth	
Gospel	St. John 20: 19-23	Mrs. Sowmya Kairanna (K)	
		Mrs. Valentina Christy	
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.*