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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



Renewing the Master's Plan

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Renewing the Master's Plan

"You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land." - Psalm 80:8-9

The National Geographic in its April 2020 issue, the cover page highlighted two strikingly different scenarios and titles - *How we saved the World* and *How we lost the Planet*. The issue helps to imagine reality of fifty years. If we do nothing about the Planet Earth, we will face a grim scenario of forest fires, deadly heat waves, fierce storms and widespread suffering of humanity. But if we have a vision for the Planet Earth and be sensitive for the next fifty years, and network our time, resources and technology, we can undo the damage already done and can reverse grave issues like Climate change.

As we prepare to celebrate another season of *Environment Sunday*, the Psalmist in *Psalm 80*, is giving us an invitation - it is a *Community Lament* calling upon the People to renew the *Covenant*. The Psalmist uses several agricultural images of the Earth to convey messages of renewal and hope. The image of the "Vine," which is cared and protected, which is relocated and planted, but then, it takes deep root and fills the land. In *Psalm 80: 8 -13*, the Psalmist explains that the deep-rooted vine provides shade to the mountains and the mighty cedars with branches. Although the imagery relates back to people, the imagery of the Vine helps us to understand that God cares for his creation and God's creation can flourish only with the partnership of humanity. Any kind of violence or abuse of God's creation affects and destroys the future of the created order.

Our own city of Bangalore has seen the effects of climate change. The unbearable heat during each summer only brings back stories of *Old Bangalore*, which are naturally good points of conversation, but may need more than that for the future. The other issue is the fast decreasing levels of ground water and the struggle of people for good drinking water. But we also waste water in many of our social functions, by drinking only half of the bottles of mineral water served. The Psalmist calls us to renew our covenant with our Creator and live in the present, but also think of the future and the promise of God to preserve God's people and God's creation.

Our efforts as a Community in terms of rain water harvesting, solar lights and flourishing of flora and fauna are tiny drops in the ocean, but we must continue such efforts with commitment and care. Each of our spaces can become one such oasis to celebrate and flourish life. We may have to think of a borewell to supplement the limited water resources in the campus.

Let us continue to envision the vision like the Psalmist as we journey on...

Your Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust.” Psalm 91: 1 & 2

On Saturday the 20th of May, the members of our Women's Fellowship visited the Geriatric Ward of CSI Hospital, Bangalore.

There are around 20 inpatients. We greeted them, talked to them, sang Hymns praising our God Almighty, read the Word and prayed with them. The joy, love and happiness we saw in their eyes will stay a lifetime with each one of us. Many of them requested us to visit them again. This was an evening of thanksgiving and gratitude to our Almighty Lord for His bountiful love and blessings towards each one of us.

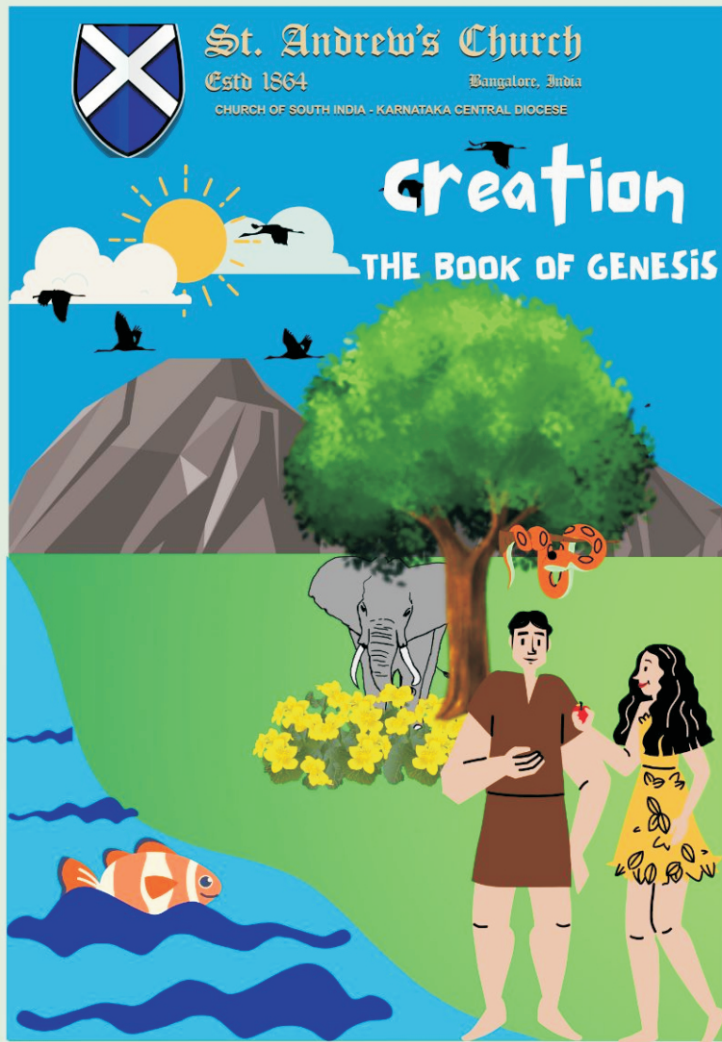
We also experienced the showers of blessing in the form of the much needed rains to cool the atmosphere!

Thank you one and all who joined in and all those who prayed. This was indeed a wonderful and unforgettable experience.

Mrs. Daisy Richard

Vice President/ Secretary, SAWF

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Greetings from Sunday School Teachers!

On 20th May 2023, a meeting was organized for both English and Kannada Sunday school teachers.

Both English and Kannada Sunday School will resume from Sunday, the 11th of June, 2023.

Along with the regular Sunday School Curriculum, our students will be introduced to the *Books of the Bible* beginning with the *Book of Genesis* this year. They will be instructed in an organised and systematic study of *Books of the Old and New Testaments*.

We request parents to support us by making sure the children practice and familiarize themselves with the same at home on a regular basis.

As we are preparing for the academic year 2023 - 24, we would be very happy to welcome our Sunday School children on *Sunday, the 11th of June 2023* in large numbers.

We thank St. Andrew's family for their continued prayers and support.

Mrs. Sujatha Kishore

Sunday School Superintendent.

CARE FOR THE ELDERLY



We thank God Almighty and our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us the time to Praise and Worship Him.

The Care For The Elderly Ministry organized this monthly program on *Saturday, 28th May 2023* for our Elders at Rev. Stewart Wright Hall. The speaker was *Dr. Dominic Benjamin* who addressed the gathering with an inspiring and true message of **“Dealing with Suffering and Pain of Chronic Illness”**, with the Bible reference from *2 Corinthians 4:16 to 18*, followed by a Q & A Session.

The program started with the *Young Couples Fellowship members* and the *Elders, Praising and Worshiping the Lord* with three beautiful *Hymns*.

Dr. Dominic Benjamin addressed the gathering on the chosen topic, **Dealing with Suffering and Pain of Chronic Illness**. He explained the different circumstances of Suffering and Pain, and brought out the different types. He gave four examples of people and how they dealt with their experiences; how members should support people who are going through pain and suffering, and how we must encourage one another. He gave reference to *2 Corinthians 4* where the *Apostle Paul* speaks about *Suffering for Christ* and not to despair, and always strive to live in and for *HIM* who is *RISEN*.

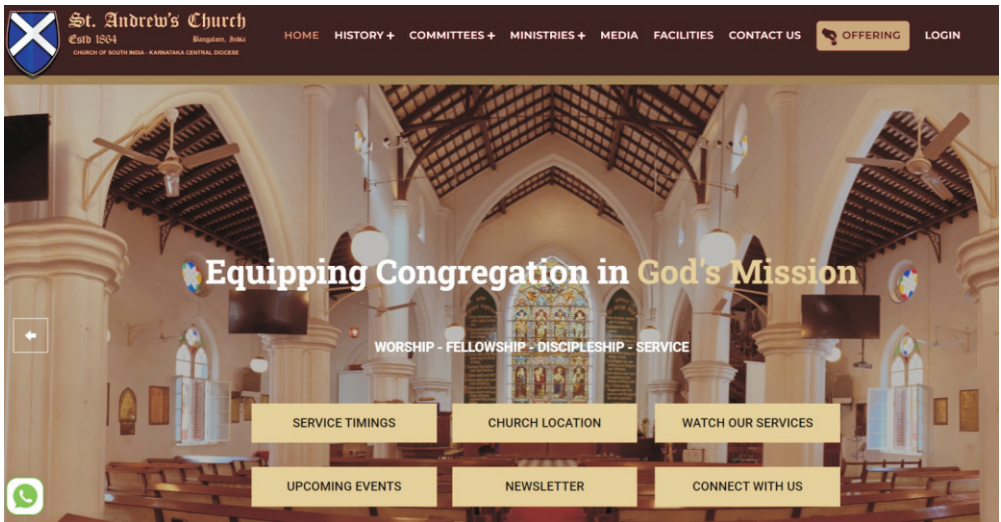
We are to look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are unseen are eternal.

Dr. Benjamin also spoke about our *Unchanging Jesus at All Times*, where *Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever*. He spoke on how Jesus never changes and His love for us is never failing. He loves us so much that He was willing to die for us, and therefore we must honour *HIM* and praise *HIM*. In the midst of toil and pain, *HE* is the *Only ONE* to depend on when all is lost and broken. He quoted from the *Book of Isaiah* on how *HE* came into this world for us, and the *Love the FATHER* has for us.

After the message, there was a short *activity time* for the elders. In conclusion, we would like to thank all who came together in helping us organize this program, and all the elders who attended the meeting.

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri
Convener

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www.standrewschurch.org.in

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



You can also use it for:

- For sending in your prayer requests directly to the Presbyter
- For paying your offerings and contributions to various church ministries including St. Andrew's School
- To download the latest Newsletter or previous Newsletters
- To watch LIVE and past Worship Services



SEEKER'S NOOK



June 2023

Happy June everyone! The spotlight is on fathers as Father's Day is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of June.. Happy Father's Day doting Dads, our everyday superheroes! On the other hand, our Heavenly Father's all encompassing love commands praise and worship. Worship is a lifestyle response to God, expressed not only through music and singing. It includes loving God daily, knowing and declaring from our hearts that God alone is worthy of honour and praise in all we do.

Time for a Quiz on the theme of Worship!

QUIZ

1. What were the children of Israel told not to worship?
2. Which Old Testament king built the first temple in Jerusalem?
3. Who refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image?
4. When at the well, how did Jesus say we should worship?
5. What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment?
6. How does Psalm 96 say we should worship God?
7. Who worshiped God in Shiloh every year and one year prayed to God for a male child?
8. Which of Jacob's 12 sons' name means praise?
9. When does the Bible say that Jesus and the disciples sung a hymn?
10. Who prayed and sang hymns to God at midnight while in prison?

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

May Quiz Answers

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|---|--|
| 1. The Holy Spirit | 6. Mount Olives |
| 2. So they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit | 7. A Sabbath day's walk |
| 3. A cloud | 8. Preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. |
| 4. 40 days | 9. Take heart for I have overcome the world |
| 5. The second coming of Jesus | 10. On the right hand of God |

THINK BOX



CREATION CARE: IT IS UP TO US

Environment Sunday will be celebrated on 11th June 2023 as per our Church Almanac. We live in a world of wonder thoughtfully created by God and have been called to care for it.

We have not always lived up to the call, and affecting change is not always easy, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. Look up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JUrN6nXh2w&vl=en> or scan **QR code 1** to watch an educative video clip on the need to care for creation.

On Earth Day 2023, National Geographic India premiered a series of short films titled **One for Change** that shares stories of young activists across India who are working for environmental protection and climate action. Scan **QR code 2** to read about some of the children defying odds, who feature in the series; or look up

<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/life-style/earth-day-2023-young-changemakers-fight-climate-change-national-geographic-india-short-films-one-for-change-8570603/>

QR code 1



QR code 2



Congratulations May Winners

1. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
2. Rosabelle Prabhakar
3. Gitanjali Lazarus



4. Felicia Manoraj
5. Esther Suguna Simeon
6. A. N. Indira Devi

Calendar for the First Week of July 2023			
*2nd July Sunday	Stewardship Sunday		
	5th Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Stewardship - Responsible Resource Management		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Exodus 18: 13-27	Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15	Mrs. Leena Jayakumari	
Gospel	St. Matthew 25: 14-30	Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023

INFANT BAPTISM



Caleb Asher Bangara

Son of Mr. Rehan Flemingo Bangara and
Mrs. B. P. Ashwitha Bangara
on 14th of May 2023

Callum Lance Panglanna

Son of Mr. Rohan John Panglanna and
Mrs. Rajni Kiran Lakra
on 28th of May 2023



Weddings



Ms. Larine Dorothy

Daughter of Mr. Alfred Sudhir Kumar & Mrs. Asha Latha
with

Mr. B. T. Savi

Son of Mr. Tankesh & Mrs. Vanajakshi
on the 21st of May 2023

OBITUARY



Mrs. Dorathy Jayaraju

(aged 71 years)

mother of Mr. Jaison Christopher, Mr. John Manoranjan &
Ms. Jennfyer Elmeena
slept in the Lord on 7th May 2023



Mr. Krupa Kalpana Jacob

(aged 56 years)

daughter of Mrs. Mercy Shakuntala Ratnakar,
sister of Mrs. Subhashini Ratnakar, wife of Mr. C. G. Jacob &
mother of Mr. Prajwal Jacob and Mr. Aashish Jacob
slept in the Lord on 15th May 2023

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 June 2023				
*4th June 1st 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: 4-14	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	Concert of Sacred Music			6.00 p.m
11th June 2nd Sunday	Environment Sunday			
	2nd Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Creation Groans for Liberation			
	Preacher: Mr. Naveen J. Rangayya	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Dr. Pearl John	English		9.30 a.m
Old Testament Ezekiel 36: 24-36	Mrs. Sandra Renita Karkada (K)			
	Mrs. Clara Shyrine			
Epistle Romans 8: 18-25	Mr. B. S. Kumar (K)			
	Miss Tara Leah Mark			
Gospel St. John 20: 19-23	Mr. Arjun Christopher (K)			
	Mr. Erol Shailesh Watsa			
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship			6.15 p.m
*18th June 3rd Sunday	3rd Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Worship - Celebration of People's Faith			
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Kannada Holy Communion		8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Y. T. Vinayraj	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament Isaiah 6: 1-8	Mrs. A. N. Indira Devi (K)		
	Mr. Anga Joseph Keerthi Prakash			
Epistle Revelation 4: 1-11	Mr. Paul David (K)			
	Miss Sakshi Paul			
Gospel St. John 4: 16-26	Mrs. Lucy Kumar (K)			
	Mrs. Nancy Prince Shetty			
Evening Service	Holy Communion Service-Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben			6.15 p.m
25th June 4th Sunday	4th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Discipleship as Witness			
	Preacher: Rev. Benyamin	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament 2 Kings 2: 1-15	Mrs. Amitha Hans (K)		
	Miss Eva Johanna Flemingson			
Epistle Titus 2: 1-15	Mr. Emmanuel Krithasharan (K)			
	Mrs. Ramona Amanna			
Gospel St. John 3: 22-30	Mrs. Surekha Bangera (K)			
	Ms. Sunanda Jayaseelan			
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. B. 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.