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OCT 2023

"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



HARVEST THANKSGIVING Sunday, 8th October 2023



Faith Forward

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Faith Forward

"Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"
(Hebrews 12:2)

The month of *October* invites us to remember and celebrate many events, but one of the important events is remembering and thanking God for the *Protestant Reformation*, recollecting *October 31, 1517*, the day *Martin Luther* nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the door of the *Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany*. We also begin the month by celebrating the life of *Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi*, with the birth anniversary on *October 2nd*. In the midst of all of these events, we are preparing to celebrate our *Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving*.

The *Writer* to the *Hebrews* brings to the discussion, one of the most important components of our Christian life, "*Faith*." In the words of *Thomas Merton*, "*Ultimately, faith is the only key to the universe. The final meaning of human existence, and the answers to the questions on which all our happiness depends cannot be found in any other way.*"

The *Reformation debate* which had religious, social, cultural and political dimensions, was essentially asking both the *People* and the authorities in the *Church* to negotiate, discover and navigate faith in both their personal and in their lives as a community of faith. In *Hebrews 12:1-6*, the author presents *Jesus as the ultimate example of faith*, who has demonstrated '*Faith*,' as a virtue. The discussion here is preceded by one of the most vivid chapters on faith, *Hebrews 11*, generally called as the *Hall of Faith*, which brings together biblical characters of faith from *Abel to Samuel*, with the words, '*By faith*.' Therefore, *Jesus Christ* as the decisive model of faith, is the '*pioneer and perfecter*,' of our faith. It is therefore not a statement of judgement on the believer's faith, but is an invitation to all of us to once again to focus on *Jesus*.

One of the biblical texts received by *Gandhi* is the *Sermon on the Mount*, and one of the statements is, "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God*" (*Matthew 5:8*).

Each time we affirm the *Apostles' Creed* or the *Nicene Creed*, we begin with the words, '*I believe*,' and '*We believe*.' The *Creeds* emerged because the early Christian communities grappled and debated about *Faith*. Faith is an act of trust,

the experience of saying 'yes' to God, describing a relationship with God characterized by conviction, commitment and character.

It is my prayer that we will continue to look to Jesus and allow him to discipline and shape our lives.

We thank God for the leadership provided for the various ministries. *Here are some highlights:*

1. Mission Month

The *Mission Month* celebrated during the month of *August* was a meaningful celebration with opportunities to listen and engage with various ministries. We were able to focus on our own *Mission Field* at *Tubagere* and our efforts to secure a land which fulfils all statutory requirements is in progress, although the wait seems to be longer. Please continue to pray for *Mr Praveen*, our full time *Evangelist* and his family, *Mr. Kenneth Franklyn* and his family, and the *Team* for the good work.

2. Women's Fellowship Sunday

We thank God for the work of our *Women's Fellowship* and the regular study of the *Word* and *visitations* to the sick and the needy. We specially thank them for the *Women's Sunday* and the involvement of women in the service. Members have also been participating in events hosted by churches and organisations. We are glad that the *Women's Fellowship* is preparing to host, *Athalia*, an inter-church event on *November 1st*. Pray that this will facilitate a gathering of women to celebrate and share God's faithfulness. We are grateful to the leadership of the *Women's Fellowship*.

3. Care for the Elderly Sunday

Care for the Elderly ministry, is growing from strength to strength with a *regular fellowship every month*, and efforts being made to reach out to the elderly in our church. Each monthly session is designed and planned to cater to the needs of the elderly. *Care for the Elderly Sunday Service* saw active involvement of the elders and sharing of ideas. The elders at *Bethany Asharam, Channapatna*, continue to be supported by the church through the *Care for the Elderly ministry*. It is our prayer that this important ministry will continue to reach out and be

creative in their ministry.

Let us look forward to a joyful time of thanksgiving. I especially pray that each of us and as families will participate, and take time to fellowship with each other.

May God bless you all.

Your Presbyter
Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival Combined Worship Service: 9.00 AM, Sunday, 8th October 2023

CHURCH DECORATION

Mrs. Sangeetha Maben
Dr. Helen P. Samuel
Mrs. Mirium Sadhu
Ms. Gabriella Tannishta
Ms. Michelle Joana
Mrs. Dedeepya Ajith John
Mrs. Muna Joshi
Mrs. Divya Ashwal Karodi

Church and Pillar Decorations

Women's Fellowship

*Volunteers are welcome to join church
decoration on Saturday 7th October at 10:30 am*

AUCTION

Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna
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PADDY & SUGARCANE

Ms. Nisha, Ms. Raksha & Mr. B. Silver

SECURITY & SAFETY

Mr. Dalfred Paul
Mr. John Susheel

STALLS

Mrs. Sujatha Kishore - Coordinator

Sunday School

Women's Fellowship - Mrs. I. Leena Jayakumari

Men's Fellowship - Mr. Wilson Prathap

Music Ministry - Mrs. Neha Soans George

Youth Fellowship - Mr. Kenneth Franklyn

Mission & Evangelism - Mr. Franklyn Edwin

Young Couples Fellowship & Care for the Elderly
- Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj & Mr. Praveen Oscar

SALE OF COUPONS

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CONVENERS

Mrs. Neha Soans George
Mr. Kenneth Franklyn
Mrs. Sujatha Kishore
Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

During the month of August, on *Saturday, the 26th*, our Sunday School children once again had an opportunity to show their *talents* by singing *Solo and Group Songs*. Many children took part. *Voice Training* children of our church also took part.

Our Sunday school children participated in “*Intersun - 2023*” conducted by UTC on *Saturday, the 9th of September, 2023*. Our children performed to their best in all the events. *Sharon Nathasha* won the *First place in photography*.

Mrs. Sujatha Kishore
Sunday School Superintendent

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



*"I asked him for this child and he gave me what I asked for.
So I am dedicating him to the Lord.
As long as he lives he will belong to the Lord."
Then they worshiped Lord there. 1 Samuel 1: 27, 28*

Greetings to one and all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Sunday the 10th of September was celebrated as Women's Sunday in our church. The Theme was "Women on a Journey to Wholeness". We followed the Special Order of Worship prepared for that day, in which majority of members of our Women's Fellowship, along with the members of the congregation, took part in both the Kannada and English Worship Services. Rev. Hemalatha John was the preacher for the Kannada Service, and Rev. Vedhamary Jayaneasan was the preacher for the English Service. Both the preachers spoke on the Women in the Bible. Their Sermons were a boost and encouragement to all the women in general.

Eight new members were enrolled and dedicated during the English Service. The Annual Reports were presented in both the Services.

We praise and thank our Almighty God for all His favors and blessings.

Mrs. Daisy Richard

Vice President / Secretary, SAWF

CARE FOR THE ELDERLY



We thank our Heavenly Father through our Lord and Saviour Lord Jesus Christ, for giving us the time to Praise and Glorify His Name.

We had our monthly Care for the Elderly Program on the 9th of September 2023 at the Rev. Stewart Wright Hall. The speaker was Rev. Vasudevan. His message was on the topic “Flourish Even Now”. He addressed the elders on being happy at

all times and gave examples of people who went for walks 3 times a day in their old age, sharing and bringing happiness and joy in their lives, thanking and praising God at all times.

This was followed by a Fellowship Lunch.

We celebrated Care for the Elderly Sunday on the 24th of September 2023, during both the Kannada and the English Services. The Theme was, “Fruitfulness of the Elderly”. The Preachers during the Kannada Service was Rev. M. B. Kotian, and during the English Service, Rev. Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, respectively.

Stuthi@St.Andrews along with the Elders, rendered a Special Song during the Kannada Service, and the Elders sang a Special Song “Shine Jesus Shine”, during the English Service. The Praise and Worship during the English Service was led by the Elders and the Youth with three well known Hymns, and the Congregation too joined in Praise and Adoration. The Special Liturgy prepared by CSI KCD, adapted for worship at St, Andrew's, was led by the Elders during both the Services.

The Convener, Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri, presented the Report for the year October 2022 to September 2023, during both the Services. We praise, thank, and glorify our God Almighty for His guidance, presence, and tender mercies towards us during the past year, and throughout our preparation for the Worship Services.

Thank you all for being there and for your participation.

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri

Convener, CFE



SEEKER'S NOOK



October 2023

Did you know that World Smile Day is celebrated every year on the first Friday of October? This unofficial holiday encourages everyone to do acts of kindness to spread goodwill and cheer. As we celebrate our Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival this month, we bring you a Quiz on Feasts in the Bible (NKJV version). Do try it.

QUIZ

1. "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be _____, these are my feasts (Leviticus 23).
2. 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of _____ rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your _____ . (Leviticus 23)
3. "On the _____ day of the first month at twilight is the LORD's Passover" (Leviticus 23).
4. "If the family of _____ will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles" (Zechariah 14).
5. "When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the _____ of your harvest to the priest" (Leviticus 23).
6. "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of _____ of trumpets, a holy convocation'" (Leviticus 23).
7. "The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of _____" (Exodus 34).
8. "Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was _____" (John 10).
9. "So you shall observe the Feast of _____, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance" (Exodus 12).
10. "Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the _____" (Luke 22)

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

Name

Serial number – Answer



Courage in challenging times

Everyone faces difficult situations at some point in life. God designed us to work in partnership with Him, to rely on Him for strength and to turn to Him for direction. As we walk intimately with God, take a step in faith and do our part, God works in the heart of others, makes wrong things right to make miracles happen. Scan QR code or follow

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



to watch an inspiring video on stories of courage in the Bible that will strengthen you in your faith journey. Stay blessed.

September Quiz Answers

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Deborah | 6. Hannah |
| 2. Jehosheba | 7. Ruth |
| 3. Esther | 8. Priscilla |
| 4. Mary | 9. Sarah |
| 5. The Samaritan Women | 10. Miriam |

Shining September Stars!

- Felicia Manoraj
- A N Indiradevi
- Lynette Natasha Karkada
- Deepan Elbert Pramodan
- Gitanjali Lazarus
- Joshua Aiden Mohan Raj
- Annie Felix
- Esther Suguna Simeon
- Rosabelle Prabhakar



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

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Jacob Ruben Raj and Family
 Mr. Philip Christopher and Family
 Mrs. Alice Wilhelmina and Family
 Mr. Jacob Benison I and Mr. Sujay Sumbhrum I

OBITUARY



Lt Col Dr. P. Meera
 (aged 73 years)
 mother of Mr. Joyson S & Mr. Gladson J
 slept in the Lord on 4th September 2023

Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival - 2023

Parking: After the Church Parking area is full, kindly park your vehicles on Infantry Road and at Tunbridge High School Grounds.

Biriyani Packets (Rs. 230/-) will be available for Sale near the Coffee Counter after the Worship Service and from the Church Office, till the 5th of October 2023.

Offerings in kind will be received in Church on Saturday, 07th October 2023 – 10:00 AM Onwards

Calendar for the First Week of November 2023

*5th November 1st Sunday	Unity Sunday		
	23rd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Treasures in Clay Jars		
	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Micah 6:1-8		
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4:7-15		
Gospel	St. Mark 4:26-29		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m

Calendar for the Month of October 2023				
*1st October 1st Sunday	Laity Sunday			
	18th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Witness of the People of God			
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		9:00 a.m
	Old Testament	Daniel 3:24-30	Mr. Wilson Prathap	
Epistle	Acts 18:24-28	Mrs. Leena Jayakumari		
Gospel	St. Luke 10:1-12	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj (K)		
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra			6.15 p.m
8th October 2nd Sunday	Harvest and Thanksgiving Sunday			
	19th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Flourishing and Blessing at Harvest			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Worship Service		9:00 a.m
	Old Testament	Psalms 92:12-15	Mrs. Neha Soans George	
Epistle	James 1:5-11	Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath		
Gospel	St. Luke 15:11-24	Mrs. Sujatha Kishore (K)		
*15th October 3rd Sunday	20th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Differently abled - Sanctity of Life			
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Kannada Holy Communion		8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Dr. Joseph George	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament	Exodus 4:10-17	Mr. Bhaskara Sujaya Kumar (K)	
			Mrs. Jemima Mallika Jaswanth	
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Mrs. Savina Peters (K)	
Mr. Stanley Jaichand				
Gospel	St. John 5:1-9	Mr. Reejan Fisher Simon (K)		
		Miss Karen Danita Isaac		
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben			6.15 p.m
22nd October 4th Sunday	21st Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Taking Risk for the Reign of God			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	Kannada		8.15 a.m.
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	English		9.30 a.m
	Old Testament	Esther 8:1-17	Mrs. Sandra Renita Karkada (K)	
Mrs. Gitanjali Lazarus				
Epistle	Philippians. 2:25-30	Mr. Anoop Justin (K)		
		Dr. Vinten D Diwakar		
Gospel	St. Mathew. 10:37-42	Mrs. Sandra Vijaya Anchan (K)		
		Mrs. Soumya Namrata Sumitra		
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. B. Silpa Rani			6.15 p.m
29th October 5th Sunday	Reformation Sunday			
	22nd Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme: Rediscovering and Reliving the Faith			
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada		8.15 a.m.
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English		9.30 a.m
Old Testament	2 Chronicles 34:8-21	Mrs. Arpana Pallavi Palanna (K)		
		Dr. Shreyanka Suresh Shetty		
Epistle	Revelation 2: 1-7	Mr. Vivian Bakthasegaran (K)		
		Mr. Aditya Graham		
Gospel	St. John 2:12-22	Mrs. Smitha Pamela Pramodan (K)		
		Mrs. Agnita Robert Narendra		
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship			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.