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"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



## ***Pentecost: Translating Change***

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

## ***Pentecost: Translating Change***

*"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2:4)*

In the words of the Danish Philosopher Soren Kierkegaard, "In the world of spirit, to change place is to be changed yourself." The experience and diverse meanings of the experience of Pentecost in the life of the early Church is in reality a vision for the Church in the Present. In the original Greek Language, Pentecost simply means "fiftieth." Pentecost was a Jewish celebration of the spring harvest and the revelation of the law at Mount Sinai. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the story of Pentecost became a story of 'translating change' among the believers who initially numbered 120, and went on to impact 3000 people. We read clear backgrounds in the Old Testament for the celebration of Pentecost by the early Church, for example in the Book of Leviticus:

"And from the day after the sabbath, from the day on which you bring the sheaf of the elevation offering, you shall count off seven weeks; they shall be complete. You shall count until the day after the seventh sabbath, fifty days; then you shall present an offering of new grain to the LORD. You shall bring from your settlements two loaves of bread as an elevation offering, each made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of choice flour, baked with leaven, as first fruits to the LORD" (Leviticus 23:15-17).

The description in the Book of Leviticus, offers a vivid description of the agricultural background of the celebration and the idea of bringing our offerings to God. The celebration in the early Church is all about understanding the message in the original and translating change.

The Change began with the moving away from one tongue, Hebrew, to different languages. Pentecost provided a vision that words and works of God can be spoken and understood in different languages and dialects of many peoples. The vision for the Church is to celebrate difference and diversity. The Pentecost experience is not an exclusive or individual experience of the Holy Spirit, but "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4) and they were able to speak in other languages, "as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:4). The celebration of Pentecost teaches us that unity is possible in the power of the Holy Spirit and human made distinctions and difference can be overcome. Language is not simply about words, syntax and vocabulary, but it is about culture, social relations and history, and the Pentecost envisioned change and translated change, for a more just and peaceful community of faith, called the Church.



May we take time to live out Spirit filled lives and be channels of translating change!

Your Presbyter

***Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Mabon***

## ***Sunday School***



We thank God our Father for helping us to conduct VBS 2024 with the Theme, "*The Return Gift*", under the able leadership of Mrs. Beverly Razario, who was our VBS 2024 Director.

The *Final Day Program* was presented on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 during both Kannada and English Services.

We thank one and all who have supported us through their prayers, some just being there whenever we needed help. We also thank our *Presbyter* and the *Pastorate Committee members* for supporting us.

Sunday School for the Year 2024 - 25 will resume during the **Second Week of June, 2024.**

**Mrs. Sujatha Kishore**  
Sunday School Superintendent

## Mission & Evangelism



In the months of *March and April 2024*, members of *M & E Team* visited our *Tubagere Mission Field* to celebrate the *Holy Eucharist* and have *Fellowship* with the members of Tubagere church.

In *March 2024*, two children - *Blessie and Aaradya*, were dedicated by our *Presbyter*.

The makeshift *Pendal* under which Sunday School is conducted, collapsed due to wind. The members of Tubagere Church came forward and contributed towards putting up a new *Pendal*. A new *Board* for Sunday School was sponsored by one of the members from St. Andrews Church, Bangalore.



VBS at Tubagere was conducted from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The response from the local children was overwhelming! We had a total of 30 children who attended this year's VBS; more than 20 children were from the surrounding villages who are not part of our Sunday School. Few children were picked up and dropped by our *Evangelist* as there was no transport available from certain villages. As a token of appreciation and to encourage these children, a small *Stationary Set* was given as VBS gift.

M & E Team visited Tubagere on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April to provide moral support to our Evangelist and Volunteers, and to be part of the *Final Day VBS Program* on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The VBS children recited 6 days' *Memory Verses* and sang new Songs.

Do continue to support us through your prayers.

**Mr. Kenneth Franklyn**  
Convener

## **Women's Fellowship**

Our Women's Fellowship met on *Saturday*, the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, for its *Monthly Bible Study*.

This month's Bible Study was led by *Mrs. Veneetha Sunita* and we thank her for leading us.

We had an interesting time studying the *Resurrection Events* from the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of *St. John's Gospel*, especially Mary Magdalene, who was the first to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Every promise, every word mentioned in the scriptures comes to pass and we understood this in a whole new light.

**Mrs. Daisy Richard**  
Vice President / Secretary SAWF

## ***Easter Choral Concert***

The eagerly awaited *Easter Choral Concert* took place on *Sunday, April 21, 2024* during our *Evening Worship Service*. Led by our *Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben*, the Service was truly uplifting. Following the Concert, we partook in *Holy Communion*, culminating with a rousing rendition from *Handel's Messiah*, the renowned "*Hallelujah*" Chorus.

With *Easter* as the central theme, the *Choral Presentations* revolved around the '*Resurrection*.'

Our church secretary *Wg Cdr I. D. Soans* gave the *Welcome Address*, with a special word of welcome to the participating Choirs and the Congregation.

*Dr. Chandran Gnanamuthu* delivered the *Sermon*, drawing from the *Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, Chapter 3, Verses 21 to 28*.

*Participating Choirs were:*

*The Praise Singers:* A beloved Choir renowned for their quality *Praise and Worship Songs* since the 1980s, led by the *late Dr. Thomas Gnanamuthu*. They performed '*Behold the Empty Tomb*', '*As Long as I Have Breath*' and '*My Father's Love*.'

The Choir was conducted by *Dr. Meera Balraj* and was accompanied by *Ms. Sunitha Gokavi*.

*Indiranagar Methodist Church Choir:* Delivered three soul-stirring Songs: '*Faith to Carry On*,' the harmonious Tamil piece '*Kalvari Kaatchiyile*', and '*What the Lord Has Done for Me*'.

The Choir was conducted by *Mr. Naveen Dinesh*.

*The talented Mezzo Soprano Tanisha Herbert*, graced us with her rendition of '*Alleluia*' from *Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate* and '*If God Be for Us Who Can Be Against Us*', from *Handel's Messiah*, accompanied on the Pipe Organ by *Mr. Avinash Grubb*.

*St. Andrew's Church Choir:* Touched our hearts with performances of '*Thine Is the Glory*', '*Sunrise Resurrection*' and the touching Solo, "*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*," sung by *Neha Soans George*.

The Choir was accompanied by *Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan* on the Pipe Organ and the Piano.

The evening was further enriched by finely selected *Congregational Hymns* and exquisite *Organ Prelude* and *Postlude*, rendered by *Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan* and *Mr. Avinash Grubb*.

As the evening drew to a close, our Church Choir Director and Organist, *Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan* expressed his heartfelt gratitude, reflecting on another memorable Concert. He also took a moment to honour the *late Mr. Godfrey Ayadorai*, whose unwavering dedication to Church Music is deeply appreciated.

We are truly grateful for God's blessing upon our church community.

The Concert can be viewed on our church YouTube page.

**Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath**

*Convener*

*Worship Committee*



# SEEKER'S NOOK



MAY 2024

Melting May is here! The hottest month of the year is reason enough to gorge on cool treats and escape to cooler mountain retreats. Speaking of which, the Sermon on the Mount recorded in Matthew 5-7 are core moral teachings of Jesus Christ about purity of the heart, righteous living and more. Try this easy quiz to find out how well versed you are with it 😊

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT QUIZ

1. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; \_\_\_\_\_ and the door will be opened to you.
2. Do not store up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.



3. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be called children of God.
4. Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be filled.
6. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven
7. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to \_\_\_\_\_ from you.
10. Love your enemies and pray for those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.

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 April 2024**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer



### Pentecost and Mount Sinai

There are many compelling similarities between the expressions of God's presence on Mount Sinai and His presence among the disciples during Pentecost. God's plans for us were made since the beginning of time, what a mighty God we serve!

*On Mount Sinai, God's presence was accompanied by fire, smoke, and the sound of thunder (Ex. 19:16-19).*

*During Pentecost God's presence was accompanied by the sound of wind, tongues of fire, and the gift of different languages (Acts 2:1-3).*

*When God gave the Laws to Moses on Mount Sinai, the people were worshipping the golden calf. About 3,000 people died as punishment for their sins.*

*When the Holy Spirit was given during Pentecost, people repented, and about 3,000 people believed and found spiritual life.*

*God's presence was symbolized by a cloud and fire, which led the Israelites out of Egypt. Later, God moved his presence into the temple (2 Chron. 5:7-8, 13-14).*

*At Pentecost, God's presence moved from the temple into a "new temple," the followers of Jesus (Rom. 8:9).*

*Finally, the Laws provided God's teachings for the Old Testament community of people. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit became the Teacher of believers (John 14:26).*



## April Quiz Answers

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Egypt                      | 6. 7th month                    |
| 2. 7 days                     | 7. No, work is not allowed      |
| 3. First fruits/ First grain  | 8. 7 days                       |
| 4. 50 days                    | 9. Feast of Tabernacles/ Booths |
| 5. Feast of Weeks / Pentecost | 10. Holy Spirit                 |

## Well Done February Quiz Stars

1. Felicia Manoraj
2. Veneetha Sunita
3. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
4. Esther Suguna Simeon



5. A. N. Indiradevi
6. Annie Felix
7. Rosabelle Prabhakar
8. Daisy Mark Prabhu

## HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

### Weddings



#### **Mr. R. Rohan**

son of Mr. D. Rathan & Mrs. Esther K. Rathan  
with

#### **Miss A. Maria Celina**

daughter of Late A. Antony & Mrs. A. S. Mary Stella  
on the 18th of April 2024

## OBITUARY



#### **Mr. Amulya Kumar Chinnappa,**

aged 71 years, brother of Mrs. Nalini Simmons,  
Slept in the Lord on Saturday, 6th April 2024.

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#### **Mrs. Selvarani Beulah Adaline**

aged 67 years, wife of Mr. Petit M Kumar, mother of Mrs. Pearl  
Priscilla Jones and Dr. (Mrs.) Cheryl Persis Jose,  
Slept in the Lord on Sunday, 7th April 2024.



#### **Mr. Godfrey A. Aiyadurai**

aged 69 years, husband of Mrs. Ivy Godfrey,  
father of Mr. Deepak Daniel and Mr. Dheeraj James,  
brother of Mr. G. D. Mohan Raj,  
Slept in the Lord on Monday, 15th April 2024.

## ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS



**St. Andrew's Church**

Account:

**ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL**

*Siddapura*

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**ST ANDREWS CHURCH**

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## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS



### Please Note

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### Example:

Name: Full Name

Transferred amount: Rs. 1100

Rs. 450 for Youth Fellowship,

Rs. 650 for M&E

### Calendar for the First Week of June 2024

*2nd June Sunday	Students Sunday		
	2nd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Wisdom from Above		
	Celebrant & Preacher	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	1 Kings 3: 16 - 28	Mr. Wilson Prathap	
Epistle	James 1: 1 - 8	Mrs. Neha Salome George	
Gospel	St. Luke 10: 21 - 24	Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.15 p.m

## Calendar for the Month of May 2024

<b>*5th May</b> <b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Easter</b>		
	<b>Theme: Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission</b>		
	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>	<b>*Combined Holy Communion</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:00 a.m</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34: 25 - 31</b>	<b>Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj</b>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>1 Peter 2: 1 - 10</b>	<b>Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St. John 20: 19 - 23</b>	<b>Mrs. Leena Jayakumari (K)</b>	
<b>Evening Service</b>	<b>Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra</b>		<b>6.15 p.m</b>
<b>12th May</b> <b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>6th Sunday After Easter</b>		
	<b>Theme: Waiting upon the Holy Spirit</b>		
	<b>Preacher: Rev. M. B Kotian</b>	<b>Kannada</b>	<b>8.15 a.m</b>
	<b>Preacher: Rev. R. Mohanraj</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>9.30 a.m</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Isaiah 40: 25 - 31</b>	<b>Mrs. A. N. Indiradevi (K)</b>	
		<b>Dr. Paul C Salins</b>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Acts 1: 1 - 11</b>	<b>Mr. Praveen P. Salins (K)</b>	
		<b>Mrs. Rosebell Prabhakar</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St. Luke 24: 44 - 49</b>	<b>Mrs. Smitha Pamela Pramodan (K)</b>	
		<b>Mr. Nirag Darren Soans</b>	
<b>Evening Service</b>	<b>Conducted by Youth Fellowship</b>		<b>6.15 p.m</b>
<b>*19th May</b> <b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>		
	<b>Theme: Come Holy Spirit Renew Us</b>		
	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher:</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>	<b>*Kannada Holy Communion</b>	<b>8.15 a.m</b>
	<b>Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>9.30 a.m</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14</b>	<b>Mr. C. P. Lawrence (K)</b>	
		<b>Mr. Jayakar Rao Essampally</b>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Acts 2: 1 - 13</b>	<b>Mrs. Chithra S. Herbert (K)</b>	
		<b>Mrs. Vrinda Eleanor Mathias</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St. John 16: 1 - 11</b>	<b>Mr. Kiran S. Kotian (K)</b>	
		<b>Mr. Stephen Pradeep Kotian</b>	
<b>Evening Service</b>	<b>Holy Communion Service Celebrant &amp; Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>		<b>6.15 p.m</b>
<b>26th May</b> <b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>		
	<b>1st Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
	<b>Theme: We Worship the Triune God</b>		
	<b>Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>	<b>Kannada</b>	<b>8.15 a.m</b>
	<b>Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>9.30 a.m</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Genesis 1: 1 - 28</b>	<b>Mrs. Annie Solomon (K)</b>	
		<b>Mrs. Grace Gnanapriya Abraham</b>	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 14</b>	<b>Mr. J. A. Prakash (K)</b>	
		<b>Mr. Sujit Mark Macwana</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St. John 1: 1 - 18</b>	<b>Miss Maria Priya. S (K)</b>	
		<b>Mrs. Sowmya Kairanna</b>	
<b>Evening Service</b>	<b>Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith</b>		<b>6.15 p.m</b>

*Note: Kindly keep the church office informed in advance about your inability to be present for the scripture reading as scheduled*