



St. Andrew's Church

CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA - KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE

NEWSLETTER

OCT 2024

"EQUIPPING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"



HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday, 6th October 2024



Growing in Freedom

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Growing in Freedom

"...keep sound wisdom and prudence, and they will be life for your soul..."

(Proverbs 3:21-22)

We have probably heard this, *"To look at is one thing; To see is another. To understand is a third. To learn from what you understand is still something else. But to act on what you learn is what really matters."*

October is a month that continues to help us to remember one of the most significant movements in Modern Church History, *The Protestant Reformation*, that altered the religious, social, cultural and political map of Europe, and in many ways, of the world. One of the key ideas of the *Reformation Movement* is the idea of "*Freedom*," which found its place in the writings of reformers like *Martin Luther*, *John Calvin* and others, and which started a new movement of *Christian education and teaching*, and which opened up the modern *Sunday School movement* in most protestant churches as a mainstream ministry.

The passage in *Proverbs 3:19-24*, brings us back to the foundational Christian faith in understanding God as the Creator of the earth and the heavens (*Proverbs 3:19*). Wisdom as a tradition in the Bible helps us understand that we live in a world ordered by God, and the principles of wisdom is built into the structure of the world. Wisdom is to believe that there is freedom in order rather than in chaos. Freedom is living with God in a world ordered by God and not living without God, a freedom that is not real freedom and temporary. Wisdom is a gift which drops down like the 'dew' (*Proverbs 3:20*), an image that helps that God refreshes and restores the earth and our lives. One of the greatest contributions of the reformation movement is to provide us the freedom to open and read *God's Word*, which reveals *God's Love*.

Even as we think of our children and celebrate ministry among Children, introducing them to the idea of freedom and helping them to grow in freedom, will continue to be a priority for us. Let the spirit of Reformation continue to help us to celebrate freedom for others and for ourselves.

May God bless you

Your Presbyter
Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival

Combined Worship Service: 8.30 AM, Sunday, 6th October 2024

Church Decoration & Pillar Decorations

Mrs. Sangeetha Maben
Mrs. Asha Franklyn
Dr. Helen P. Samuel
Mrs. Mirium Sadhu
Ms. Gabriella Tannishta
Ms. Michelle Joanna
Mrs. Jean Rachel Rao
Mrs. Christina Shoban
Mrs. Elizabeth Vinoth
Mrs. Mary Sukumari
Mrs. Ruhita Vivian
Mrs. Soumya Namrata Sumitra
Ms Andrea Sahana Lazarus
Mrs. Caroline Rashmi Soans
Mrs. Divya Karodi
Mrs. Muna Joshi

Receiving Thanks Offering

Mrs. Sangeetha Maben
Mrs. Asha Franklyn
Mrs. Rose Walters
Mrs. Jessy Noronha
Mrs. Celestine Ashwal
Mrs. Doreen Soans
Ms. Nishita Palanna
Mrs. Naina Watsa
Mrs. Joyce Watson

Sale of Coupons

Mr. David J Soans
Mr. Jeeva Peter
Mr. Jeevaraj Ebenezer
Dr. Abhishek Bhasme
Mr. Martin Peter
Mr. Wilson Peter
Mr. James W Bangera
Mr. Stephen Pradeep Kotian

Auction

Mr. Vijay Kumar Palanna
Mr. Wilfred Daniel
Mr. Anoop Justin
Mrs. Nancy Prince Shetty
Mr. Naveen Jayakumar Rangayya
Mr. P. Jayaseelan
Mr. Ezekiel Kanavalli
Mr. Billy Graham
Mr. Vivian Segaran
Mr. David Seelan
Mrs. Lynette Karkada
Mr. Kiran Sandesh Kotian
Ms. Sneha Suman Richard

Auction Recording

Dr. John Vasumithra
Mr. Reginald S Lazarus
Ms. Carol Shiri
Mrs. Loretta Suhasini
Mr. John Mohanraj

Pkg of Decorative

Mrs. Sangeetha Maben
Mrs. Sharon Singh
Mrs. Anitha Noel
Mrs. Charlotte Taylor
Mrs. Ramona Amanna

Finance

Mr. Sebastian John
Mr. Erashmas Sumitra
Mr. Reginald Lazarus
Mr. Erol Shailesh Watsa

Sound and Visuals

Mr. Bryan Rajeeva
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Mr. Prajwal Jacob

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Mr. Nirag Soans
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Ms. Raksha Silver
Ms. Karishma Varsha

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Mr. John Susheel
Mr. Franklyn Edwin
Mr. Chetan H. S
Mr. Jacob Benison

Stalls

Sunday School
Youth Fellowship
Young Couples Fellowship
Women's Fellowship
Men's Fellowship
Mission & Evangelism
Care for the Elderly
Music Ministry
EPNC

Conveners

Mr. Wilson Prathap
Mrs. Asha Franklyn
Ms. Vivian Shiri

Upcoming Events



St. Andrew's Church

CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA - KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE

St. Andrew's Church Women's Fellowship



One-day Inter-church Fest

THEME - Mirrors of Grace "Reflecting God's Love & Mercy"

2 Corinthians 3:18



Friday, the 1st of November 2024, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
in St. Andrew's Church, Bangalore

St. Andrew's Church Women's Fellowship invites you to join us on Friday, the 1st of November 2024, to celebrate and gather together to exalted our God for all the work He has done through the various ministries of St. Andrew's Church.

Our celebration will include a time of Fellowship, Morning Worship, and Competitions.

EVENTS

- FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
- COOKING WITHOUT FIRE
- COLLAGE
- CHOREOGRAPHY
- BIBLE QUIZ
- WALK THE BIBLE
- GROUP SINGING (Vernacular)
- PICK AND SING

Our desire is to glorify God in our celebration. In this regard, our Worship will be enriched by your participation. We would love to have you join us in praising our Lord for all that He has done and is going to do in the future at St. Andrew's Church.

In case of any queries, you can contact the following

Mrs. Sangeetha Maben, President - 9945493517, Mrs. Daisy Richard, Secretary - 9448485590,
Mrs. Anupama Winfred, Treasurer - 9535883836



Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries of the Church

Sunday School & Young Couples Fellowship



*“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”
Deuteronomy 32:8*

September is a special month for teachers! To make this month memorable, Young Couples Fellowship and Sunday School team collaborated by hosting a Workshop for teachers and YCF leaders.

The Workshop was planned for a day on the 1st of September and was conducted by our own resource people. Owing to the challenges faced by children, parents as couples in today's age, we planned the Workshop as follows:

1. *'Effective Communication with Children'* by Mrs. Sheeba & Mr. Biju Thomas
2. *'Teaching Techniques'* by Mrs. Vanisree
3. *'Communication in a Family'* by Mrs. Anupama & Mr. Winfred Joshua
4. *'Devices Impact on Children & Christian Family'* by Mr. John Mohan Raj.

The Workshop was not only enlightening but also filled with fun and challenging the minds of all present. It made us think out of the box, helped us learn and adjust to the modern times keeping our foundation firm in Christ. Thanking all the resource personnel for their time and talents which made us ponder how the world has changed drastically and how swift we must be to adapt to these changes leaning on Jesus!

Sunday School team was able to participate in *INTERSUN 2024*. Thanking all the children and teachers who put their heart and minds for this event. We were greatly blessed with this fellowship and bonding with each other. *Scripture Union Certificates* were distributed to children and adults.



It was indeed a blessing that our children have read more of God's Word through this exam. Congratulating all the participants.

Young adults rendered a special song “*No Longer Slaves*” by Jonathan David and Melissa Helsler on 22nd of September 2024.

Sunday School with its young and energetic leaders have a blessed time during the general assemblies nurturing different aspects of a child's life. We commend your dedication. Our teachers continue to inspire the little minds with creative teaching.

Sunday School team is all excited and geared up for the *Harvest Festival* and *World Sunday School Day* which will be celebrated during the month of October. Getting the children involved in all the activities by giving them various responsibilities for *Harvest Stalls* and practicing for *World Sunday School Day* has been very fulfilling.

Thanking our Presbyter, *Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben* for his continued support and mentoring, Pastorate Committee members for their constant support. Our gratitude to the church staff for helping us with all the arrangements throughout this month. A special word of thanks to our parents who diligently and painstakingly encourage and support us through their trials. Thanking Andrew's family for your continued prayers and support which has helped us thus far. Kindly remember our team in your prayers as we have two big events in the coming month, Harvest and World Sunday School Day. Please note, World Sunday School Day is advanced to *October 27th*.

Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohan Raj
Sunday School Superintendent
Convener, YCF

Care for the Elderly



RETREAT 2024

We thank the *LORD JESUS CHRIST* for *HIS PRESENCE* with us in having the *RETREAT* for the Elders of our church at *Visthar Retreat Centre* at Cikkagubbi, Bangaluru. *HE* guided us in everything we did at the Retreat. We thank *HIM* for *HIS* lovingkindness upon us.

We had the Retreat on the 21st of September 2024. The speaker for the occasion was *Rev. Vasudevan*. The elders assembled by 9 am at church and started our journey to the Retreat Centre. Upon arrival we had snacks and started the Session at 10.45 am with *Praise and Worship*. The members of our *Youth Fellowship* accompanied us and led us in *Praise and Worship* with beautiful Hymns. The Session was then taken over by *Rev. Vasudevan*. He spoke about being Joyful at all times in the midst of troubles and persecutions; we must be *joyful in the Lord* inspite of our troubles and worries. When we keep the *Lord* first, all our worries become secondary. We must have peace inspite of our problems and this peace can come only from our *Lord Jesus Christ*. We must *love one another and help one another*. It is only in *giving that we receive* and we must freely give as it is a blessing. We must make one another happy inspite of our problems. Never be superstitious but be genuine in love for God and for one another. We should put our hope in the *Lord* and must trust in Him. Always, being thankful and live in gratitude for all that we have.

It is most important to listen to the voice of the *Lord*. There is nothing greater than this in a Christian's life.

We had *Lunch* at around 1pm, followed by *Games and Activities* for the Elders. We had two games - one was identifying the name of the other, and the second game was a Bible Quiz with references from the Bible. After Tea, we departed at 3 pm from the Retreat Center. We had a wonderful time and reached church safely.

We thank our Lord for His everlasting love towards us.

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri
Convener, CFE

St. Andrew's Church Music School



St. Andrew's Church, long known for its rich musical heritage, had always deserved a *Music School* of its own. Despite several attempts, it had not materialized - until the Pastorate Committee revitalized the idea and re-launched the Music School in 2015.

Initially, piano and violin lessons were offered to both members of our church and other congregations. Finding teachers proved challenging, as students preferred weekend classes, and many professional musicians were already committed. Nevertheless, the school officially started in 2016. Since then, numerous students - both young and not-so-young - have had the opportunity to learn violin, keyboard, cello, and trumpet at a nominal fee. Many have been successfully groomed to pass the Grade Exams from both the ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London) <https://www.abrsm.org/en-in> and Trinity College of Music, London, <https://www.trinitycollege.com/qualifications/> often achieving distinction.

The school continues to grow, and efforts are ongoing to introduce additional classes and instruments based on demand. Furthermore, the voice training classes - wonderful initiative by the late Mr. Godfrey Ayyadurai and now ably sustained by Mrs. Neha Soans George - are further enhancing music education at our church.

Currently, violin, keyboard, and guitar lessons are expertly led by seasoned teachers Mr. Peter Appaji and Mr. Sujan Das. On Sunday, 22nd September 2024, it was a true joy to hear their students perform an *Instrumental Ensemble* during the *Kannada Service*. They played "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" by Karen Lafferty, skilfully blended with Johann Pachelbel's timeless *Canon in D* as interludes, creating a beautiful fusion of contemporary and classical music.

A recording of the performance is available on the church's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPweQAiaGAU> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AndrewsChurchBangalore>

Wg Cdr ID Soans

Convener

Music Ministry

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura



At St. Andrew's School, the September month highlights have been the *Teachers Day* and also the *Prathiba Karanji Program*.

5th September 2024:

The *Teachers Day* celebration in our school was graced by program from children, which included dance and singing, and children wishing the teachers along with distribution of sweets.

Later in the afternoon, the Teachers attended a *Workshop* with *Lion's Club International* at our Church Campus, where the teachers were felicitated for their contributions. Along with the distribution of gifts, the *QUEST Books materials* were given to the teachers.

13th September 2024:

Pratibha Karanji is a program in Karnataka that offers cultural and literary competitions for students in primary and secondary schools. The program is held at the school, cluster, block, district, and state levels. The competitions help students develop their personalities, discover their hidden talents, and learn new skills. This year, the event had participation from 22 schools including our school. *Twenty-three children* from our school participated in the event and have won *6 prizes* - Three 1st price, Two 2nd prize, and One 3rd prize.

Mr. Wilson Prathap

Convenor

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura

Education and Professional Networking Committee (EPNC)



On the *First Sunday of September*, the EPNC Team conducted a Session on 'Government Welfare and Support Programs for the Christian Community'. The resource person for the Session was *Mr. Anthony K (Vikram), Director, Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation (KMDC)*.

The Key Highlights from the Session are:

- *Scholarships & Education Loans:* Information was provided on applying for scholarships and overseas education loans up to ₹20 lakhs with 0% interest, available to students securing at least 60% in their UG/PG courses.
- *Self-Employment Schemes:* Loans up to ₹50,000 with 50% subsidies were available for women entrepreneurs, alongside subsidies for auto and taxi purchases.
- *Eligibility & Documentation:* Participants were guided on eligibility criteria, required documents like Caste and Income Certificates, and the use of online portals and Nabakacheri for applications.

This Session provided valuable insights into accessing financial aid and self-employment opportunities, empowering community members to make use of government schemes effectively.

Career Hub:

The Career Hub initiative, driven primarily by *Mr. Yeshwant Panchikal*, has been helping professionals in our community, when they are in-between jobs and makes an impact in their lives. We would like to share with you one such testimonial given by *Mr. Hubert Maben*, who is placed at Mahinda Aerospace:

"I am grateful to God and the Career Hub at our St. Andrew's Church for their incredible support in finding my new job in the core engineering field. God's guidance and grace have been evident throughout this entire journey, and I am continually amazed by His provision. I cannot thank God enough for His faithfulness and the Career Hub for their

unwavering support. This opportunity is not only a significant milestone in my career but also a testament to the power of faith and community. I am excited about this new chapter and look forward to contributing my skills to the field. May God bless the Career Hub and all its members for their continued efforts in making a difference in so many lives. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being a crucial part of this journey. Hubert”

Mr. Wilson Prathap

Convenor

EPNC

Women's Fellowship

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Mathew 5:9

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

St. Andrew's Church Women's Fellowship celebrated *Women's Sunday* on the 8th of *September 2024* with great zeal and enthusiasm in both the Kannada and the English Services. This year the theme was, *“Women Sowing Seeds of Love and Peace”*. Members of our Women's Fellowship led both the Services. A Choreography by the Young Women of our church was indeed a spectacular event applauded by all.

Dr. Mona Sudhir was the speaker for the *Kannada Service*. She brought out the essence of the unique role we as women play as mothers, teachers, corporate employees etc., who are blessed with the ability to do multiple jobs. She enlightened us on how we can go ahead in spite of the challenges we face, and always look forward with God at the center of our family, and draw our daily enlightenment from Him alone because He assures us that His grace is sufficient for us. She also encouraged us to reflect on our actions and asked us to use the Bible to help us to reflect God's image in the world.

Mrs. Jisha Mathews was our speaker for the *English Service*. She took us deep into the realities of life, like what happens when we are faced with challenges and calamities. She earnestly inspired us to be anchored in the unfailing power and faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Her Sermon included hope and love in times of crisis. It was truly a blessed day. There was love and peace all around.

The *Annual Report* was presented by our President, *Mrs. Sangeetha Maben* in the form of *PPT* to highlight all the achievements and programs of our Women's Fellowship.

We always look forward for the time to *monthly Bible Study*, in continuation studying the topic '*Living as God intends*', with an in-depth study on '*Why God Created us as Women*' and how we are challenged to reflect in our lives by always relying on the *Great Hand Book* of life *The Holy Bible*. *Mrs. Vineetha Sunita* will navigate us through this journey of learning God's Word.

Mrs. Daisy Richards

Secretary
SACWF

Achievements



We are thrilled to share that **Dr. Flemingson Lazarus**, a beloved member of our church, has successfully completed the IRONMAN 70.3 Marathon in São Paulo, Brazil. This incredible achievement means he has now participated in IRONMAN events across all six continents.

Dr. Lazarus is deeply humbled by this milestone and would like to first give thanks to our Lord. He also extends his heartfelt gratitude to the congregation for your unwavering support, encouragement, and prayers throughout his journey.



SEEKER'S NOOK



October 2024

As we celebrate Youth Sunday this month, let us appreciate the ministry of our youth and encourage their zeal for God's work. The Great Commission, found in **Matthew 28:16-20**, was not just a suggestion Jesus made to the disciples; it was a mandate. Considered the cornerstone of Christianity, it commands believers to share the Gospel with others. There are 16 words from the above Scripture passage hidden below. Can you find them?

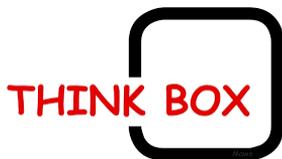
THE GREAT COMMISSION WORD SEARCH



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 2024**, in the following format:

Name

Serial number – Answer



The Law of the Harvest teaches us that we reap what we sow. Paul reminds us of this in Galatians 6:7-9. This scripture encourages us to sow good seeds through our actions, words, and thoughts, with the assurance that, in due time, we will harvest the fruits of our efforts. Whether in our spiritual lives, relationships, or daily choices, this principle invites us to act with care and intention, trusting that God will bless our labor in His perfect timing.

Reflection: As you consider your journey today, what seeds of kindness, faith, and love are you planting, and how might they shape future blessings?

Quiz Answers for the Month of September

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| 1. Leah | 6. Bathsheba |
| 2. Rebekah | 7. Jochebed |
| 3. Naomi | 8. Haggith |
| 4. Deborah | 9. Job's wife |
| 5. Hannah | 10. Hagar |

Congratulations Quiz Stars for the month of September 2024

- Athishai W
- Felicia Manoraj
- Annie Felix
- Esther Suguna Simeon
- Manoranjini Johnson



- Reuben Kalirajan
- Daisy Mark Prabhu
- Parimala Jayaraj
- Lynette Natasha Karkada
- Akanksha Patil
- Rosabelle Prabhakar

Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival - 2024

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

Biriyani Packets (Rs. 250/-) will be available for Sale near the Coffee Counter after the Worship Service and from the Church Office, till the 6th of October 2024.

Offerings in kind will be received in Church on Saturday, 5th October 2024 – 10:00 am Onwards.

Calendar for the First Week of November 2024

*3th November 1st Sunday	Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumithra		6.30 p.m



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

Calendar for the Month of October 2024

*6th October 1st Sunday	Harvest and Thanksgiving Sunday		
	20th Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Harvest of Abundance		
	Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben Preacher: Rev. Praveen P	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	
Old Testament	Isaiah 5:1 - 7	Mrs. Asha Franklyn	8:30 a.m
Epistle	Galatians 5: 19 - 24	Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri	
Gospel	St. Luke 12: 13 - 21	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri (K)	
No Evening Service			
13th October 2nd Sunday	21st Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Kingdom of God and Christian Living		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	
Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 11	Mrs. Arpana Pallavi Palanna (K) Mrs. Jemima Mallika Jaswanth	9:30 a.m
Epistle	Acts 2: 43 - 47	Mr. Anoop Justin (K) Mr. Sudeeksh Denzil N D	
Gospel	St. Mathew 13: 33 - 35	Mrs. Savina Peters (K) Mrs. Agnita Robert Narendra	
Evening Service	Conducted by Youth Fellowship		
*20th October 3rd Sunday	22nd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Living meaningfully in God's Grace		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	*Kannada Holy Communion	
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	English	
Old Testament	Genesis 39: 19 - 23	Mrs. Evelyn Sumana (K) Mrs. Anisha S. Lazarus	9:30 a.m
Epistle	Hebrews 12: 1 - 11	Mr. Bhaskara Sujaya Kumar (K) Mr. Nikhil Gowtham	
Gospel	St. John 1: 43 - 51	Mrs. Amitha Hans (K) Miss Anna Johanna Flemingson	
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		
27th October 4th Sunday	Reformation Sunday World Sunday School Day		
	23rd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Kannada		8:15 a.m
	English		9:30 a.m
Evening Service	Preacher: Mr. Samson		6: 30 p.m

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