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"Equipping and Empowering Congregation in God's Mission"



Growing in the Unknown

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

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Growing is a deeply natural phenomena, both intensely personal and social. Even as we prepare to commemorate two ideas, *Students* and *Environment*, what comes to our mind is the idea of growing. In the Genesis story, the idea to '*be fruitful and multiply*,' (Genesis 1:22,28), illustrates the idea of growth. God's design in the creation is that we *grow*. There is a sense of immeasurable joy in seeing plants around us growing and flowers blooming. We are bestowed with a gift of a beautiful *Campus* in our church with the joy of seeing growth. Even around the *Manse*, it is our joy to celebrate the growth of plants, some of which are almost invisible but beautiful.

The *Writer* to the *Proverbs*, having God's creation as a foundational idea, applies this to human life, and talks about *Living as wise people*, and about *two skills in Proverbs 1:5: Hearing and Discerning*. Our brains are deeply social and we are all influenced by social circumstances. We are traditionally used to categories like Parent-Children, Teacher-Student, and think about them as a modern creation, not realizing that they have existed alongside birds and animals. Education helps us to celebrate these categories, and eventually, they are embedded in our emotional and social life.

As we prepare for another *academic year* in the life of our children, we must reinforce the *values of hearing and discerning - Hearing to the voice of wisdom of God*. To be wise is to be conscious and as a result, our consciousness helps us to discern between good and evil. It helps us to make choices. Learning happens at School and at Home, and we must continue to create environments of learning, because ultimately, learning is growing. The only way to grow is to step into the unknown. It is our prayer that all our children will continue to grow not only in their knowledge but in life by acquiring skills of hearing and discerning.

We are grateful to God for enabling us to focus on our St. Andrew's School, Siddapura, and complete the repairs, upgradation and restoration work, which was due for a long time. Our focus on empowering the people in the margins continues with joy and commitment at our School.

In addition, the leadership as part of the 160 years commemoration, desires to focus on building a *Corpus* to support more *General Scholarships* for children in need. We must continue in this our journey to create sustainable models of support for ministry in our church. We also hope to create more resources for sustainable energy through *Solar Panels* for power generation and *Rain Water Harvesting ideas*.

May God bless you.

Your Presbyterian
Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries

Youth Fellowship



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

We are grateful to God for bringing the Youth Fellowship through the month of May, where we shared prayers and love together.

The Youth Fellowship conducted the *Second Sunday's Evening Service*, where we had the members of *Highway Church* participate in the Service. A meaningful message was delivered by one of their members, *Ms. Rahel Chakola*, where she drew a parallel between our current lives and the lives and emotions, the inadequacy Jeremiah, Moses and Gideon faced, yet being used for God's glory. We had an exciting time interacting with them.

The Youth Fellowship has been supporting the *Care for the Elderly* ministry by participating in their monthly meetings through singing songs of Praise and Worship.

Additionally, as part of the youth outreach programme, we visited the home of Mr. Nelson H. Kawal, one of the members from the Care for the Elderly ministry. We shared a joyous time with him and the family, and enjoyed the morning there.

We constantly pray for God's wisdom and strength to uphold and transform us each day, being His children wherever we go. We look forward to another month, where we can be used for God's work!

Ms. Vivian Shiri & Mr. Prajwal Jacob
Conveners

Care for The Elderly

We are very grateful to our Lord Almighty for *His* continuous presence with us in all our Care for The Elderly meetings. This month's speaker was *Dr. Sunil Richardson*, who is a *Face Surgeon* and has his hospitals in Bangalore, and Ranipet, Tamil Nadu.

The *Youth* led us in a time of *Praise and Worship*.

Dr. Sunil Richardson addressed the gathering on the topic *Face Health and Self Esteem*. He spoke about the importance of the face and its impact on us - the importance of having the right face for better esteem and the possibility of helping people being operated on cleft conditions, and various face related impacts; the value of making the right decision related to the face, and issues on surgery related to children and adults who have certain medical conditions; the life of certain

people changing their face structures for better personalities and for those affected during accidents. The role of valuing the importance of maintaining a good facial hygiene for your looks, gives it a more important prospect.

This was followed with a Q & A Session and *Fellowship Lunch*.

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri
Convener

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura



As our St. Andrew's School looks forward to the new academic year, along with pursuit of quality education, providing a more conducive learning environment has been our priority. In tune to that, the *maintenance and painting work* has been taken up during the Summer Holidays. This includes:

- *Heat Proof of the Roofing*
- *Interior painting, Walls painting, Windows painting*
- *Provision for a Pantry Corner with Stove*
- *A Wall Board to add the Graduating Toppers Photos*
- *Plumbing Fixes*
- *Extra Washroom within available space*
- *Tiling around the Washroom area or re-doing of the Washroom*
- *A Flag Pole at the front*
- *New Main Doors*
- *Benches for Kindergarten*

Thanking the *Property Committee Leadership* for leading and executing this work in a short time.

Wishing all students a successful and rewarding academic year. May this year be filled with new discoveries, exciting challenges, and countless opportunities to learn and grow.

Teachers Workshop

A re-orientation Session for our St. Andrew's school teachers, with the theme '*Scientific Temperance in Education*' was conducted at our church on *Tuesday, 20th May 2025*, designed to update and refine teachers' skills and knowledge.

Prof. Sudarshan and *Mrs. Nalini Lawrence* conducted the Session and coached the Teachers with demonstrations on how well the Teachers' can instill interest in students to learn.

Thanks to our dear Presbyter, *Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben* for his words of *motivation* for our school staff, with a target for them towards *excellence* in education.

We wish a *Happy New Academic Year* to all our dedicated teachers! We pray that God bless these teachers with the wisdom, grace, and energy they need to fulfill their roles.

Mr. Wilson Prathap
Convener

Mission and Evangelism

We are happy to report that:

- A new Bihari family has joined our Tubagere Congregation.
- New Batteries have been Installed.

Please continue to pray for:

- Church Land.
- Our Evangelist *Mr. Praveen Kumar* for the challenges he is facing from the surrounding Village.
- *Mr. V. Satish Kumar* and his wife, *Mrs. P. Vasantha*, who have started their mission activities, *Project Andrew's near Malur*.
- The *Migration Ministry in Malur*, where people from different states have come for work. Pray that God will touch their hearts, meet their needs and bring hope and gospel to those far from home through our Prayers and Presence.

Mission and Evangelism Team

<i>Calendar for the First Week of July 2025</i>			
*6th July 1st Sunday	<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
	Stewardship Sunday		
	Theme: Giving without Counting the Cost		
	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Genesis 13: 8 - 18	Mr. Erol Shailesh Watsa	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 8: 1 - 15	Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath	
Gospel	St. Mark 14: 3 - 11	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m





SEEKERS NOOK

The New Testament is not a separate story; it is the account of God's saving work through the Messiah, a fulfillment of God's covenant promise in the Old Testament.

The Book of Acts introduces us to Paul, who went to great lengths to propagate the Good News. On his way to Rome to stand trial, Paul was shipwrecked on an Island. God used this event to demonstrate His goodness and bring the Good News of Jesus to the people there. Despite the hardships Paul faced, God was taking care of him. Up next is a Quiz on Paul's shipwreck, let's try it.

QUIZ

1. Which was Paul's home town?
2. Which tribe of Israel did Paul belong to?
3. What was the purpose of Paul's travel to Rome?
4. What was the name of the centurion in charge of Paul?
5. What gave Paul the confidence to tell everyone on the ship that they would be safe?
6. Altogether how many people were on the ship?
7. What did the soldiers plan to do to the prisoners when the ship ran aground, to prevent them from escaping?
8. Which island was Paul shipwrecked on?
9. On the island, what came out of the fire and attacked Paul?
10. How long did Paul stay on the island?

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 **20th June 2025** in the following format:

Name

Serial number - Answer

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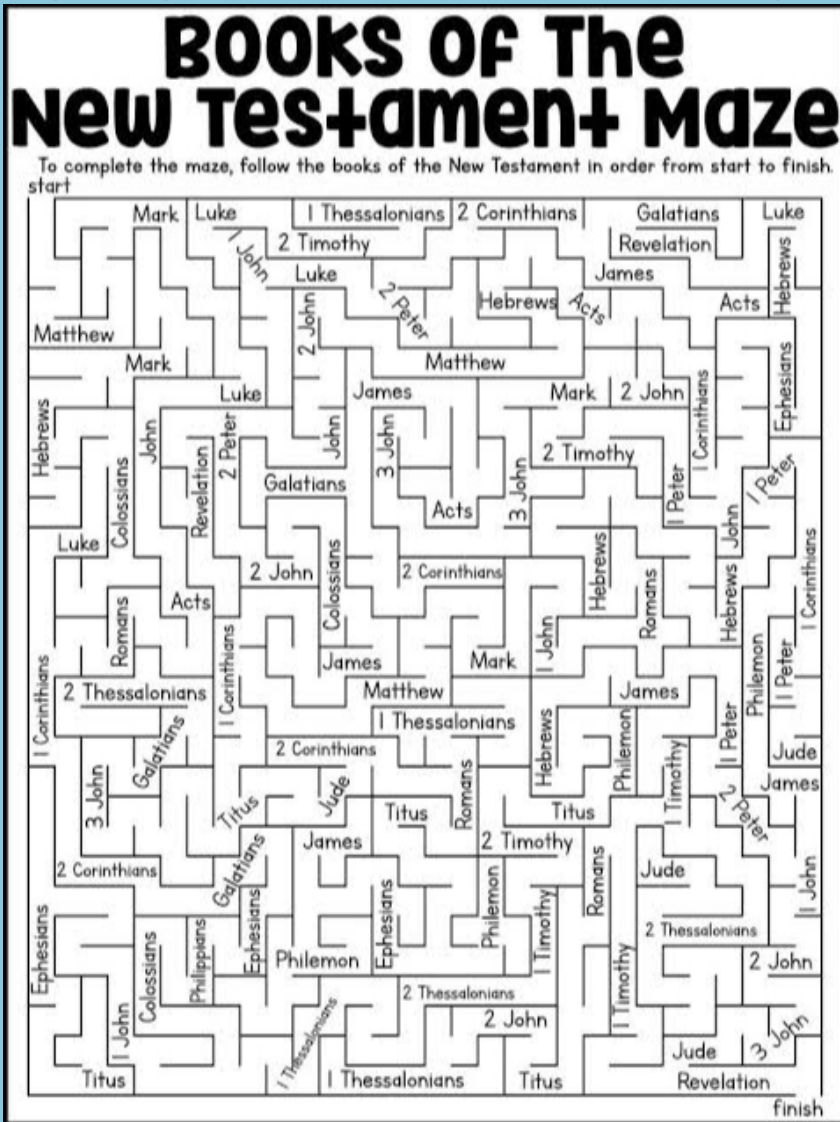
The New Testament is divided into five sections: the Gospels (Matthew through John), History (the Book of Acts), the Pauline Epistles (Romans through Philemon), the General Epistles (Hebrews through Jude), and Prophecy (the Book of Revelation). The New Testament was written from approximately A.D. 45 to approximately A.D. 95. It was written in Koine Greek (common Greek, the everyday form of the Greek language in the first century A.D.)

Explore the entire New Testament, from the birth of Jesus to the fulfillment of God's restoration of His creation in this animated video as it explains its importance and major themes. Scan QR code below or visit <https://bibleproject.com/videos/new-testament-overview/> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0BrP8bqj0c> for an amazing experience watching the New Testament come alive!



Children's Nook

Can you find your way from Matthew to Revelation? Get set, ready, START!



SPIRITUAL GARDENING

Working in the garden with your family – or even just planting a few new plants or flowers in pots– is the perfect opportunity to introduce some lessons to your children about spiritual growth (and do a little spiritual gardening). Think about it. A growing plant is a very clear picture of how Christians grow in Christ. Jesus loved using nature, seeds, plants and tree as illustrations in His parables. So gather some simple gardening supplies and spend an afternoon teaching and planting.

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Spiritual Gardening Lesson for Children

What three things does a plant need to grow and thrive? Water, sunlight, and soil, of course! Relate these three key items to the ingredients we need to have growth in our Christian life and don't forget to warn your children about the "weeds"!

Spiritual Gardening Necessity #1: Soil



Plants need a good foundation of soil to start their growth. For Christians, our "soil," our foundation, is Christ. Christ nurtures us and supports us. He gives us a place to extend our roots in safety.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. - John 15:4 KJV

Just like a plant needs nutrient rich soil to thrive, Christ gives his children every possible nutrient we would ever need: Peace, Love, Encouragement and Wisdom... and His supplies are unlimited.

Spiritual Gardening Necessity #2: Sunlight



What else do plants need to grow? Sunlight.

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. - Psalm 119:105 KJV

The Bible is our sunlight. Plants grow towards the light. They long for the warmth and strength that only sunlight can give. As children of God, we should also lean towards the light, His Word, for guidance, and strength. It can give us warmth and comfort in times of struggle, and lead us on the clear path in times of doubt. The Bible is a source of the light we need in our Christian life.

Spiritual Gardening Necessity #3: Water



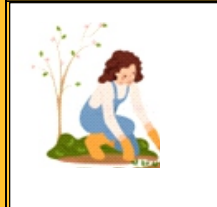
Last but not least, plants need water to sustain them.

The much-needed water is Fellowship with fellow believers. God didn't intend for us to grow alone, but to be there to encourage each other in Christ.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. - Matthew 18:20-22 NIV
We who had sweet fellowship together, Walked in the house of God in the throng. - Psalm 55:14 NASB

Fellow believers are meant to come together, loving one another and supporting each other as we grow. Fellowship can be refreshing to a soul, just like water to a plant. It can help us perk up on a particularly draining day or refresh us. Just like water, fellowship is an essential vessel for growth.

Don't Forget the Weeds



Now that we've talked about the essentials, don't forget to warn your children about the "weeds" that can sprout up in our gardens, both in real life and in our spiritual life. Weeds come in all shapes, colors, and sizes. The worst weed in our spiritual gardens, Satan, can sometimes be easy to spot, while other weeds, like wayward friends or feelings of bitterness and anger, can be hard to keep away.

Weeds choke plants, creating an atmosphere where growth can be impossible. Weeds work in our lives much the same way. They distract us from Christ as we pour all our vital nutrients into them instead of our Christian growth. Weeds can crush smaller, weaker plants easily.

Encourage your children to strengthen themselves with good soil (**Christ**), sunlight from above (**His Word**), and refreshing water (**Fellowship with fellow believers**), so they may find themselves with strong roots that dig into their foundation, and a close spiritual walk with our Father.

As your children grow, make sure their faith is growing too!

Crossword Answers for the Month of May 2025

ACROSS

6. Hagar
9. Elizabeth
10. Mary
11. Eve
12. Hannah

DOWN

1. Eunice
2. Bathsheba
3. Jochebed
4. Rachel
5. Naomi
7. Sarah
8. Rebekah

Marvellous Winner for the month of May 2025

1. Esther Suguna Simeon
2. A. N. Indiradevi
3. Felicia Manoraj
4. Daisy Mark Prabhu
5. Leanne Charisha Rao Essampally



6. Santosh Hans
7. Annie Felix
8. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
9. Lynette Natasha Karkada
10. Rosabelle Prabhakar

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

Weddings



Mr. Nitish Paul

son of Late. J. P. Paul Pradeep and Mrs. V. Mohannambal
With

Ms. Maria Priya

daughter of Mr. Sunil S. Bandi and Mrs. Nirmala Bandi
on the 15th of May 2025

INFANT BAPTISM



Pearly Michelle Emmanuel

daughter of Mr. Emmanuel S & Mrs. J. Daisy Kala Rani
on 25th May 2025

OBITUARY



Mr. Meialagan

aged 70 years, husband of Dr. (Mrs) Thilagam Meialagan,
father of Mr. Arun Patrick Meialagan &
father-in-law of Mrs. Deepthi Arun,
slept in the Lord on Monday, 5th May 2025

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

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Calendar for the Month of June 2025

*1st June 1st Sunday	Student's Sunday		
	Theme: Fear of the Lord as the Beginning of Wisdom		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
	Old Testament 1 Kings 3: 3 - 14	Mr. Prajwal Jacob	
Epistle 1 John 5: 13 - 21		Mrs. Asha Franklyn	
Gospel St. Luke 10: 21 - 24		Mr. J. A. Prakash (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m
8th June 2nd Sunday	Pentecost Sunday		
	Theme: Come Holy Spirit Set Us Free		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament Isaiah 61: 1 - 11		Mrs. Susanna Leelavathi Bangera (K) Ms. Jacqueline Vinutha	
Epistle Acts 2: 1 - 13		Mr. Luke Haniel Salins (K) Mr. Anga Joseph Keerthi Prakash	
Gospel St. Luke 4: 16 - 21		Mrs. Surekha Bangera (K) Mrs. Nancy Prince Shetty	
Evening Service	Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m
*15th June 3rd Sunday	1st Sunday after Pentecost		
	Trinity Sunday		
	Theme - Trinity: Community of Love		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	*Kannada Holy Communion	8.15 a.m
Old Testament Genesis 18: 1 - 15	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben	English	9.30 a.m
		Mrs. Annie Surekha Solomon (K) Miss Sarah Suganthi Thomas	
		Mr. Satish Paul (K) Miss Apoorva Rachel Walters	
		Mrs. Amitha Hans (K) Miss Eva Johanna Flemingson	
Gospel St. Mark 1: 1 - 11			
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben		6.15 p.m
22nd June 4th Sunday	2nd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Theme: Revelation of God in Worship		
	Preacher: Rev. M. B. Kotian	Kannada	8.15 a.m
	Preacher: Rev. Vincent Noronha	English	9.30 a.m
Old Testament 1 Kings 8: 22 - 30		Mr. Vimalakshi Soans (K) Mrs. Jean Rachel Rao	
Epistle Revelation 14: 1 - 7		Mrs. Christabel Soumya Salins (K) Mr. J. Paul Abraham	
Gospel St. Mark 3: 1 - 6		Mrs. Padmini L. Joseph (K) Mrs. Anuja Rajeev	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R		6.15 p.m
29th June 5th Sunday	3rd Sunday after Pentecost		
	Environment Sunday		
	Theme: Nurturing God's Creation		
	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	Kannada	8.15 a.m
Old Testament Genesis 1: 28 - 31	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna	English	9.30 a.m
		Mr. Naveen Jayakumar Rangayya (K) Dr. Stafford Cripps	
		Mr. Christopher Herbert (K) Mr. Fredric Isaac Rajkumar	
		Mrs. A. N. Indira Devi (K) Mr. Franklyn Edwin	
Gospel St. Luke 1: 22 - 31			
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Melvin Vijay Yesuwanuja		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.