



# St. Andrew's Church

CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA - KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE

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"Equipping and Empowering Congregation in God's Mission"



## Resurrection

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## From the Presbyterian's Desk



### ***“Resurrection”***

*“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” (Matthew 28:6)*

The resurrection is the very foundation on which the Church stands. Through the resurrection of Christ, humanity was given hope and a renewed understanding of the relationship between God and mankind.

The broken relationship between humanity and God brought about by sin in the Garden of Eden has been restored through Christ's resurrection. By rising from the dead, Christ conquered the power of sin and death once and for all.

As it is written in *1 Corinthians 15:55 - 57*:

*“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?  
The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The Apostle Paul reminds us that through Christ's resurrection, the power of sin and death has been broken.

In *Matthew 28:6*, we read:

*“He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*

The empty tomb stands as a powerful testimony to the resurrection. It proclaims victory over sin, over death, and over every scheme of the enemy. The sting of death has been removed, and the hope of eternal life with God has been restored.

Let us rejoice and celebrate this glorious truth with renewed faith and joy.

May God bless us abundantly this month through His resurrection power, and may He fill our hearts with hope, peace, and new life.

***Yours in Christ***

***Rev. Samuel B. Pujari***  
*Presbyter-in-charge*

## ***Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries***

### ***Women's Fellowship***

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

*On the 13th of March, our members celebrated the World Day of Prayer during the Friday Evening Lenten Service.*

*This year, the focus was on the country of Nigeria and the Theme given to us was “I will give you rest. Come” (Matthew 11: 28).*



It was indeed a spectacular evening with our ladies carrying the various elements representing the Women of Nigeria and the struggles they face in their day-to-day life. The World Day of Prayer began with a warm welcome and call to worship, with our Presbyter leading the Opening Prayer, Call to Worship and the Absolution.

The *Sermon* was gracefully delivered by *Ms Merlin Sharon*, where she emphasised on the role of Women in the Bible. Her Sermon on the Theme, *'I will give you rest, Come'* (*Matthew 11:28*), was focused on prayer, faith, and bearing one another's burdens. It highlighted how prayer and submission bring rest and comfort, and how faith matters when bringing burdens to God. Through examples like Chioma's story, the Canaanite woman, Queen Esther, and the Good Samaritan, we were encouraged to pray in faith, act with compassion, and bear one another's burdens, fulfilling God's law of love.

Two beautiful video narrations were projected to bring home the life of women and young girls of Nigeria, which captured and left a lasting impact on all those who were present. The special songs, prayers of intercession, and the prayer of commitment, which were so gracefully accepted and appreciated, made us realise that all that we do has God's blessings.

On the 22nd of March, our members took part in *CRESCENDO*, an event organised by St. Mathew's Church, along with the members of our congregation and other Wings of our church. We are very proud and congratulate each one of them for having won the third place in the Vernacular Singing Competition.

The members of our Women's Fellowship are making beautiful broaches to give to all the members on Palm Sunday. We do pray everyone will appreciate this gesture of ours.

We Praise and thank God Almighty for all the favours and blessings He has bestowed on us.

***Mrs. Daisy Richard***  
Secretary, SAWF

### ***A Joyful Milestone at St. Andrew's School, Siddapura***

Serving the Siddapura Slum Community, St. Andrew's School stands as one of the earliest and most cherished Mission Fields of our beloved St. Andrew's Church. Founded in 1977 with a vision to bring hope, learning, and the light of the Gospel, the school has for nearly five decades been a living testament to our church's commitment to reaching out beyond its walls.

On 14th March 2026, the school marked yet another memorable chapter in its story as it celebrated its *Annual Graduation Day* - a joyful Farewell for the outgoing 7th Standard students. The event was graced by *Mr. David Soans*, Convenor of our Mission & Evangelism Committee, who presided over the occasion with warmth and wisdom. His heartfelt words of encouragement left a visible impression on the young graduates, touching their hearts as they prepared to step into the next season of their lives. The atmosphere was filled with energy and delight as students presented colourful cultural programmes that showcased their talents and enthusiasm.

Several students came forward to share their own school-life experiences - moments of growth, friendship, and learning. As we reflect on this event, we are reminded with deep gratitude of God's faithfulness to our church's Mission at Siddapura. This Graduation Day was not merely a farewell - it was a celebration of lives touched, seeds sown, and a Mission that continues to bear fruit.

*To God be the glory!*

**Mr. Wilson Pratap**

*Convener, St. Andrew's School, Siddapura*

## **Sunday School**



Thanking Andrew's family for your continued prayers and support.

Sunday School Team is grateful to God for His blessings in helping us complete the academic year. Thanking our Presbyter *Rev. Samuel B. Pujari* for his prayers and guidance.

*Vacation Bible School, VBS* will be held in our church from 6th of April to 13th of April. Parents are encouraged to send their children for VBS. As we kick-started VBS preparations with daily devotions online, we were filled with the Word of God through testimonies, analogies, stories and in-depth study. Grateful to be led by our own teachers, *Ms. Judith Daniel, Dr. Mrs. Anita Noel, Dr. Mrs. Pauline George, Mr. Ajith John & Mrs. Shyla Moses*. May God bless their ministry and talents abundantly.

Kindly remember our *VBS Team* in your prayers. Please pray for knowledge, wisdom, understanding, protection and good health on the teaching team and the children.

This month, the Sunday School children rendered the Kannada Song, "*Yesu Preethisuthane*" and the English Song, "*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*" during the Kannada and English Services, respectively.

Thanking Andrew's family for your continued prayers and support.

**Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj**  
Sunday School Superintendent

### **Young Couples Fellowship**

The Young Couples Fellowship (YCF), continues its ministry among the couples getting ready for the sacrament of marriage through premarital Counseling Sessions. Do remember our Team in your prayers.

**Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj**  
Convener, YCF

### **Care for The Elderly**



We Thank our Lord Almighty for showering His Blessings upon us. We were extremely delighted to have *Mr. Shaji Abraham* address us for this month's topic on *The Reality of Grace and Mercy*.

The Topic was to help the Elders understand that the *Reality of Grace and Mercy* are something that we do not deserve but is given to the humble and to those who seek Him earnestly. We do not always understand His will, but to accept grace and mercy, humbly. The Lord loves the humble and hates the proud. It is to do good and to pray for others rather than for ourselves, because when we pray for others, even our prayers are answered. *Mr. Shaji Abraham* took passages from *Ephesians, 1 Thessalonians, Acts* and *Job* to address us the message on being able to understand our calling and pray for others. Though the elders are alone, it is important to pray for those who are lost and be happy when they are saved. Peter had a miraculous escape from the prison passing three levels of security - 16 soldiers, a gate and an iron gate. But the angel who came to him woke him up and brought him out miraculously. In addition, when he went home, Rodha did not open the door immediately, but went in to tell others that Peter had come. Sometimes we experience these miracles when we do not expect it and that is the power of our Lord. Let us kneel down and pray for one another to be saved in the secret place and see how God's miraculous work comes to play.

It was great having the *Youth Fellowship* lead us in *Praise and Worship*. Let us be humble and glad for this wonderful day in our lives.

*Sabbath Shalom!*

**Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri**  
Convener, CFE

## Stuthi Sanje March 2026 Celebrating 15+ years of God's Faithfulness



St. Andrew's Church witnessed a blessed evening of Music and Thanksgiving as *Stuthi@StAndrews*, the Kannada Choir, marked over 15 years of ministry through *Stuthi Sanje Mar 2026*. The service beautifully reflected God's gracious leading-from humble beginnings in 2010 to a vibrant outreach impacting many through worship, recordings, and collaborations.

The evening commenced with a soulful Organ Prelude ಈ ವರೆಗೆಮ್ಮ ದೇವರು by *Mrs. Muna Joshi*, followed by a warm welcome from *Mr. Vijay Palanna*, who acknowledged how *Stuthi's Songs* have enriched the spiritual life of the congregation over the years. *Rev. Samuel B. Pujari*, the Presbyter-in-Charge, led the *Opening Prayer*, and the Congregational Hymn set the tone with the Kannada Song ಯೇಸುವೆ ಮಾತನಾಡು.

A special presentation, "*Nadedu Banda Daari*", traced the Choir's journey, highlighting early struggles, the release of multiple albums, participation in television ministries, and invitations to sing across churches and Christian Organisations. The musical Evening was further enriched by a heartfelt solo based on *Psalm 139* by *Prathap Athmadadas* and inspiring contributions from Choirs of *Rice Memorial Church* and *Kittel Memorial Church*.

The message by *Rev. Christy Gnanadoss*, Civil Area Chairman, emphasized the significance of singing in one's mother tongue, noting how it deeply connects with hearts and effectively communicates the Gospel. The offertory "*Day by Day*" by the *St. Andrew's Chamber Orchestra* added a rich musical dimension to the Service.

In a moving acknowledgement, *Wg Cdr I. D. Soans* expressed gratitude to God, to each Pastor across the 15 years, Pastorate Committees, Choir members, musicians, families, and supporting organisations. Special remembrance was made of the eight departed members whose contributions remain cherished.

The *Thanksgiving Service* concluded with songs from its albums by *Stuthi@StAndrews*, followed by the Closing Hymn of dedication ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತೇಸು ನಿನ್ನ ಮಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ, Prayers, and Benediction.

The *Stuthi Sanje* again stood as a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness, continuing to inspire and proclaim Christ through the richness of Kannada music.

**Wg Cdr I. D. Soans**  
Convener, Music Ministry



Unlike Christmas, Easter is not fixed to a specific date, but is determined by lunar cycles. Did you know that Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) that occurs on or after the 21st March equinox every year?

After Resurrection, Jesus prepared His disciples for the Great Commission entrusted to them. Take this quiz and find out how familiar you are with the events that took place.

### QUIZ

1. What was Jesus' first spoken greeting when He appeared to the gathered disciples that evening?
2. Before saying "Receive the Holy Spirit", what significant action did Jesus do?
3. On the road to Emmaus, how was Jesus finally recognised by the disciples?
4. Where were the disciples when Jesus gave them the Great Commission?
5. In which city did Jesus command His disciples to wait for the Father's promised helper?
6. Where did Jesus meet seven disciples and serve breakfast after an all night catch?
7. By the coal fire, what question did Jesus repeat to Peter three times?
8. According to Paul's summary, who received a personal appearance of the risen Jesus beside Peter and the Twelve?
9. How many fish were there in the miraculous catch at the Sea of Galilee?
10. Just before commissioning them, what did Jesus open so the disciples could grasp scripture?

Correct entries will be published in next month's Newsletter along with Answer Keys. Send your **printed** answers to the **new Church WhatsApp number 7349251838** by **20th April 2026** in the following format:

**Name**

**Serial number- Answer**

### *Reflection*

#### **The Miracle of Easter**

The stone was rolled, the tomb lay bare,  
No sign of death, He was not there!  
The world stood still, yet hope was bright,  
For Christ had risen in glory's light.

The cross was sorrow, dark and grim.  
Yet love endured, it conquered sin.  
His hands once pierced, His side once torn,  
Now shine with grace, our souls reborn.

O death, where is your bitter sting?  
Our Saviour lives, our Risen King!  
With open arms, He calls today,  
To walk in faith, to trust His way.

So let us sing, rejoice and pray,  
For Christ is life, our hope, our way!

## Children's Nook

### EASTER DIY



Easter is a special time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and share the joy of His love with others. One of the best ways to learn about the true meaning of Easter is through hands-on crafts that bring biblical lessons to life. From simple paper projects to creative keepsakes, these ideas will inspire faith-filled fun for all ages! Explore now on <https://pin.it/3bL1Aur6A> or simply scan the QR code.

### Easter Special



### Hot Cross Buns

A Hot Cross Bun is a spiced bun, usually containing small pieces of raisins and marked with a cross on the top, traditionally eaten on Good Friday. Different elements of the Hot Cross Bun each have a specific meaning, such as the cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus and the spices inside signify the spices used to embalm His body.

Follow this video with easy step by step instructions to make 12 delicious Hot Cross Buns. There is a traditional fruit recipe, and a special chocolate recipe too. Happy baking! While you relish the delicious treat, do remember to send us a picture of the freshly baked buns.

Go to [https://youtu.be/Fcz6VPZudbs?si=npF5MMobEagUYC\\_W](https://youtu.be/Fcz6VPZudbs?si=npF5MMobEagUYC_W) or scan QR code for the tutorial.

## Quiz Answers for the Month of March 2026

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Kohath   | 8. Judah     |
| 2. Dan      | 9. Dan       |
| 3. Benjamin | 10. Benjamin |
| 4. Ephraim  | 11. Judah    |
| 5. Greek    | 12. Benjamin |
| 6. Levi     | 13. Asher    |
| 7. Ephraim  | 14. Levi     |
|             | 15. Aaron    |

## Congratulations Quiz Stars for the month of March 2026

1. Advik Jacob Palanna
2. A. N. Indiradevi
3. Esther Suguna Simeon
4. Felicia Manoraj
5. Daisy Mark Prabhu
6. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
7. Annie Felix
8. Joshua Mohan Raj
9. Gitanjali Lazarus



## HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

### New Members

**Mr. Amish John Haroon and Family**  
**Mr. Sam Reuben A and Family**  
**Mr. Jude Francis and Family**  
**Mrs. Sandhya Kironmoy J and Family**  
**Mr. Johann Andrew Bhagyanathan**

### OBITUARY



**Mrs. Uma Masilamani**  
 aged 78 years, wife of Mr. R. Samuel Masilamani and  
 mother of Mr. Wilson Prathap and Mr. Pravin Wesley,  
 slept in the Lord on 31st March 2026

### Calendar for the First Week of May 2026

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<b>*3rd May 1st Sunday</b>	<i>4th Sunday after Easter</i>		
	<b>Theme: Walk with Christ in Passionate Love</b>		
	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b> Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	<b>*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service</b>	<b>9:00 a.m</b>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6</b>	Miss Vivian E. Shiri	
<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Ephesians 3: 14 - 19</b>	Mr. Wilson Pratap	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St. John 21: 15 - 19</b>	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj (K)	
<b>Evening Service</b>	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		<b>6.15 p.m</b>



**St. Andrew's Church**

Church of South India - KCD



**VBS  
2026**



CHILD FOCUS INDIA

**BEYOND THE 12**

- Romans 3 : 29



**Date: 6th to 13th April 2026**

**Time : 8:00 AM - 12:30 pm**



**Venue: St. Andrew's Church**

27, Cubbon Rd, Tasker Town, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 001

**Registration: Rs. 100/-**

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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 (**7349251838**).

## Calendar for the Month of April 2026

Easter			
<b>*5th April 1st Sunday</b>	<b>Theme - Resurrection: Victory over Death</b>		
	<b>EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE</b>		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	
	8:00 a.m		
Old Testament	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri	
Epistle	2 Corinthians 5: 1 - 10	Mrs. Asha Franklyn	
Gospel	St. Mark 16: 1 - 11	Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)	
No Evening Service			
<b>12th April 2nd Sunday</b>	<i>1st Sunday after Easter</i>		
	<b>Theme: My Lord and My God</b>		
	Kannada		
English			8.15 a.m
Old Testament	Isaiah 45: 21 - 25	Mrs. Reena Anoop (K) Mrs. Sushma Annet Sadananda	
Epistle	Philippians 2: 5 - 11	Mr. Christopher Herbert (K) Mr. Alex William Noronha	
Gospel	St. John 20: 24 - 29	Mrs. Smitha Pamela Pramodan (K) Miss. Vinisha Halli	
Evening Service	Vacation Bible School 2026		4.30 p.m
<b>*19th April 3rd Sunday</b>	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter</i>		
	<b>Theme - Come and Dine: Invitation by the Risen Lord</b>		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	*Kannada Holy Communion	
	8.15 a.m		
Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari			9.30 a.m
Old Testament	1 Kings 19: 1 - 8	Ms. Sheela Judy H (K) Miss. Apoorva Rachel Walters	
Epistle	Acts 27: 27 - 36	Mr. Kiran S. Kotian (K) Mr. Prem J. Solomon	
Gospel	St. John 21: 1 - 14	Mrs. Jyothsna Prasheeth (K) Miss. Vinisha Halli	
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari		6.15 p.m
<b>26th April 4th Sunday</b>	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter</i>		
	<b>Theme - Risen Lord: The Co-traveller</b>		
	Kannada		
	English		
Old Testament	Exodus 33: 12 - 16	Dr. (Mrs.) Mamatha T (K) Mrs. S. Pushpalalitha	
Epistle	Acts 18: 1 - 11	Mrs. Ruhita Vivian (K) Mrs. Alexandrina Namratha Kotian	
Gospel	St. Luke 24: 13 - 33	Miss Riya Kotian (K) Mrs. Caroline Anupama	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R		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.*