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"Equipping and Empowering Congregation in God's Mission"



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From the Presbyterian's Desk

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through this season of the year, many of us encounter new beginnings, unexpected opportunities, career changes, financial challenges, and important life decisions. Along with moments of joy and success, there are also times of frustration, disappointment, and struggle. During such seasons, it is easy to feel discouraged and tempted to give up.

However, God's Word encourages us in Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

The Apostle Paul reminds us not to become tired or discouraged when facing difficulties. Just as a farmer patiently works the land and waits for the rains and the harvest, we too are called to remain faithful in our walk with God. Though we may not immediately see the fruits of our labor, God's timing is always perfect. The harvest will come in due season for those who persevere.

When we walk with Jesus, He strengthens us even in our weariness. His promises give us hope and confidence for the future. As we read in Jeremiah 29:11:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

God's plans for His children are filled with hope and purpose. Even when the path ahead seems uncertain, we can trust that He is guiding us and working for our good. Let us remain faithful to our calling as followers of Christ, trusting Him in every circumstance.

Whatever challenges you may be facing today, remember that God has not abandoned you. Keep praying, keep believing, keep serving, and keep moving forward in faith.

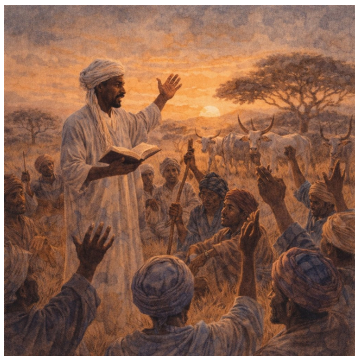
Do not give up. The Lord is with you, and in His perfect time, He will bring forth the harvest He has promised.

May God bless you and strengthen you always.

Presbyter-in-Charge
Rev. Samuel B. Pujari

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries

Women's Fellowship



Greeting to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

We met on the Saturday, the 2nd of May, at 3:30 pm for our monthly *Bible Study*.

The Session was called: "*Jesus Sees the Marginalized.*" The study was taken from *John 4:3-39*, and it was about *Jesus* meeting the *Samaritan Woman*. In this session, we saw the way *Jesus* broke down cultural and societal boundaries to care for women.

We watched a *video* of Jennie explaining this unique and significant meeting. She discussed the way *Jesus* "*busted through*" cultural barriers to meet with the Samaritan woman. We discussed which divides he bridged by engaging in conversation with her at the well and how the Samaritan woman reacted after talking with *Jesus*.

Jennie talked about the reconciliation we experience through faith in *Christ*. His death and resurrection made the way for sinners to be forgiven and reconciled to *God*. If we have experienced that relational peace with *God*, we shared when was the last time we shared it with someone? Many shared about how they shared with extended family and friends and it was received well sometimes and sometimes not so well.

We read *John 4:3-39*. In this passage, we read the longest recorded conversation *Jesus* had with anyone. We discussed on why knowing the location, as well as the sex, race, and religion - of the two who talked, was important for understanding the significance of this discussion and what made this event so unique. Jews and Samaritans did not like each other. Jews thought that they were superior. Women were not considered important in both the societies and *Jesus* made the time and effort to reach out to this neglected group by reaching out to her - a woman and a Samaritan.

We discussed how Jesus identified himself to the woman. He chose a woman and a Samaritan to reveal that *He was the Messiah (John 4:26)*. We also discussed how she then described Him to others in her town when she ran back to tell everyone (*John 4:29*).

We then read *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*. Jennie had paraphrased its message: *"We have been reconciled to reconcile."* We discussed in what ways we have been an ambassador for Christ, helping others become reconciled to God. We also discussed what it looks like to pursue peace in our relationships. The sisters shared many ways in which they had been peacemakers both at their homes and workplaces.

Jesus had a serious theological discussion with the woman at the well. In doing so, he honoured her personhood and showed her respect. We were encouraged to think of women in our community who are seeking to know God better. We discussed how we can engage with them and encourage their yearning for God.

Jesus revealed himself to the woman, telling her, *"I am He"* (the *Messiah* she'd been waiting for) in *John 4: 25-26*. We discussed when we discovered Jesus' true identity, with who we could share that good news with this week. The sisters shared many ways in which they can share this good news beginning with their families and extending to their friends and acquaintances.

Our global community is more connected now than ever. We were asked to think of someone near us who is unlike us, whether ethnically, religiously, or otherwise. We discussed in what ways we can make a connection with them. We thought of our neighbours from other faiths, house help, and many others with whom we can make a connection. We spent time thinking through our circles of influence and how we can reach out to someone different than us.

The *Bible Study* was conducted by *Mrs. Kumuda Sujay*, and we thank her.

Mrs. Daisy Richard
Secretary, Women's Fellowship

Care for The Elderly

We thank our *Lord Almighty* for His continuous blessings upon us, and for giving us yet another time of Fellowship this month.

We had the *Care for the Elderly* meeting this month along with the *Youth Fellowship*. This Fellowship was to connect the youth with our elders and share a good time with them. We had *Dr. Stafford Cripps* give a short message, followed by two of our elders sharing their experience on their journey thus far. It was nice to hear some of their anecdotes.



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Then came the interesting part! The Youth had planned games for the elders, one for the gentlemen and the other for the ladies. The games were to engage both the gentlemen and ladies, and it was interesting to see many of them come forward to participate. This was followed by a the usual '*Cake Cutting*' by the elders and the youth who had celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the month.

We had a good time of Fellowship, followed by Lunch. It was really nice to connect with the Youth and we thank the *Lord* for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you Elders and the members of our Youth Fellowship for the good time we all enjoyed!

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri
Convener, Care for The Elderly

Mission and Evangelism

Testimony by Mr. Nagesh:

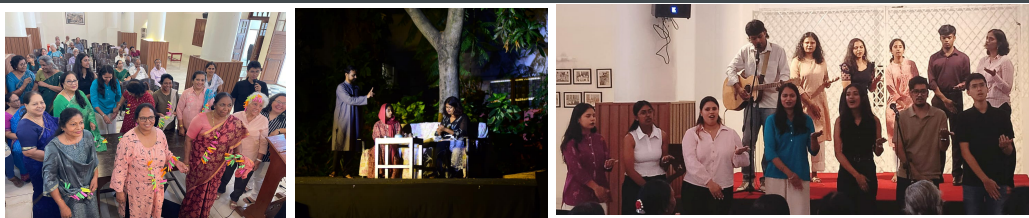
"To the brothers and sisters in Christ's love, I, Nagesh, a resident of Narasimhanahalli, wish to share a wonderful incident that happened in my personal life through Jesus Christ. Born into a Hindu family and following its traditions, I suffered for many years from being possessed by various evil spirits. These spirits would torment me, making it impossible for me to work or even live a normal life. People used to say I was mentally unstable and that no one would marry me. At that time, my sister and brother-in-law, who were already in the Christian faith, lived in

Tubagere. They often invited me to their prayers, but I had no interest and would mock them. During the months of December and January, my condition worsened significantly. I would scream and shout throughout the night, terrifying my family. My physical and mental health deteriorated to the point where I couldn't recognize anyone. Seeing my state, my sister and brother-in-law invited me to a prayer meeting in Tubagere. When I went there, the pastors and the congregation prayed for me. During the prayer, I felt a great power enter me, and the evil spirits that had tormented me for years left. I felt a peace I had never known before. My mind became clear, and the physical pain vanished. Since that day, I have been completely free and healthy. I, along with my family, have accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour. I am now working and living a happy life. I thank the Lord for this miracle and request your continued prayers for me and my family."

Mr. David Soans

Convener, Mission and Evangelism

Youth Fellowship



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

April and May 2026 were truly blessed months for the youth.

It has been a tradition for the youth to present a play to kick off the Easter sunrise service. This year, the Easter play was titled, "Taste and see that the Lord is good", and it revolved around an innkeeper and his wife getting to know about Jesus through unexpected guests.

On 31 May, we were blessed to have a combined fellowship with the Elders of our church. It was a wonderful time of singing praise, sharing and fun games. We thank and praise God, for the wonderful time.

We continue to host the weekly youth activities and encourage all youth to join us for

1. Saturday online Prayer Meeting @ 8:30 AM
2. Praise & Worship practice @ 3:30 PM on Saturdays
3. Sunday Bible Study right after service

We appreciate all your continued prayers and support.

Ms. Vivian E. Shiri & Mr. Prajwal Jacob

Conveners



SEEKERS NOOK

The Bible declares that nature reveals God's majesty and existence, speaking a wordless, universal language to all humanity. For Christians, creation is a living testament that anchors and uplifts their faith. It actively encourages by visually reflecting God's character, reinforcing His absolute power, and inspiring deep worship.

Test your knowledge of how God spoke through, or manifested His presence in nature with this Bible Quiz. See how many answers you can get correct!

QUIZ

1. In the Book of Job, who challenges Job to consider the wonders of the skies, rain, and storms to understand the majesty of God?
2. In Psalm 19, what two things are personified as "declaring" and "proclaiming" the handiwork and knowledge of God?
3. When the prophet Elijah was at Mount Horeb, where did he hear God's voice?
4. According to Romans chapter 1, what two invisible attributes of God can be clearly seen and understood from what has been made (creation)?
5. In the Book of Job, God speaks to Job out of what specific natural phenomenon?
6. In Psalm 104 the psalmist writes that God makes the clouds His chariot and walks on the wings of what?
7. In Psalm 29, God's voice is described as thundering over the _____, breaking the _____, and shaking the _____.
8. According to Psalm 97, what natural feature "melts like wax" at the presence of the Lord?
9. When God answers Job, He asks him, "Who provides food for the _____ when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?"
10. According to Genesis 2, how did God water the earth before it rained?

June Bonanza

Participants with all correct answers to this quiz will receive a small gift, which can be collected from the church office next month. Looking forward to your eager and enthusiastic participation.

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 June 2026** in the following format:

Name
Serial number - Answer

Quiz Answers for the month of May 2026

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. The Good Samaritan | 6. Sword |
| 2. The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin | 7. Jericho |
| 3. The Temple | 8. Herod |
| 4. For wasting goods | 9. Rich fool |
| 5. Nain | 10. Brother, sister, rebuke, forgive |

Marvelous Winners for the month of May 2026

1. A N Indiradevi
2. Esther Suguna Simeon
3. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
4. Felicia Manoraj
5. Daisy Mark Prabhu



6. Rosabell Prabhakar
7. Lynette Natasha Karkada
8. Gitanjali Lazarus
9. Advik Jacob Palanna

HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

New Members

**Ms. Merlin Sharon
Mr. Madhu Kanth D**

OBITUARY



Mr. Alfred Sudhir Kumar
aged 58 years, husband of Mrs. Asha Latha,
father of Mrs. Larine Dorothy,
slept in the Lord on Tuesday, 5th May 2026

Calendar for the First Week of July 2026

*5th July 1st Sunday	<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>		
	Stewardship Sunday		
	Theme - Work as Worship: Honoring God in Our Professions		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Exodus 31: 1 - 11	Mrs. Asha Franklyn	
Epistle	Colossians 3: 22 - 25	Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri	
Gospel	St. Luke 17: 7 - 10	Mr. David Soans (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m

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Rs. 650 for M&E

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Calendar for the Month of June 2026

<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>			
Students' Sunday			
Theme - Jesus: The Ultimate Influencer			
*7th June 1st Sunday	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari		*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service
Old Testament	2 Chronicles 20: 13 - 19	Mr. Joshi Mark Premnath	9:00 a.m
Epistle	Acts 18: 24 - 28	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj	
Gospel	St. John 8: 12 - 20	Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)	
Evening Service		Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra	6.15 p.m
<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>			
Environment Sunday			
Theme - Creation Speaks: Listening to God's Voice in Nature			
14th June 2nd Sunday	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	English		
	Old Testament	Job 12: 7 - 12	Miss Reya Bangera (K) Miss Tara Leah Mark
	Epistle	Revelation 22: 1 - 6	Mrs. Ruhitha Vivian (K) Miss C. Cynthia Jane
Gospel	St. Luke 12: 24 - 34	Mr. Naveen Jayakumar Rangayya (K) Mrs. Anisha S. Lazarus	9.30 a.m
Evening Service		Youth Fellowship	6.15 p.m
<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i>			
Bible Society Sunday			
Theme - Worship: In God's Presence, For God's Purpose			
*21st June 3rd Sunday	Celebrant: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari Preacher: Rev. Shashikala Alva		*Kannada Holy Communion
	Preacher: Rev. Daniel		English
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6: 1 - 8	Mrs. Christabel Soumya Salins (K) Mrs. Renita Wilson
	Epistle	Acts 2: 42 - 47	Mrs. Divya Kumari Joseph (K) Miss Sarah Suganthy Thomas
Gospel	St. Mark 12: 28 - 34	Mr. Praveen Johnas (K) Mr. J. Paul Abraham	9.30 a.m
*Evening Service		Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	6.15 p.m
<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>			
Theme - Discipleship: Come and See, Go and Tell			
28th June 4th Sunday	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	English		
	Old Testament	Zachariah 8: 18 - 23	Mr. Samuel David Amanna (K) Mrs. Padmini L. Joseph
	Epistle	Romans 10: 9 - 17	Mrs. Surekha Bangera (K) Miss Karen Danita Isaac
Gospel	St. John 1: 39 - 42	Mrs. Evelyn Sumana (K) Mrs. Naina Rosebel Watsa	9.30 a.m
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.