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Stewardship

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Stewardship

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37)*

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we observe the Month of Stewardship, it is important for us to reflect on what stewardship truly means. What has God entrusted to us? What are we called to be faithful stewards of?

The Bible teaches us that stewardship is about faithful guardianship and responsible accountability. Everything we have ultimately belongs to God, and we are entrusted with the responsibility of living according to His will and purpose.

In today's world, there is a danger of becoming overly concerned with earthly possessions and responsibilities while losing sight of the mission that Christ has entrusted to His Church. As Christians, our primary calling is not merely to manage material things, but to faithfully guard and proclaim the Gospel.

Our Lord Jesus Christ clearly reminds us of this in Matthew 22:36-40. When asked about the greatest commandment, He replied:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. He then added, *"Love your neighbour as yourself."* Jesus declared that all the Law and the Prophets are summed up in these two commandments.

Likewise, in Mark 16, Jesus commissions His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel." This remains the Church's mission today. We are stewards of the Good News, the message of God's love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus Christ. We have been entrusted with the privilege and responsibility of sharing this Good News with the world.

As followers of Christ, let us ask ourselves: What kind of stewards are we? Are we faithfully living out God's call? Are we loving God wholeheartedly, loving our neighbours sincerely, and proclaiming His Gospel with conviction?

One day, each of us will give an account before God for the stewardship entrusted to us. May we therefore remain faithful, remembering that our greatest responsibility is to live for Christ and make His love known to others.

May God grant us the grace to be faithful stewards of His Kingdom.

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.

Our *Bible Study* was conducted on the *first Saturday* of the month, on the topic, *'Women of Integrity - Shiprah and Puah.'* (*Exodus 1:15 - 21*)

Shiprah and Puah, the Hebrew midwives in Egypt, stand as inspiring examples of *'integrity and courage.'* When Pharaoh commanded them to kill all Hebrew baby boys, they chose to obey God rather than follow an unjust order. Their reverence for God gave them the strength to protect innocent lives, even at great personal risk.

Their integrity was revealed through their *'faithfulness, courage, and wisdom.'* They valued God's commands above human authority and remained committed to doing what was right. As a result, God honoured them and blessed them.

The lives of *Shiprah and Puah* remind us that true integrity is choosing righteousness, even when it is difficult, and standing faithfully for God's truth in every circumstance.

Mrs. Eveline Sumana encouraged us with the story, *"Stones That Don't Hurt":* *"A little boy once threw a stone at a moving car. The driver, angry at the damage caused, stopped and got out to question him. The boy apologized and explained that he had thrown the stone to get the driver's attention because his injured brother, who could not walk, had fallen into danger and needed help. The driver's anger turned into understanding when he realized that the boy's action had a good intention behind it. The stone had damaged his car, but it had helped save a life."*

This story teaches us that we should not judge others without knowing the reason behind their actions, and that even unexpected actions can sometimes lead to something good. Stones are always thrown at us; it is left to us whether we make bridges or walls with them.

We are truly grateful to *Mrs. Eveline Sumana* for sharing *God's Word* and helping each one of us to strengthen our *Faith in Him*.

Educational Support - Financial Aid:

Our Women's Fellowship is supporting *two girls* for their education. They are *Sanmathi* of the ninth standard studying in Cluny Convent, a child of a single parent. We have paid ₹57,000/- towards her fees for the entire year. The mother and daughter have been attending St. Andrew's Church for the past three years.

Bhagyashree Venkatesh, a student of class 7, under the care of World Vision India, will also be supported by our Women Fellowship. The fees structure for this year will be sent to us shortly.

We are truly grateful to all the members of our Women's Fellowship for their support and generosity.

May God's richest blessings be showered on each one of you.

Mrs. Daisy Richard
Secretary, Women's Fellowship

St. Andrew's School, Siddapura



Grace in Every Season: News from St. Andrew's School, Siddapura

The new year began on a joyful note as St. Andrew's School, Siddapura, welcomed students back on the *1st of June, 2026*. The Teachers at School greeted each pupil with flowers and sweets, nutritious refreshments were provided, and every child arrived in full uniform - a warm and disciplined start to the academic year!

On the *11th of June 2026*, the School received an encouraging visit from *Subhashini Madam* and her Team from Sahayoga Charitable Trust - a Bangalore-based outreach initiative dedicated to empowering children from economically weaker sections through educational support. The Trust, which already supports students from St. Andrew's School, Siddapura, presented cheques of ₹10,000 to *three former students*. Further, assistance for recently passed-out students is also expected by end of the month - a timely blessing for young people stepping into new chapters of their lives.

We give thanks to God for raising up such partners in this Mission, and for His continued blessing upon this cherished School and its community.

To God be the glory!

Mr. Wilson Prathap
Convener, St. Andrew's School, Siddapura

Mission and Evangelism



Updates from Mission & Evangelism Wing - June 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace be unto you! We bring you encouraging updates from our *Mission Field* - of seeds sown, of a little flock being faithfully shepherded, and of a new mission taking shape. We trust that as you read, your hearts will be stirred to pray and give thanks alongside us.

Grace in Tubagere - A Congregation Nurtured in Faith

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Tucked away on the outskirts of Bangalore, the village of *Tubagere* is home to our active mission field - a quiet yet beautiful testimony to God's faithfulness. Here, a small but growing congregation of believers, mostly humble and hardworking village folk, gathers every Sunday to worship the Lord with joyful hearts. We thank our current Evangelist, *Mr. Praveen*, who has been faithfully nurturing the believers in faith and the Word of God. His dedication is a source of great encouragement to us all, and we continue to uphold him and the congregation in our prayers. Every Sunday, the congregation gathers on the rooftop terrace of the home of one of the believers - a humble makeshift tent that serves as their place of worship. It is a setting that reminds us vividly of the early church, where faith and fellowship flourished not in grand buildings, but in the hearts of devoted people.

A Blessed Visit from our Pastor:

We are delighted to share that our beloved Pastor, *Rev. Samuel B. Pujari*, along with members from St. Andrew's, visited the Tubagere congregation last Sunday. Pastor administered Holy Communion to the believers - a precious moment of grace and spiritual renewal for the congregation. The visit was followed by warm and joyful fellowship, where hearts were knit together in love and encouragement.

Pastoral Guidance and Prayer Focus:

Seeing the dedication of the congregation and their need, Pastor has encouraged the committee to arrange a better, more weather-resilient Tent so that Sunday worship can continue uninterrupted through all seasons. We are taking steps in this direction and covet your prayers as we plan ahead. Most significantly, Pastor has called the congregation - both in Tubagere and here at St. Andrew's - to pray earnestly for a site to be purchased so that a proper church building can be established in Tubagere. This remains a cherished hope and a matter of active prayer. While the path may seem long, we rest in the assurance that nothing is impossible with God, and we place this desire confidently before Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

The congregation at Tubagere is being lovingly cared for - and we thank God for every step of this journey.

Missionary Work at Malur: A New Chapter Begins!

More than a year ago, God placed on our hearts a vision to reach the people of the Malur Area with the Gospel. And so, *Mission Malur* was born (earlier called *Project Andrew*) - named after the very place where God stirred this call within us. A Season of Transition to kickstart the mission work, we partnered with the *Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM)*, entrusting them with the initial groundwork of evangelism in the Malur area. For the past year, IEM worked diligently on our behalf, and we are grateful for their partnership and service during this season. After prayerful consideration, we have now mutually agreed to conclude our engagement with IEM. We thank them wholeheartedly for their work and commitment. This transition marks not an ending, but a new beginning - one where we take more direct ownership of *Mission Malur*, trusting God to open the right doors.

Exploring Partnership with Hoskote KCD Church:

As we look ahead, we are prayerfully evaluating a significant opportunity: to partner with the *KCD Church at Hoskote* - the nearest KCD congregation to the Malur area - to jointly launch and sustain *Mission Malur*. This collaboration, if it comes together, would bring together local church strength and our vision for evangelism in Malur in a meaningful way. We are in early conversations and covet your prayers as discernment unfolds. The mission's objective remains clear: to share the Gospel with the people of the Malur area through a dedicated Evangelist (to be identified in God's timing). We are trusting the Lord to bring forth the right person for this calling. *Mission Malur* is still in its prospecting stage - but it is a field of immense hope, and we invite you to be part of what God is about to do. We remain grateful to God for each one of you - your prayers and support make this work possible.

To God be all the glory!

In His Service,

Mr. David Soans

Convener, Mission and Evangelism

Care for The Elderly



We thank our *Lord Jesus Christ* for being with us today in our *Care for the Elderly* meeting. We had *Rev. Vasudevan* who gave us the message on the topic “*Jesus as My Best Friend and Overcoming Loneliness.*”

We started off with our *Presbyter* leading us in prayer, while our *Youth* lead us in a time of *Praise & Worship*. Then, we had *Rev. Vasudevan*, bring us the message on the topic. He gave 5 *Bible references* - *John 14:18, Deuteronomy 31:6, psalm 72:12, Psalm 68:5 to 6, and Psalm 34: 17 to 18*. He said that *Jesus* is our best friend and constant companion at all times whether we are weak or strong, *He* is always with us. You will never feel lonely when you have a clear purpose in life. Therefore we must be loosely attached to worldly things and find our true joy and happiness in *God’s Deep Love*.

He even mentioned loneliness often comes from being overly focused on oneself, and having meaning and purpose shatters loneliness. The Lord says, “*I am your best friend, so you are never alone.*”

Look for the needs of others and try to bless them, which helps others bring fulfilment and joy. Also, have trusted people with whom you can confidently share your problems. Therefore, it is important for us to love, to sing, to laugh, to dance, celebrate life, and not take life seriously.

We had a great time of *Fellowship* over *Lunch*.

Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri

Convener, Care for Elderly

Youth Fellowship

The month of June was a blessed and enriching time for the Youth Fellowship as we were given several opportunities to serve, grow, and fellowship together.

Our youth had the privilege of participating in the Care for the Elderly meeting, where we led the time of worship and spent meaningful moments in fellowship with the senior members of our church. It was a joy to serve them and be encouraged by their presence and testimonies.

We were also delighted to welcome the youth from Koramangala Methodist Church as part of our evening service, which was led by our youth. It was a wonderful evening of worship, fellowship, and building relationships as we united in Christ.

Our youth actively participated in various inter-church events during the month. We took part in the inter-church competitions hosted by CSI Zion Church, competing in events such as Photography and Quiz. We also participated in the cricket tournament hosted by St. Luke's Church. These events provided a great opportunity for fellowship, teamwork, and strengthening friendships with youth from other churches.

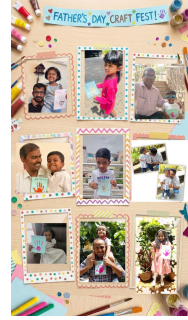
Our Bible study series for the month was based on the theme Counter Trend focusing on the life of John from the Gospel of Luke. Through these sessions, we were reminded that our calling as followers of Christ is to live differently from the world to stand as a counter-trend generation that faithfully fulfils God's purpose for our lives rather than conforming to worldly values.

Our youth meet every Sunday after the worship service for a time of Bible study and fellowship. We warmly invite all young people to join us as we grow together in God's Word.

We thank God for His faithfulness throughout the month and pray that He continues to guide and strengthen our youth as we grow in faith and service together.

Ms. Vivian E. Shiri & Mr. Prajwal Jacob
Conveners, Youth Fellowship

Sunday School



Sunday School reopened with lots of love and laughter! The parents and teachers had an interactive session on the *14th of June*, getting to know each other, sharing feedbacks for an effective Sunday class.

Sunday School children rendered a special song, "ಸ್ತುತಿಸೋಣ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಒಂದಾಗಿ ಇಂದು" on *Sunday the 14th of June* during the *Kannada Worship Service*.

On *Sunday the 28th of June*, English Sunday School children rendered the song "I Am Set Apart" during the *English Service*.

Fathers play a critical role in the growth and development of their children. On *Father's Day*, we took time to honour the physical and spiritual fathers we have in our lives through stories and activities.

State Level Scripture Union Exam was conducted on *28th of June*. 22 participants participated and were blessed to have read the scriptures in-depth.

State Level Bible Union Exam will be conducted on July 26th. Interested children and adults please reach out to us.

All the activities have been planned by our passionate teaching team! We look forward for many more sessions with our lovely children in the coming days!

Thanking our *Pastor* for his guidance and support. Our gratitude to *Andrew's family* - for your love, prayers and support for this ministry. Do continue to pray for all the activities planned for the month of *July*.

Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj
Sunday School Superintendent



SEEKERS NOOK

In the Bible, occupations carry profound theological and social significance. Work is depicted not merely as a means of survival, but as a divine partnership. Trades and professions were often used as primary platforms for ministry, ethical teaching, and shaping the destinies of individuals and nations. Take this quiz to test yourself on the people and their occupations as mentioned in the Bible.

QUIZ

1. King Nebuchadnezzar appointed Daniel to a high-ranking political office after Daniel successfully interpreted his dream. What was this position?
2. What was Nehemiah's primary occupation in the Persian court before traveling to Jerusalem?
3. What profession did Priscilla and Aquila share with Paul, and how did they assist in ministry?
4. _____, Noah's great-grandson, was known as "a mighty hunter before the Lord."
5. Which skilled craftsman was filled with the Spirit of God with wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all kinds of skills to make artistic designs in gold, silver and bronze for the Ark of the Covenant?
6. Which early Christian leader was a wealthy businesswoman who sold purple cloth and opened her home to Paul and his companions?
7. Which humble shepherd from Tekoa was called by God to leave his flocks and prophesy against the injustices of Israel?
8. I was the son of a chief priest. Known as a fearless warrior, I was loyal to King David and helped make Solomon the next King. I was put in charge of the entire army when King Solomon took over. Who am I?
9. Which devout follower of Jesus, also known as Tabitha, honored God through her sewing and charitable works for widows?
10. What was the profession of the Ethiopian eunuch, who was baptized by Philip?

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 July 2026** in the following format:

Name

Serial number - Answer

Reflection

Work as Worship: Honouring God in our Professions

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

God wants us to treat our jobs as an opportunity to serve and honor Him, rather than viewing work simply as a means to a paycheck. When Christ is the true audience of our work, everything changes. Integrity matters even when no one is watching. Excellence matters even when promotion never comes. Faithfulness matters even when work feels invisible. Work is worship.

In Genesis 24, Abraham's chief servant, Eliezer of Damascus, flawlessly executed his responsibility to find a bride for Isaac. Rather than taking credit, he credited God's providence throughout the journey and prayed for guidance before completing the task. His actions teach us to anchor our assignments in prayer, prepare diligently with the resources we have, and execute our duties with absolute integrity and selflessness.

Actionable Lessons for the Workplace

- Start with specific, purposeful **prayer**: When tasked with finding a wife for Isaac, Eliezer didn't rely on his own intellect. He asked God for distinct guidance. In your career, invite God into the specifics of your work and ask for wisdom when facing difficult decisions.
- **Prepare** thoroughly: Eliezer traveled with 10 camels laden with his master's best gifts to ensure he was fully equipped for the task. Honor God by doing the hard work of preparation—whether that means acquiring new skills or arriving at a meeting with complete, well-researched data.
- **Guard** your employer's interests: Eliezer cared more about Abraham's family mission than his own comfort, famously refusing to eat until his mission was clearly laid out and resolved. You can honor God in the workplace by treating your employer's resources, time, and reputation with the highest level of care.
- Maintain **humility**: Despite managing all of Abraham's wealth, Eliezer consistently referred to himself simply as "the servant of my master". Acknowledge that your talents and successes ultimately come from God and use them to serve your colleagues and clients.
- **Acknowledge** God's help: When Rebekah offered the exact sign he prayed for, Eliezer immediately bowed his head and worshiped the Lord. When you successfully complete tasks, quickly give God the glory and thank Him for the guidance.

Whether in an office, a classroom, at home, on the mission field or elsewhere, God has placed you there to be of use to Him, to bring Him glory. By doing your job excellently and with integrity, you have an impact on the people around you.

Children's Nook

God wants to fill us with wisdom and power so we can please Him everyday - at home, school, play, church, with friends and in every choice we make. Paul prayed that the Colossians would gain good spiritual qualities, which applies to us as well. Read Colossians 1:9-12 to complete the next activity that lists those qualities.

To complete the puzzle, you need to use up the list of 21 small words to complete the larger words below. Split each word where necessary. For eg., to fill _ _ f _ we have to use the word lie as l i f e. Hope you enjoy this puzzle!

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go	eve	lie	why	drain	dance
or	fit	owl	tank	lease	ritual
or	ill	pie			

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Quiz Answers for the month of June 2026

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elihu, God 2. The heavens and the skies 3. In a gentle and quiet whisper at the entrance of the cave 4. His eternal power and divine nature 5. A whirlwind | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The wind 7. Waters, cedars, desert/wilderness 8. The hills 9. Raven 10. A mist/ stream came up from the earth |
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Marvelous Winners for the month of June 2026

1. Advik Jacob Palanna
2. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
3. A N Indiradevi
4. Natania Joy Taylor
5. Esther Suguna Simeon
6. Felicia Manoraj
7. Annie Felix



8. Lynette Natasha Karkada
9. Gitanjali Lazarus
10. Daisy Mark Prabhu
11. Rosabelle Prabhakar
12. Kavya Raghavan
13. Mallika Jaswanth

**Well done June winners, your participation is appreciated.
You may collect your gift from the church office.**

Calendar for the First Week of August 2026			
<i>9th Week after Pentecost</i>			
Mission Sunday			
<i>Theme - Mission: Compassion in Action</i>			
*2nd August 1st Sunday	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	
Old Testament	Isaiah 58: 6 - 10	Mr. Wilson Prathap	9:00 a.m
Epistle	1 John 3: 16 - 18	Mr. Prajwal Jacob	
Gospel	St. Matthew 9: 35 - 38	Mr. Praveen Oscar Shiri (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m

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Calendar for the Month of July 2026

*5th July 1st Sunday	<i>5th Week after Pentecost</i>		
	Stewardship Sunday		
	Theme - Work as Worship: Honouring God in our Professions		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	*Combined Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 a.m
Old Testament	Genesis 18: 22 - 33	Mrs. Asha Franklyn	
Epistle	Romans 8: 14 - 17	Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri	
Gospel	St. Luke 17: 7 - 10	Mr. David Soans (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Dr. John Vasumitra		6.15 p.m
12th July 2nd Sunday	<i>6th Week after Pentecost</i>		
	Theological Education Sunday		
	Theme - Theological Education: To Make the Church a Learning Community		
	Kannada		8.15 a.m
English			9.30 a.m
Old Testament	Nehemiah 8: 1 - 12	Mrs. Reena Rani Susinder (K) Mrs. Beverly Pearl Rozario	
Epistle	1 Corinthians 14: 20 - 23	Mrs. A. N. Indira Devi (K) Mrs. Madhu John	
Gospel	St. Matthew 13: 16 - 23	Mrs. Esther Bhagya M (K) Mrs. Doreen Snehalatha Soans	
Evening Service	Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m
*19th July 3rd Sunday	<i>7th Week after Pentecost</i>		
	Theme - Ordained Ministry: Call to Serve not for Glory		
	*Kannada Holy Communion		8.15 a.m
	English		
Old Testament	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10	Master Nischal Joy (K) Mrs. Anzita Brimble Solomon	
Epistle	1 Peter 5: 1 - 4	Mrs. Usha Somashekar (K) Miss Andrea Sahana Lazarus	
Gospel	St. Matthew 20: 20 - 28	Master Shane Kevin Karkada (K) Dr. Ebenezer Janifer	
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari		6.15 p.m
26th July 4th Sunday	<i>8th Week after Pentecost</i>		
	Theme - Marriage: Celebration of Unity and Partnership		
	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	English		
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 4: 9 - 12	Mr. Praveen P. Salins (K) Mrs. Daisy Richard	
Epistle	Ephesians 5: 21 - 33	Master Adam Jake Christopher (K) Mrs. Geetha Graham	
Gospel	St. Matthew 19: 4 - 6	Mr. Kiran S Kotian (K) Miss. Arlene Janelle	
Vernacular Music Evening			6.00 p.m

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