St. Andrew's Church

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"Equipping and Empowering Congregation in God's Mission"



St. Andrew's Church Celebrating 162 years on Sunday, 29th November 2026

History Notes

The 2nd Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, an elite Scottish infantry regiment of the British Army, was stationed in Bangalore (now Bengaluru), India, from 1910 to 1912.

They Also worshipped in St. Andrew's Church (then Kirk) during that time

"Witnessing in Unity"

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From the Presbyter's Desk



"Witnessing in Unity"

Rebuilding the Spiritual Walls of the Church through Christ's Love

The call to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem was more than a call to restore a broken city. It was a call to renew the faith, restore the identity and strengthen the unity of God's people. The story of Nehemiah offers an important message to the Church today: when the walls are broken, God's people must rise together to rebuild them.

When Nehemiah heard about the broken walls of Jerusalem and the suffering of its people, he wept, mourned, fasted and prayed before God (Nehemiah 1:4). Although he was serving as the king's cupbearer, he could not remain indifferent to the condition of his people. His response teaches us that rebuilding begins with a heart that is burdened for God's people and a willingness to act in faith and obedience.

The broken walls were not merely a physical concern; they represented the vulnerability, spiritual condition and loss of identity of Jerusalem. Similarly, the Church today faces challenges that threaten its spiritual strength and unity. Division, pride, indifference and a lack of forgiveness can weaken the walls of our Christian fellowship. Therefore, we are called to rise together and rebuild these broken spiritual walls through prayer, love, humility and mutual commitment.

The story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 reminds us how human pride and ambition can turn unity into division. Although people once shared a common language and purpose, their desire to make a name for themselves led to confusion and separation. This reminds us that unity built on human pride cannot last. True and lasting unity must be rooted in God and His purposes.

Through Jesus Christ, however, God has opened the way for reconciliation and restoration. Galatians 3:13 reminds us:

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'"

Through His redeeming sacrifice on the cross, Christ broke down the barriers that separated us and brought us into a restored relationship with God. We are therefore called to live not as divided individuals but as one community, united in Christ's love, grace and forgiveness.

The Apostle Paul further reminds us in Romans 12:3 - 4:

May the Lord unite our hearts, renew our spirits and strengthen our hands for His work. May He heal every division, restore every broken relationship and make our Church a living testimony of His grace, love and forgiveness.

May everything we do be for His glory. Amen.

Rev. Samuel B. Pujari
Presbyter-in-charge

Reports of Activities by the Wings & Ministries

Sunday School











Harvest Festival:

Our Sunday School Team had a wonderful time celebrating and praising God for all the provisions and abundances gifted through the Harvest Festival.

With mouthwatering variety of food-spreads including popcorn, cotton candy, sugarcane juice, potato twister etc., in the *Food Stalls*. Face painting, caricature, pottery, balloon modelling, maze runner, catch the baton, wire loop and crazy driver were other *activities.* Andrew's family thoroughly enjoyed! Not to forget the toys and *Stationaries Sales.* Twins, Mathew and Merlin had their stall of *Building Blocks* which were sold out in no time. Shannon creatively *painted bottles* and sold it with joy. Diza and Natania's polaroid *Photography Stall* was a hit! Mommy Nithya charmed the kids with *face painting.* Rohan Anna's *Beyblade Stall* kept the boys busy!

A huge shoutout to our parents, children and teachers for actively participating in every way!

World Sunday School Day:

It was celebrated on *Sunday, the 25th of October* during the Kannada and English Worship Services with the theme, *'Growing In Faith.'*

Our teachers, *Mrs. Mary Sukumari* and *Dr. Mrs. Joann Pauline George* brought the Word of God during Kannada and English Services, respectively.

Every child participated in the Services and Presentations through *Songs, Choreography and Enactment,* bringing alive the *Word of God* with great enthusiasm.

Children and adults who participated in *Bible Union India Exam* were awarded certificates and medals. We are proud to share that, *Jyothsna Prasheeth* received *3rd Rank* for the State in the *Adults Category.* We are thankful to all the participants who diligently read the Word of God.

By the amazing grace of our Lord, this humongous task was made easy. Cheers to our children, teachers and parents.

Our gratitude to our Presbyter, *Rev. Samuel B. Pujari,* and *Andrew's Family* for your constant prayers and encouragement.

Do continue to pray for our Team as we celebrate *Sunday School Christmas* on *Sunday, the 13th of December.*

Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj
Sunday School Superintendent

Men's Fellowship



Annual Harvest Thanksgiving 2026

A Day of Praise, Fellowship, and Gratitude

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

On Sunday, October 11th, 2026, our church family gathered for our *Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Day* - a special time filled with heartfelt praise, deep gratitude, and joyful fellowship. We gave thanks for God's continued faithfulness, guidance, and abundance throughout the year.

Men's Fellowship Stall
The Team worked hard to host a fantastic space, bringing our community together after the Worship Service. A big thank you to the men who volunteered their time and energy, and an equally heartfelt thank you to our whole congregation for generously supporting our *Stall* and making it such a success!

Mr. J. A. Prakash
Convener, Men's Fellowship

Youth Fellowship





October was a month of service, worship, and growth for our youth. We reached out to the elderly through a home visit, led the congregation in worship on Youth Sunday, and continued our weekly Bible study together.

On 2nd October, the youth visited Mrs Esther Prince and spent a warm time of fellowship with her. It was a meaningful time for the youth to show care and share time with those who have walked long in faith.

On 17th October, we celebrated Youth Sunday. The worship service was centred on the theme “Faith Over Feelings: Trusting God When Life Does Not Make Sense.” Pastor Allen Palanna preached from the book of Jeremiah, reminding us that when life is unclear and the present and future feel uncertain, that is exactly when God’s presence is most fully felt. God does not promise to rescue us immediately from every circumstance, but He does promise to sustain us through them, even when the circumstances do not change.

During the Harvest service, the youth put up a stall offering food and games. It was a lively and enjoyable time, and a wonderful opportunity for the youth to serve the church, connect with the congregation, and spend time together in fellowship.

The youth also meet every Sunday after worship for Bible study. We are currently studying “Response-Ability: The Life of Peter", which challenges us to respond faithfully to Jesus’ calling. All youth are warmly encouraged to stay back after the Sunday service and join us for this time of study and fellowship.

Through these activities, the youth were reminded that serving others strengthens both the youth and the community, that faith rests on trusting God’s presence rather than on how we feel, and that consistent study of the Word helps us grow together.

Miss Vivian Evangaline Shiri & Mr. Prajwal Jacob
Conveners

Women's Fellowship





Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ!

Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving Sunday:
The members of our women's Fellowship came together to decorate the church for the *Harvest Festival* on the *Saturday, the 10th of October* as we were celebrating our *Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving* on *Sunday, the 11th of October 2026.*

The *Food Stall* that the Women put up was a huge attraction with delicious variety of food, snacks, ice cream, and cakes. A live counter of masala vadas and sweet rolls was a huge hit! Several articles were also put up for auction, including two beautiful gold pendants. It was a day of true thanksgiving and fellowship for the entire Andrew's family.

Scripture Union Annual State Level Bible Examination 2026:
Thanking each of you who took part and gave your best.
The winners under the *Adult Category: Mrs. Kumuda Sujay, Mrs. Jyothsna Prasheeth and Mrs. Leah Rangayya. Our Congratulations!*

Bible Union Annual State Level Bible Examination 2026 held on the 26th of July:
This year, the organisers decided to give the Church Level first three prizes (gold, silver and bronze), only to those who scored more than 50 marks in each division.

The winners under the *Adult Category: Mrs. Jyothsna Prasheeth,* who also secured *3rd Rank* at the *State Level, Mrs. Leah Rangayya* and *Mrs. Kumuda Sujay.* Thanking each of you who diligently read the Scripture and gave your best! *Hearty Congratulations!*

Our Presbyter, *Rev. Samuel B. Pujari,* distributed the Medals and Certificates to all the winners including the children, on *Sunday,* the *25th of October,* during the English Worship Service, which was also observed as the World Sunday School Day.

We praise and thank God for His presence and guidance in all our activities.

Mrs. Daisy Richard
Secretary, Women's Fellowship



SEEKERS NOOK

Hello friends! Before we dive into today's quiz, let's take a moment to remember why we love exploring Scripture together. The Bible is a living guide, full of wisdom, encouragement, and timeless truths. Whether you're a Bible scholar or just beginning your journey, each question is a chance to reflect, learn, and grow. So grab a pen and paper, find out what you can discover along the way.

QUIZ

1. According to Ephesians, which part of the armor of God enables believers to quench all the fiery darts?
2. What happened when the Lamb broke the seventh seal?
3. Which people received Paul eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily to see if what he said was true?
4. According to Zechariah's vision, how large was the flying scroll?
5. Put these kings of Judah in the correct chronological order, from earliest to last: A) Hezekiah B) Manasseh C) Uzziah D) Josiah
6. After Peter and John were arrested for preaching in the temple, how many men did the number of believers grow to?
7. In Daniel's prophecy, what kingdom was represented by the "stone" that struck the great statue and became a great mountain?
8. According to the book of 1 Samuel, what unusual affliction came upon the Philistines after they captured the Ark of God?
9. After the vision of the dry bones, what symbolic act did God command Ezekiel to perform?
10. In the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, how much additional time did the gardener request before the tree would be cut down?

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

Name
Serial number - Answer

Reflection



The Bible portrays children as God's blessings created with a unique purpose and potential, emphasizing their value, innocence, and the responsibility of parents to guide them in faith and righteousness. Psalm 127:4 reframes parenting as an intentional preparation and release process , equipping children to live for His glory.

This fun and engaging activity will help you recall popular Bible stories in a playful way. Each puzzle is made up of a sequence of emojis that represent key characters, events, or symbols from a story. Can you guess them?

Children's Nook



Quiz answers for the month of October 2026

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. A, B, C
8. A
9. D
10. True
11. A
12. B

Marvelous winners for the Month of October 2026

1. Deepan Elbert Pramodan
2. Esther Suguna Simeon
3. A N Indiradevi
4. Reena Anoop
5. Lynette Natasha Karkada
6. Daisy Mark Prabhu



HAPPENINGS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

Weddings



Miss Delphinia Dkhar

Daughter of Late Sardonick Kharpuri & Mrs. Meris Dkhar

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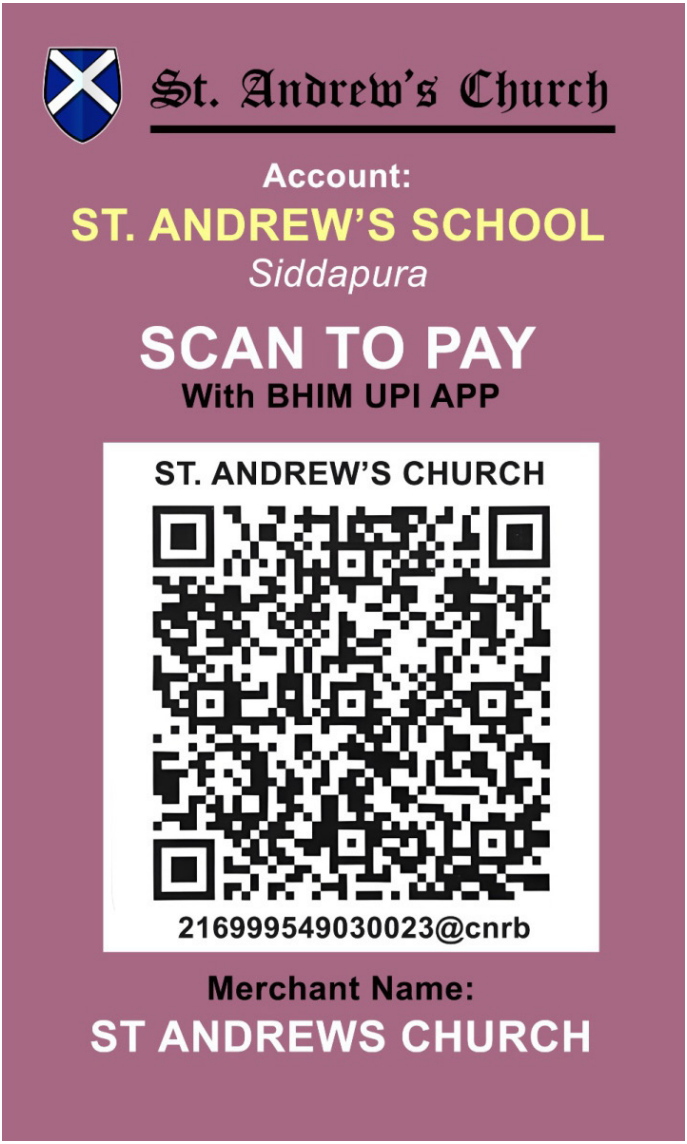
Mr. Livingstone Justice

Son of Mr. James Anthony & Mrs. Mercy James

on 17th October 2026

Calendar for the First Week of December 2026			
*6th December 1st Sunday	*2nd Sunday in Advent*		
	Bible Sunday		
	Birth of John the Baptist		
	Theme - Guided by the Word: Discerning the Right Path		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	***Combined Holy Communion Worship Service**	**9:00 a.m**
Old Testament	**Joshua 24: 15 - 21**	Miss Vivian Evangeline Shiri	
Epistle	**Galatians 1: 11 - 17**	Mr. Wilson Prathap	
Gospel	**St. Luke 1: 57 - 66**	Mr. David Soans(K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R		6.15 p.m

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENT DETAILS



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) written behind it.

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: 1100
Rs. 450 For Youth Fellowship,
Rs. 650 For M & E

Calendar for the Month of November 2026

*1st November 1st Sunday	*22nd Week after Pentecost*		
	Reformation Sunday		
	Theme - Reformation: A Call for Renewal		
	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Samuel B. Pujari	***Combined Holy Communion Worship Service**	
Old Testament	**2 Kings 23: 1 - 8**	Mrs. Rashmi S. Mohanraj	**9:00 a.m**
Epistle	**Titus 3: 3 - 8**	Mr. Prajwal Jacob	
Gospel	**St. Luke 5: 36 - 39**	Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R		6.15 p.m
8th November 2nd Sunday	*23rd Week after Pentecost*		
	Unity Sunday		
	Theme: United in Christ, Witnessing to the World		
	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	English		9.30 a.m
Old Testament	**Isaiah 2: 2 - 4**	Miss. Sheela Judy (K)	
		Miss. Rebekah Jayanthy Thomas	
Epistle	**2 Corinthians 13: 5 - 13**	Mrs. Leah Rangayya Charloth (K)	
		Mrs. Diadema Fesley	
Gospel	**St. Matthew 18: 18 - 20**	Mrs. Kavitha Chethan (K)	
		Mrs. Nithya Renith	
Evening Service	Youth Fellowship		6.15 p.m
*15th November 3rd Sunday	*24th Week after Pentecost*		
	Sunday for the Girl Child		
	Theme: Her voice, Her Future		
	***Kannada Holy Communion**		8.15 a.m
	English		9.30 a.m
Old Testament	**Numbers 27: 1 - 7**	Mrs. Mirium L. S. Sadhu (K)	
		Mr. Nikhil Gowtham. D	
Epistle	**Acts 16: 13 - 15**	Mr. Susinder Herbert	
		Mr. Aditya Graham	
Gospel	**St. Mark 5: 21 - 43**	Miss Magdalina Preetha S (K)	
		Mrs. Charlotte Taylor	
*Evening Service	Holy Communion Service - Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Samuel B. Pujari		6.15 p.m
22nd November 4th Sunday	*25th Week after Pentecost*		
	Theme - Peaceful Coexistence: Sharing Christ's Love in a World of Intolerance		
	Kannada		8.15 a.m
	English		9.30 a.m
Old Testament	**Daniel 6: 1 - 17**	Miss. Deepali Elizabeth Pramodan (K)	
		Mrs. Premila Janifer	
Epistle	**Colossians 3: 12 - 17**	Mr. Arjun Christopher (K)	
		Miss. Michelle Sarah Simon	
Gospel	**St. Luke 9: 51 - 56**	Mrs. Reena Anoop (K)	
		Miss. Judith Agnes Daniel	
Evening Service	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Samuel Sunith R		6.15 p.m
29th November 5th Sunday	*1st Sunday in Advent*		
	St. Andrew's Day		
	Theme: Andrew, Apostle and Martyr		
	Combined Holy Communion Worship Service		**9:00 a.m**
Old Testament	**Amos 7: 10 - 15**	Mrs. Nalini Lawrence	
Epistle	**Philippians 1: 3 - 11**	Dr. Helen P. Samuel	
Gospel	**St. John 12: 20 - 26**	Wg Cdr I D Soans (K)	
No Evening Service			

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