



# St. Andrew's Church Newsletter

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**Anderson House**, below Macfarlane Church Kalimpong, where Dr. John Anderson Graham began his ministry to the Anglo-Indian children.

## Keep awake, watch, be alert

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

There is a great need to pray continually because if we don't the world, the flesh and Satan will always get the better of us. As a Christian we are in a constant battle.

Our Lord told Peter, *"Simon, are you asleep?"*

*Could you not keep watch for one hour? **Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation.*

*The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."* (Mark 14:37,38)

Peter felt so tired after a gruelling day at Passover time and with the Lord in the upper room that the first reaction when he was alone was to slumber deeply. He had forgotten the words of our Lord, *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death...Stay here and **keep watch**"* ( Mark 14:34)

Peter failed to keep up with the Lord in his agonizing sorrow and prayer. He and his two companions completely missed the gravity of the struggle between the work of the Holy Spirit and the temptation of Satan and the flesh. Whereas the three fell into a deep sleep, our Lord struggled. The Greek word used for watch is "gregoraite" meaning "keep awake, watch, be alert; be alive" from where the name Gregory comes. Our Lord saw the danger coming. At one point of time the temptation of Satan was for our Lord was to give in. He prayed, *"Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. **Yet not what I will, but what you will**"* (Mark 14:36). But when our Lord prayed, *"Yet not what I will, but what you will"* he had won the battle for the salvation of the souls of all humanity. Peter slept while our Lord prayed.

When he awoke, the hour had come and Jesus had been betrayed into the hands of sinners (*Mark 14:41*). After the arrest of our Lord, Peter told the people, *"I don't know this man you're talking about"* (*Mark 14:71*) Failure in prayer led to a denial of his loyalty to our Lord. After his great breakdown Peter repented, cried bitterly and came back to the Lord (*Luke 22:31,32*). He was endowed with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and used mightily for the gospel. In his letter he writes, *"be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him."* (*1 Peter 5:8*) *"The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray"* (*1 Peter 4:7*).

A great help we have when we pray is the Holy Spirit. While we do not know how to pray the Holy Spirit helps us and prays with us. *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."* (*Romans 8:26,27*)

Let us therefore be always sober, vigilant and alert that we may always pray, be victorious over Satan and pray in accordance with God's will.

### **The Scottish Cemetery.**

A filming crew of two members was sent by the Khasi and Jaintia Presbyterian Synod from 14 to 17 June, 2016 to take pictures of the grave of **Rev Thomas Jones** and records of his burial. The records were found and permission was given them for the pictures. This church is celebrating 175 years of its mission in November 2016 and have invited two of our elders to represent our church in this celebration. The grave of Rev Thomas Jones who founded the Khasi script is a celebrated one in our cemetery. The **KSHT** continues with the restoration project. Nearly half of the project has been completed. Meanwhile more trees and flowers have been planted. A plan to enhance the water supply with a new water tank is being worked out with our Session Clerk. KSHT is working with the NGOs with community art and crafts work with the women and children. Dr. Bashabi Fraser, with her husband visited the cemetery on 18.6.16





*I am the LORD who heals you*

In the last month we saw our Treasurer, **Mr. Ashok Pasricha** having acute pain in his feet. For several Sundays we missed him in our worship, something he would never like to miss. We thank him for getting all the accounts and audits ready for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on 3.7.16. **Dr. Gillian Hart** attended the Flower Service in DGH Kalimpong and then had a surgery of her knee. We remember her in our prayers. **Mr. Michael Bose** was also missed in our services. The reason being the intense heat being experienced all over our country. We continue to pray for **Bishop Maqbul Caleb**, former bishop of Delhi, Rev Sunil Caleb's father and his mother Mrs. **Jane Caleb**, who both live in Dalhousie. Continue to pray for **Mrs. Janet Joel**, the mother of our organist, Mrs. Beulah Caleb



**A Ramp for St. Andrew's Church** is being planned by the Deacons' Court to assist those unable to climb the stairs to attend our worship. After much deliberations, someone had the brilliant idea to make the ramp on the south east corner of the church. Mr. Pook our engineer Session Clerk and elders are working on a fabricated steel ramp which should fit the east portion of our front porch. **St. Andrew's Church compound** is also blessed with tasty mango and "jamon" (small black berries with a big seed) trees that bear fruit during this time.



**The East-West Metro Railway** is going to have one station where the present mini-bus stand is located 100m from our church. Engineers have approached us requesting us for drawings and are testing whether SAC can withstand the tunneling underneath the church.

**Welcome Back**

It is so nice to have our young friends from La Martiniere for Boys attend worship after the summer holidays. One of them confessed from the lectern on 19.6.16 for using bad language.

# St. Andrew's Church, Kolkata

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Roster for July, 2016.

**3/7/16, 7th Sun after Pentecost:** *The joy of the Lord's messengers,*

Conductor : Revd. Andrew Simick, Preacher : Mr. John Rafi

Isaiah 12 : La Martiniere for Boys

Luke 10: 1-9 : Mr. Rajan Joy

**The Annual Congregational Meeting follows**

**10/7/16, 8 Sun after Pentecost:** *"Who is my neighbor?"*,

Conductor & Preacher : Revd. A. Simick

Job 29: 1, 7—16 : Mr. P.C. Daniels

Luke 10: 25--37 : Ms. Bhaswati Samaradivakera

**17/7/16. 9 Sunday after Pentecost:** *The one thing necessary is God himself.*

*HOLY COMMUNION*

Celebrant & Preacher : Revd. Dr. Philip Peacock

Proverbs 3: 13-18 : Mr. Ashok Pasricha

Philippians 3: 7-14 : Mr. David John

Luke 10:38-42 : Revd. Dr. Philip Peacock

**24/7/16. 10 Sun after Pentecost** *"Lord, teach us to pray"*,

Conductor & Preacher : The Revd James Gomez

Genesis 18: 20-33 : Mrs. Jacqueline Nyss

Luke 11: 1-13 : Mrs. Zeena Augustine Mandal

**31/7/16, 11 Sun after Pentecost,** *God reveals his saving purpose through the*

*signs which he sends.*

Conductor & Preacher : Revd. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb

Isaiah 28: 9-13 : Bishop's College

Luke 11: 27-32 : Mrs. Anita Mukherjee

**The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew's Church will be held on Sunday, 3 July, 2016.**



**Join us every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for a time of worship and prayer in St. Andrew's Church**

