



# St. Andrew's Church Newsletter

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**Mr. Chintamani Behera**, our Church Officer has had a swelling of the bone of his left heel. Pray for healing



**The Joy of Lord's Messengers**  
(Luke 10: 1-9; 17 - 21) *(a sermon preached by Mr. John Rafi, Principal, La Martiniere for Boys on 3.7.16)*



This morning's theme is **Joy of Lord's Messengers**. The interesting thing about this morning text is that we find two instances of joy (vs 17 and 20) and I want to point out three reasons to be joyous.

### **We have victory over demons**(vs 17)

Luke's Gospel is the only one that tells of the sending out of the seventy-two to preach and heal. It is also the only version that describes their joyous return and victory over the demons through the name of Jesus.

Jesus informed them that in His 'pre-incarnate' state, He had witnessed the Father's supreme power over Satan being cast out from heaven. Jesus chose the metaphor, like lightning, to emphasize the speed with which Satan fell. Satan was in heaven and the next instant he was gone! Christians need to discover that they are equipped through the power of the Blood of Jesus which gives them authority over Satan. When Satan comes around to torment you, remind him of these two things.

- a) Remind him of Jesus' Blood - our victory.
- b) Remind Satan of his future- One day he will be cast into the bottomless pit of hell - the lake of fire and brimstone, and there he shall be tormented for ever and ever.

People of the Living God, here is reason for us to rejoice! Jesus Christ has given us victory over Satan.

**II) Rejoice that that your names are written in heaven**  
(vs.20)

Jesus wants us to understand that our joy should not be focused on what we can do and what we can accumulate, rather we need to rejoice in the grace God has given us that our name is written down in the heaven.

Don't rejoice in what you have done for yourself rather what you have done for Jesus.

**Rejoice by bringing Joy to the Lord**(vs 21)

Today's passage reminds us that we have the capacity to make God rejoice by sharing the good news. The point to note is the fact that Jesus was full of joy! And what's unique about this passage is that it's the only place we find where Jesus is said to have experienced Joy.

Jesus did not leave the ministry to just the twelve. Neither does he leave it only to the priests. If we claim that we love Jesus without serving Him, then either our motive is faulty or we don't love Jesus! Evangelism is obligatory. Someone else shared the Gospel with us. Now we are to share it with someone. Think for a moment of countless multitudes of people whose lives have been destroyed by Satan. Share the Gospel and bring joy to the Lord.

Three reasons to rejoice:

- We have victory over devil;
- Our names are written in heaven;
- By bringing Joy to the Lord.



**Safe in the arms of Jesus.**

**Bishop Maqbul Caleb**, former CNI bishop of Delhi and father of Rev Dr Sunil M. Caleb, slept in the Lord in Dalhousie.



**Archbishop Emeritus Henry D'Souza**, 90, passed away on June 27. He was Archbishop of Calcutta from 1986 to 2002



**NEIL O'BRIEN**, a leader of the Anglo-Indian community, credited with pioneering quizzing in India, a former Lok Sabha MP, three time nominated Anglo-Indian MLA in the WB Assem-

bly, chairman of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, managing director of Oxford University Press, India, president-in-chief of All-India Anglo-Indian Association and of the Frank Anthony group of schools also served in the La Martiniere Schools Board of Governors for many years, died on 25.6.16 aged 82.

**Aruna Sundarlal** died on 23,6,15 in Bengaluru aged 77.



India's first mezzo-soprano singer, she began the Bangalore School of Music. She also started the Calcutta Diocesan Music Department in the early 1980's

**Radhika Samaradivakera** completed her Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University, New York in 2016. She did her field work with the Economic and Social Council of United Nations. In the second year she specialized in Policy Practice and Advocacy.



#### **The Scottish Cemetery.**

Along with the restoration project, the KSHT, under Dr. Neeta Das is involving girls and boys of the neighborhood in drawing and crafts class. Pray for the good work in the Cemetery. There was an attempt to steal the grill of the gate by some robbers on 14.7.16 (see pic). Fortunately the grill could not be taken out.



#### **East West Metro Railway**

The engineers of the Kolkata Metro Railway Corporation and Afcons have met our elders. The Mahakaran Metro Station will be in B.B.D. Bag. Negotiations are carrying on regarding some initial testing of the building condition of our church which is a heritage structure. Your prayers are requested that we may take the right decision.



#### **Dr. K. D. Halder**

father of Mrs. Ruby Pasricha slept in the Lord in June. Let us remember the Pasrichas in our prayers



#### **Eva Ganguli,**

mother of Mrs. Susmita Bhattacharya died on 15.7.16. She was a good WFCS worker.

## St. Andrew's Church, Kolkata

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Roster for August, 2016.

**7/8/16, 12th Sun after Pentecost:** *The right attitude to possession*

Conductor and Preacher : Rev James Gomez

Genesis 13: 2-12 : Bishop's College

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11 : Ms. Sarmistha Arora

**14/8/16, Independence Day:** *The Founders of the Nation*

Conductor & Preacher : Revd. A. Simick

Deuteronomy 6: 20-25 : Ms. Gailing Sondhi

Galatians 5:1, 13-18 : Ms. Radhika Samaradivakera

**The Deacons' Court and Kirk Session follows**

**21/8/16, 14 Sun after Pentecost:** *God has called us to be free:*

*HOLY COMMUNION*

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

Numbers 14:1-10 : Mr. C.J. Nyss

Galatians 4: 1-11 : Mr. Prodyut Addy

Luke 13:10-17 : Revd. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb

**28/8/16, 15 Sun after Pentecost:** *Our response to the call of God*

Conductor & Preacher : Rev Andrew Simick

1 Samuel 15: 10-23 : La Martiniere for Boys

Luke 14: 15-24 : Mr. Jonathan Nyss

### **The Annual Congregational Meeting of St.**

**Andrew's Church** was held on Sunday, 3 July, 2016. **Mr. John Rafi** shared the message which is printed here. In the service **Mr. David Ernest John** was admitted as an elder to our Kirk Session. **Mr. and Mrs. P.C.**

**Daniels** were also received as members of St. Andrew's Church. In the ACM held in the lounge, the reports of the presbyter, the Session Clerk and the Hony Treasurer were read and passed and everyone enjoyed a sumptuous sit-down

lunch. Mr. P.C. Daniels is Principal, St. Thomas' Church School, Howrah.



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