



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.

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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.

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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