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The new car of



Bishop's College was blessed on 11.9.16

"The spirit of humility". *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."* (Philippians 2:3)

I want to share with you an example from the Scripture of a person who was humble. The person I would like to draw your attention to is a man called Jonathan, the son of King Saul *"And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt."* (1 Samuel 18:3,4).

Jonathan was the son of King Saul. King Saul was the first king of Israel. At that time Israel was fighting the Philistine army. Jonathan was a very good soldier. David was also a very good soldier. The Israelite army was being challenged by the giant fighter, Goliath. Goliath dared any Israelite to come and beat him in hand-to-hand combat. David had come to meet his brothers who were soldiers but when he heard Goliath challenging Israel he offered to fight him. King Saul gave him permission and his armour and David met Goliath and killed him. The Philistine army was routed and the Israelites rejoiced. But the women gave more glory to David than to Saul and Saul became jealous of David.

As they danced, they sang "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his tens of thousands." (1 Samuel 18:7)

Saul began to look for ways and opportunities to kill David because he was a contender for the throne. But here the attitude of Jonathan is commendable. Both David and Jonathan were friends. And Jonathan would give a throne for his friend.

As Jonathan leaves his throne to allow David his friend to become king, we are drawn to another person who left his throne. This was the throne of God the Father, the Creator, the Omnipotent and Almighty God. Jesus left his throne knowing what lay ahead because the Bible says he loved us so much.



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you

should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Who being in very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death... even death on a cross (Philippians 2:5-8)

Sometimes we get into situations like King Saul got into and another starts getting the glory and there is your place being threatened. It could be in the home and family, at work or, in society. May the examples of Jonathan and our Lord help us from being jealous.

Pride comes before a disaster, but humility comes before re-



The Canonization of Mother Teresa to sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church took place in Rome on 4.9.16. Our Chief Minister, our bishop and Archbishop could take part in the ceremony.

On 19.8.16 our bishop, the **Rt. Rev Ashok Biswas**, celebrated his birthday in Bishop's House. Our bishop also



inaugurated the **Cathedral Friendship Centre** in St. Paul's Cathedral on 21.8.16, a place you can go to when you are depressed





Pray for the work in the **Scottish Cemetery** which goes hand in hand with classes for the children of the locality



The Roof of St. Andrew's Church is in need of urgent repairs. Pray for guidance, and provision in this restoration work.

EAST-WEST METRO RAILWAY.

The Deacons' Court after much deliberation has approved the Building Condition Survey of our church by the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation. This survey will determine whether our church will be fit for the tunneling that will take place. The Mahakaran station for the Metro will be in the mini-bus stand, B.B.D. Bag. Prayers are requested for our church in the future.



Mr.

John Ghose, the Principal of the St. Thomas' Boys' School was elected to be the **Honorary Secretary** of our Diocese for the term 2016-2019. We wish him every



On 1.9.16 the **Life Insurance Company of India celebrated their diamond jubilee**. The Chief Manager of the LIC office opposite our church in Lyons Range arranged with our church and planted ten saplings of the "ashoka" tree in our compound on the occasion.

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Roster for October, 2016.

2/10/16. 20 Sunday after Pentecost: *Thankfulness for God's mercies*

Preacher & Conductor : Revd. James Gomez
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 : Bishop's College
Luke 17:11-19 : Mrs. Anita Mukherjee

9/10/16. 21 Sunday after Pentecost: *Perseverance in prayer.*

Preacher & Conductor : Revd. Andrew Simick
Exodus 17:8-12 : Ms. Gailing Sondhi
Luke 18:1-8 : Mr. P.C. Daniels

16/10/16. 22 Sunday after Pentecost: *True humility is to know what we are in the sight of God.* **HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant & Preacher : Revd Swarup Bar
Genesis 11: 1-9 : Mr. Charles J. Nyss
Romans 12:3-8 : Ms. Louisa Jackson
Luke 18 :9-14 : Revd. Swarup Bar

23/10/16. 23 Sunday after Pentecost *God works in unexpected ways to fulfil his purpose*

Conductor & Preacher : Rev Dr Sunil M. Caleb
Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 :Ms. Zeena Mondal
2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 : Ms. Jacqueline Nyss

30/10/16.: Reformation Sunday.

Conductor : Rev Andrew Simick
Preacher : Mr. Rajan Joy
2 Kings 23: 1-9 : La Martiniere for Boys
Luke 11: 37-44 Ms. Sakchi Arora



The picture on our left shows our staff changing a bulb in the vestry. The procedure is more elaborate when we change a bulb inside our church which hangs 20 feet above the floor. **Bishop's College** hosted an alumni meeting



The **Bishop's College Students** attached to us for this academic term are Ayeka Sumi, Olika Ayi, Ebenezer P and Mandeep Nahar. Let us remember them in our prayers and invite them to our homes.