



St. Andrew's Church Newsletter

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Mr. Abdul Nasir retired on 31.3.16 but continues to serve us. Pray for swift recovery of his son, Abdul Bashir.

Witnesses to the Resurrection

Almighty God, who endued the apostles with power to bear witness to your Son and sent them to make disciples of all nations; grant to your Church such wisdom and zeal in proclaiming the Gospel, that all whom you call may come to the true knowledge of you and your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

The apostles were endued with power so that they could bear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ and make disciples of all nations.

One of the most powerful witnesses is the conversion of all the apostles after the Resurrection of our Lord. They had seen the empty tomb and the disciples. The disciples had seen the Lord in the Upper Room and touched the marks of the nail-prints on the hands of the Master. But in John chapter 21 we see that they have all gone back to Galilee, and started their fishing trade. Peter, James, John, Thomas, Nathanael and two other disciples follow Peter in beginning to catch fish. They toil the whole night and catch nothing. But just as day breaks there is a person on the shore, who asks, "*Children, have you any fish?*" (John 21:5). They reply "No". Then this person tells them, "*Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.*" (John 21:6). When they do so they catch so much fish that they are unable to haul the net up. They realize that some years ago while they were fishing unsuccessfully in the same waters, a person had asked them to throw their nets on the deep side of the sea (Luke 5:5). When they had obeyed they had caught a large number of fish. This person was none other than Jesus. They said, "*It is the Lord*" (John 21:7)

Jesus Christ is risen and has made his appearance in the very place where the disciples had been called to be "fishers of men" (*Luke 5:10*)

The captain of the West Indies cricket team, Darren Sammy, gave a big witness to the Lord Jesus Christ when their team won the T20 world match against England on 3.4.16 . He said, that their team does not worry about how the game goes because they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and they are only playing for him. He also said that there is a team pastor who moves with them wherever they go and he prays with them and for them.

St. Paul writes about the Resurrection of our Lord in this emphatic manner: "*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.*" (*1 Cor 15:3-7*)

Another great witness to the living Resurrected Christ is the joint Easter Rally which we had on 27.3.16 (*see page 4*).

On Easter Day many Christian children and mothers had met together in a park in Lahore when a bomb went off and killed over 60 of them. Let us remember these innocent victims. As the collect says, may God give us wisdom and zeal in continuing to be a witness to his Resurrection.

Mrs. Mallika Alexander, 67, organist of St. Stephen's Church, Kidderpore and former music teacher of St. Thomas' Girls



School died suddenly. Her memorial service was held on 10th April, 2016. She used to fast and pray and attend all-night prayer. She had a word of encouragement for everyone. Let us pray for Reuben, her son and married daughter.



The KSHT is reaching out to the children and mothers in the areas surrounding the Scottish Cemetery with projects like *skilled training for art craft and basic awareness*. These are fast gaining popularity. Let us prayerfully support this beautiful cause

Darren Sammy, captain of the West Indies team which won the T20 world cricket championships in Kolkata.





On Easter Sunday Christians of Calcutta from the RC, CNI, AG, Methodist, Baptist, CSI (Churches of South India) and other denominations walked on the roads as witnesses of the Risen Lord. Processions started at 3pm from 4 points: Bishop's College, Entally Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Church and Union Chapel and converged to St. James' School grounds for a service. *(Can you spot Mr. P.C. Daniels?)* The service had a lively session of praise led by Mr. Gaurav Singha Roy and the Bible Society Youth Group. Archbishop Most Rev Thomas D' Souza, Bishop the Rt Rev Ashoke Biswas and Rev Dr. Ivan Satyabrata took part in the celebrations. About 4000 people bore witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus on that day. We give praise and glory to God for his blessings upon us.



*Easter
Rally
2016*



Mrs. Mamdury, has been a faithful worshipper of our church for many years. She prays for all her patients. It was so nice to see **Mr. Prodyut & Mrs. Neena Addy** over Good Friday and Easter.



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Roster for May, 2016.

1/5/16 Joseph the Carpenter: *Thanksgiving for Joseph, the craftsman of Nazareth and spouse of Mary*

Preacher & Conductor : Rev Dr. Philip Peacock

Genesis 1:26- 2:3 : Mr. P.C. Daniels

Matthew 13: 53-58 : Mrs. Anita Mukherjee

8/5/16. Ascension Sunday: *The Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God* Conductor & Preacher : Revd. A. Simick

Daniel 7:9-14 : Mrs. Bhaswati Samaradivakera

Matthew 28: 16-20 : La Martiniere for Boys

Meeting of the Deacon's Court & Kirk Session follow

15/5/16. Pentecost : *The gift of the Holy Spirit, Holy Communion:*

Celebrant & Preacher : Revd. James Gomez

Psalm 139:1-12 :Mr. M.J. Pook

Acts 2:1-11 : Mr. Prodyut Addy

John 20: 19-23 : Rev James Gomez

22/5/16. Trinity Sunday *(Sun after Pentecost)_God the Holy Trinity.* Conductor & Preacher : Revd. Andrew Simick

1 Kings 8: 22-29 : Mr. David John

John 14: 8-17 : Ms. Devjani Samaradivakera

29/5/16. 2 Sunday after Pentecost *The difference between what the world values and what God values.* Conductor & Preacher:

Rev Dr. Sunil M. Caleb

Amos 6: 1-8 : Mrs. Sonali Bar

Romans 11:33-12:2 : Mrs. Jacqueline Nyss



OUR NEAR NEIGHBOUR Mrs. Arati Sarkar

70, a lame lady who has no one in her family to support her, lives in the mini-bus stand, B.B.D. Bag, day and night

throughout the year. Pray for her

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15, B.B.D Bag
Kolkata
(founded 1815)



Come to me,
all you who
are weary
and burdened,
and I will
give you rest.

Join us
every
Thursday
at 1:00
p.m. for a
time of
worship
and
prayer.