

**St. Andrew's Church, Kolkata, CNI.
Roster for April, 2017
Sunday Services at 9:30 am**

2/4/17. Lent V, 2nd Sunday before Easter

Passion Sunday: The meaning of the death of Christ

Preacher and Conductor : Revd. Dr. Swarup Bar
Isaiah 50:4-10 : Ms. Jacqeline Nyss
John 11:45-53 : Ms. Rina Fletcher

09/4/17. Lent 6.

Palm Sunday : Christ enters Jerusalem to offer his life for the salvation of the world .

Conductor & Preacher : The Revd. Dr. Sunil Caleb
Zechariah 9: 9-12 : Mr. P.C. Daniels
Matthew 21: 1-9 : Ms. Devajani Samaradivakera

14/4/17. Good Friday : The Victory of the Cross.

Conductor & Preacher : The Revd. Dr. Swarup Bar
Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 : Mr. Mr. Charles J. Nyss
Hebrews 10: 4-24 : Mr. Prodyut Addy

16/4/17. Easter Sunday: The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher : Revd. Dr. Swarup Bar
Exodus 15:1-2, 19-21 : Dr. Gillian Hart
Colossians 3:1-4 : Mr. Ashok Pasricha
John 20:1-11 : Revd. Dr. Swarup Bar

23/4/17. Sunday after Easter: Joy and peace, power and new life are given through the Resurrection of Christ

Conductor and Preacher : Revd. Dr. Sunil Caleb
1 Peter 1:3-9 : Ms. Louisa Jackson
John 20: 19-31 : Zeena Mondal

30/4/17. Sunday after Easter : Thanksgiving for the ministry of Mark and for the Gospel which he wrote

Conductor & Preacher : Revd. James Gomes
Proverbs 15: 28 -33 : Mr. Rajan Joy
1 Peter 5: 5-14 : La Martiniere for Boys

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Free Homeopathy clinic every Wednesday at 12 noon at the Church Premises



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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESBYTER-IN-CHARGE

The Indian Church of the 21st Century

C.S. Lewis(1898-1963) the British novelist, academic and Christian apologist, who held positions in both Oxford and Cambridge, once wrote that "The Church is the only organization that exists primarily for the benefit of nonmembers." The wisdom of this statement brings home the point that the church is never meant to be an inward-looking institution only busy in managing itself. The church exists for relationship. The measure of a church is the nature of relationship that it can forge. This relationship is supposed to be built not only with its own members but with those who are near and far. The church's task is to build bridges between communities divided by religion, ethnicity, caste, class, race, gender, colour and nationalities.



The church in India therefore has a four-fold task in the present century:
First, to discover its true Indian identity. We have to continue to explore what an Indian church would look like in its ministry and mission. An Indian church is one that is rooted in the Indian ethos and spirituality. This includes reforming the church according to the demands of the present age.
Second, develop meaningful and positive relationships with our neighbours of other faiths, in order that we might learn from each other and get enriched in our journey of faith.
Third, the church's burden is to be in solidarity with the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed of the society so that the gospel of liberation is proclaimed.
Fourth, forging ecumenical relationships not only with the local, but global communities and churches, so that through the strength of that unity, works of peace and justice are accomplished.

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Mothering Sunday

Dr. Mrs. Gillian Hart, Principal of Welland Gouldsmith School and elder of our Church delivered the sermon on Mothering Sunday, 26th March, 2017. The service was a meaningful and enriching one with participation from various members in leading prayers and Scripture readings. There was also a special song from the teachers of Welland Gouldsmith School.

Our Church of Scotland (COS) Links



The Church of Scotland Student Lunch in Edinburgh: The Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar attended the Church of Scotland student Lunch held on 9th Feb, 2017. Along with other students, officials of the Church of Scotland World Mission Council (WMC) present were: Sandy Sneddon (Asia Secretary-centre), Rebecca Erskine (Executive Assistant: centre-right), Carol Finley (Twinning and Local Development Secretary-right side to Rev. Bar); Jenny Chinembiri (Africa & Caribbean Secretary-right side to Rebecca at the back) and Kenny Roger (Middle- East Secretary-right to Jenny at the back)



The outreach ministry of St. Andrews Church:

Free weekly Homeopathy Clinic for the needy. Dr. S.K. Biswas is present every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 pm and treats patients and hands out medicines. The funding for the medicines and other expenses are provided by the Church. This clinic has been continuing for more than three years and benefits local people.



Enriched by the visit to our Church on the 2nd April, 2017 of Mr. Ross Stirling and Ms. Fiona McCloud, both lecturers from Fife College, Scotland. Ross represents the Scottish Episcopal Church while Fiona is from the Church of Scotland. They are in Kolkata as part of their visit to Arunima Hospice for which they have fundraised.