

St. Andrew's Church, Kolkata, CNI
ROSTER FOR MAY 2018

06/05/18 - 5th Sunday after Easter:

Thanksgiving for John, the beloved disciple, and for his insight into the mystery of Christ.

Conductor and Preacher:

1 John 1:1-4:

John 21:20-25:

Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

Mr. Calvin David

Ms. Radhika Samaradivakera

13/05/18 – 6th Sunday after Easter:

The ascended Lord upholds those who are united to him by faith

Conductor and Preacher:

Acts. 7:54-60:

John 17:11-19

Rev. Dr. Sunil M.Caleb

Mr. Charles Nyss

Ms. Gailing Sondhi

20/05/18 – Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher:

Joel 2:28-32

Acts 2:1-11:

John 20: 19-23

Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

Dr. Mrs. Gillian Hart

Mr. David John

Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

27/05/18 – Trinity Sunday: Sunday after Pentecost: God the Holy

Trinity

Conductor and Preacher:

Isaiah 6:1-8

John 16:5-15

Rev. Dr. Sunil M.Caleb

Ms. Jacqueline Nyss

Ms. Reena Fletcher



**LIFE & WORK Church of
Scotland Magazines:**

Recently the Church have been receiving the Life and Work Church of Scotland magazine through the arrangement of Mr. Michael Pook our Sessions Clerk. This continues to give us updates into the work of the Church of Scotland and opens up a way for us to keep connected.



**St. Andrew's Church
Newsletter**



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THE POWER OF MEDITATIVE SILENCE IN WORSHIP

The cliché, *silence is golden* can carry different meanings for different people. However, it can be contended that in the context of worship, it is absolutely necessary. It is unfortunate that most of mainstream worship do not give adequate time for silence, but it occurs simply as part of the liturgical component. This involves few minutes in worship. The tended silence has been the during the many of us. liturgical component appreciated that various ship patterns of lengths for silence.



The young people seen here gathering at the Taizé tabernacle for worship.

seconds or say an hour of place for excellence has not usual practice worship for Silence as a component is apparent and I believe kinds of worship demand various kinds of time devoted to silence. However, I real-

ised the extreme value of silence when I visited Taizé, an ecumenical community in France, where thousands of people, especially the young visit from all across the world every year. When one enters the tabernacle designed for worship, one is simply overwhelmed by the silence ... (p. 2)

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that is kept even in the presence of thousands of young people there. Here you can actually 'feel' the silence. This is at the beginning of the service. But even during the service, there are extended periods of silence before and after the Taize chants (special prayerful songs) and even before and after the Bible readings and at different periods of worship. The value of this extended silence is that the congregation can get enough time and opportunity to meditate, reflect and pray for themselves. There is an opportunity to engage in the worship with our heart and mind.

At our Church we have started to have this kind of prayers and worship with extended periods of silence and enough time to meditate at our Wednesday Candle light prayer services at 6 pm. Please do join us for the same.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The World Day of Prayer was observed on Sunday, the 15th of April, 2018 at 9:30 am. The Women's Guild of our Church conducted the entire service. The worship order for the service was prepared by the WDP Committee of Suriname, because this year this country from South America was chosen for prayers and reflections. The worship was modified for use at St. Andrew's. Women members of our church participated in prayers and readings. The Guest speaker was Mrs. Rupkatha Sarkar, Principal, La Martiniere for Girls, who spoke beautifully on Women and Environment. She was presented with a plant pot as a token of appreciation and keeping the concerns of the environment. At the end of the worship people were asked to write in chips of paper about their commitment to do something either for women or the environment. The worship was conducted with power point projections with the newly obtained Projector and Screen by the Church. This was dedicated by the Rev. Dr. Sunil Caleb, our Asst Presbyter.





We were informed that all the necessary arrangements have been put in place regarding Child and Women safety procedures including additional CCTV cameras. The personnel employed in the Social project also have been adequately sensitized regarding the same.



VISIT TO SCOTTISH CEMETERY

A visit to the Scottish Cemetery was made on 14th April, 2018 by the Presbyters and some elders of our Church to update ourselves with the recent improvements there. Present were the KSHT Trustees and Dr. Neeta Das.



A survey of various graves that were in the process of restoration was made and it was pointed out that there are sections of the graves which can be given out for reburials. Some important graves were also promised to be restored in due time. We had other fruitful discussions regarding the ongoing project which was appreciated.