

St. Andrew's Church, Kolkata, CNI  
Roster for March 2019.

**03.03.19- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter: (Quinquagesima) Healing Sunday**  
**God had promised forgiveness to the penitent**

Conductor & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar  
Ezekiel 18: 25-32 Mr. Calvin David  
Luke 15:1-2,11-32 Ms. Sarmistha Arora  
**06.03. 19 – Ash Wednesday special candlelight Taize service at 6 pm**

**10.02.19 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter: (Lent 1)**  
**The victory of Jesus when tempted helps us when we are tempted**  
Conductor and Preacher : Rev. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb  
Hebrews 4:14-16 : La Martiniere for Boys  
Luke 4:1-13 : Ms. Bhaswati Samaradivakera

**17.03.19 –5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter:( Lent 2)**  
**The Compassionate love of God gives confidence to his children**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

Conductor : Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar  
Preacher : TBA  
Hosea 14:1-8 : Mr. Ashok Pasricha  
Romans 8:31-39 : Ms. Louisa Jackson  
Luke 7:36-50 : Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

**24.03.19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Lent 3)**  
**True Glory of God is manifested in the humanity of Jesus**  
Conductor and Preacher: : Rev. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:1-6 :Ms. Zeena Mondal  
Luke 9:28-36 : Ms. Devjani Samaradivakera

**31.03.19- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter (Lent 4)**  
**The Power of God is manifested in the works of Jesus**  
Conductor and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar  
Isaiah 49:22-26 Ms. Gailing Sondhi  
Luke 11:14-26 Ms. Jacqueline Nyss

**FREE HOMEOPATHY CLINIC ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 12 NOON**



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**Elders and Deacons with the Presbyter-in-Charge on 17th February, 2019**

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**Lent** in the Christian church, is a period of penitential preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. In Eastern churches Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday that is nine days before Easter. This 40-day "Great Lent" includes Saturdays and Sundays as relaxed fast days.



A period of preparation and fasting likely has been observed before the Easter festival since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the **First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE**. It was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for sinners. In the early centuries fasting rules were strict, as they still are in Eastern churches. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. The **Eastern church** also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. In the West these fasting rules have gradually been relaxed. The strict law of fasting among **Roman Catholics** was dispensed with during World War II, and only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are now kept as Lenten fast days. However, the emphasis on penitential practice and almsgiving remains, and many Catholics also observe a meatless fast on Fridays during Lent. In addition, Catholics and other Christians often choose to give up specific pleasures, such as sweets, alcohol, or social media, during Lent as a way to foster simplicity and self-control; many use their cravings or desires for these items as a reminder to pray and to refocus on spiritual matters.

**In the Anglican churches** *The Book of Common Prayer* prescribes that Lent be observed with fasting. In Lutheran and many other Protestant churches Lent is observed with various services and practices, though Lent is not formally observed in many Evangelical or nondenominational churches.

(Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Lent> )



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### MESSY CHURCH- CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Is for families who don't yet belong to church** Is a congregation of the church, not a stepping stone to the existing service. Is for all ages, not just children Is not a franchise but a model to adapt to different contexts. Is resourced, enabled and supported by BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)

**A typical Messy Church might run once a month on a day and at a time to suit families in the area.** It would have elements like these: A relaxed welcome time with drinks and snacks. An activity-based learning time, with Bible-themed crafts, competitions, games, prayers and other activities. A short celebration, usually with story, song and pray.

**To be a Messy Church,** it will express the values of Christ-centredness Hospitality Creativity Celebration .All-age, as equal priority is given to the needs. A core team of three or four, plus a larger team of any number of people with different gifts. To be seen as another congregation alongside the existing congregations .