

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EAST AFRICA ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, NAIROBI



2018 THEME: "BEAR FRUIT – FRUIT THAT WILL LAST" (John 15:16))

Parochial Ministers

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Rev. Ananie Nduwamungu

3rd Sunday of Epiphany - 21/01/2018

Hebrews 1: 1-12

1:1 God Has Spoken – If God is really God, he contains within himself the ultimate mysteries of nature, of history, and of redemption. If God is in any way personal, his own meaning constitutes final truth. If God is Father, he would seek to impart his meaning to his children, as far as that meaning is needful for our guidance on the way. The answer of the Bible is that God has spoken. If we will not hear, if we scorn all revelation, it is because we fail to think of him as really God. But many men do not hear. They are busy talking to each other. They want to think things through for themselves. They have their own questions to ask and the answer must conform to their own idea of what is reasonable. Is not this man's subtle attempt at mastery over himself and over his world, his sinful refusal to let god be God?

When God speaks, he does not silence our minds: he liberates them. He does not offend our reason: he releases the reason of man by granting the larger perspective of his own meanings. But he does offend our pride of reasons which pretends that man is able to answer the central questions of life. Can we be sure that we know enough even to ask those questions? That we even know in what region of life they lie? What are the important questions? Let our daily conversations witness to the variety of human opinion. What is most important – security, food, shelter, health, marriage, family, social position, how to get along with the neighbours, education, literature, entertainment, the political future, war, peace of mind, hope for the future, a task worth doing, the quest of knowledge, the conflict between classes and races? If only we knew how to ask the central questions, we should be much wiser than we are. If God has spoken, then we had better hear.

How has he spoken? What are his unmistakable accents? In many and various ways, as though his purpose to speak would not be thwarted by man's indifferent hearing, as though divine grace had hedged us about on every hand, with a word here and there and there.

How has he spoken? Of old to our fathers by the prophets. What did he say by the prophets? Through Elijah he declared himself as the one who alone is God, who alone is worthy to receive the worship of men. Isaiah said that God, who is Lord of all life, is honored by justice and will accept no easy substitute of ceremony, feast days, elaborate ritual. Amos thundered that injustice would lead to the sure doom of the nation, that the coming of that doom was also the working of God.

HEALTH CORNER

Cervical Health

The month of January is marked as WHO Cervical Health awareness month in most developed countries. However this is not so in third World countries. There are five facts that every woman should know about the cervix;

- 1. Most adults have been infected with human papillomavirus (HPV).**
While some strains of this Virus cause serious health complications e.g. Cervical Cancer and genital warts, most of the viruses are harmless and leave the body within 1 year or so
- 2. HPV vaccines are recommended for both boys and girls.**
It is recommended that both boys and girls be vaccinated against the HPV strains that cause Cervical Cancer at the age of 12 yrs before any sexual debut. However, anybody less than 26 years and have not been sexually involved can be vaccinated as well
- 3. Cervical cancer screening is recommended.**
All sexually active women should visit their Gynecologist for PAP Smear test at least once every year. They should also undergo HPV test every year.
- 4. Screening has made a profound impact on deaths from cervical cancer.**
Cervical screening has reduced deaths from cervical cancer by more than 50% because the cancer is detected early when it is treatable and curable.
- 5. Free and low-cost Pap testing is available.**
Pap Smear testing is inexpensive in most healthcare providers Clinics and all women should take advantage in order to avoid cervical cancer which is the 2nd most common cancer among women

From the Healing Ministry of Health Professionals

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DISTRICTS

Early morning Service – 8.30 – 10.00am

Dr. Abraham Rugo

Morning Service - 9.00am-10.30am:

Call to worship
Psalm for the day: Psalm 25.1-10
Praise in worship
Prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication and the Lord's Prayer
Hymn: RS 377 What a fellowship
Moment for Children
Welcome and intimations
Dedication of Childrens Ministry Fraternity
Youth Choir
1st Bible Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
2nd Bible Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12
Hymn: RS 269 I hear thy welcome voice
Sermon: **New beginning with God**
Tithes/Offerings & Prayer
Hymn: RS 390 Jesus keep me near the cross
Benediction

Elder Dr. Stephen Njogu

New Song

Rev. Peter Kariuki
Elder Mrs. Margaret Thagichu
Rev. Elizabeth Kimani

Maina Ndegwa
Kevin Wainaina Mungai

Rev. Prof. Gerishon Kirika

Mid Morning Service -11.00am - 12.30pm

Call to Worship
Psalm for the Day: Psalm 25.1-10
Praise in Worship
Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Intercession & the Lord's Prayer
Hymn: CH3 422 City of God
Moment for Children
Welcome Visitors & Intimations
Dedication of Childrens Ministry Fraternity
1st Bible Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
2nd Bible Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12
Hymn: CH3 482 Yield not to temptation
Sermon: **New beginning with God**
Tithes/Offerings & Prayer
Hymn: RS 435 Rescue the perishing
Benediction
Church Bus Dedication
Recessional Hymn: CH3 481 Stand up! Stand up for Jesus

Elder Dr. Stephen Njogu

Praise Team

Rev. Peter Kariuki
Elder Mrs. Margaret Thagichu
Rev. Elizabeth Kimani
Paul Mungai
Judy Muiruri

Rev. Prof. Gerishon Kirika

9.00 am - Fishers Fellowship -

Kawira Mathenge

11.00 am - Youth Service

Abraham Rugo

11.00 am - French Service

Mme Nivosoa R.

2.00 pm - Deaf Service

Ev. George Obonyo

5.00 pm - Evening Service

Lucy Wangari

District 1 & 2:

Visiting Tumaini Children's Home today 21/01/2018.

District 3 & 6:

Monthly fellowship will be held at the church (Lecture Room 3) on 28/1/2018 at 3.30pm. New members who reside at Old Muthaiga, Parklands, Sprig Valley, Kyuna and Loresho are welcome. They will have a good chance to meet with the District Elders, i.e. Elder Patterson Kamaara and Elder Mrs. Rebecca Miano who will be delighted to have them registered.

District 5:

Praise be to God, New Year and Thanks giving fellowship will be held at the residence of Mr. & Elder (Mrs.) Gitachu in Kasarani on **Sunday the 28/01/2018**. Members to assemble at Seasons bus stop at 1.30pm. Our guest will be Rev. Cyrus Wachira. All are invited. Contact 0714037053 or 0723543719.

District 8:

Our first fellowship this year is being held **today 21/01/2018** at Mr. & Elder Seraphine's home at Ruiru. Please plan to attend as we shall plan our activities for 2018 on that day. We will be having a guest speaker.

District 9:

Bible Study Fellowship on **Thursday 25/01/2018** at 7.15pm at Mr. & Mrs. Muttu's.

District 15:

Fellowship on **Friday 26/01/2018** in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Kuria.

District 16:

Monthly fellowship to be held on 28/01/2018 after 9am service in the home of Elder & Mrs. Munene Waruhui's, Edenville Kiambu Road. We shall travel by common transport.

District 13 & 17:

Our district fellowship shall be held at Dr. & Mrs. Maimba's home on 28/01/2018 at 2.00pm. We shall also finalize on the district's 2018 program at this fellowship. All are welcome. Common transport shall depart from Church right after the **11.00am service**. God bless you as you pray and plan to attend.

District 18 & 19:

Monthly fellowship at Elder Kaminja's home on 28/01/2018 with Rev. Elizabeth giving the word. Annual District planning of 2018 to be done.

District 21 & 23:

Happy New Year. The Hawa Children Home visit together with District 22 is scheduled on **Sunday 28/01/2018**. Other details to be communicated. Please pay your contribution to the district Treasurer or the church accounts office. Let's all pray and participate.

District 21 & 23:

The Hawa Children Home visit together with District 22 is scheduled on **Sunday 28.01.2018**. Please pay your contribution to the district treasurer or the church accounts office. We shall meet briefly immediately after the 11.00am service **today 21.01.2018** for final arrangements. Lets all pray and participate.

District 28:

Fellowship will be on **Sunday 28/01/2018** in Kahawa Sukari at the home of Dr. Leah Kirumbi 0724568347 at **2.30pm**. The meeting will also be used to plan our activities for the year 2018

PARISH MEETINGS

Finance & Planning:

Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23/01/2018** in the Board Room starting at **5.30pm**

Woman's Guild:

- Guild Singers: Meets every Tuesday from **2.00pm** for practice.
- Committee meeting on **31/01/2018** at **3.00pm**.
- Coordinators meeting at **12.30pm** on **31/01/2018**.
- Social meeting on **07/02/2018** starting **3.00pm** with Bible Study.

Single Christian Parents Ministry

Members kindly note and diarize to attend the Monthly Fellowship **today 21/01/2018** at **1pm** in room NHLG12. All single parents are welcome.

Boys & Girls Brigade:

Brigade classes starts this coming **Saturday 27/01/2018** from **9.00am – 1.00pm**. Registration and recruitment is going on. Contact Eliud Mwangi on 0714815822 for more information.

TEE:

A new Advanced Diploma class will commence on **Tuesday 06/02/2018** at **5.30pm**. Kindly register with the Church Office.

School of Leadership:

2018 Module 1 Cohort 10 classes will start on **07/02/2018** at **6pm** in Room 15. Kindly register through 0722849058 and be empowered for transformative leadership.

Couple's Retreat:

The 1st Annual Couple's retreat will be on the weekend of **16/02/2018**. We depart at **5.30pm** and return on **17/02/2018** at **5.00pm**. Charges are KSh.10,000.00 per couple. Venue is Sweet Lake Hotel in Naivasha. Common transport from church will be provided. Kindly register with Mr. Kariuki Apollo or Richmond Gatui 0723339006/0722537526 or Church Office. Limited space available.

Youth Valentine Dinner:

There will be a youth valentine dinner for all singles (the unmarried) on **09/02/2018**. The theme is **"Love is not in the air."** (Mat 6:21). The cost is KSh.1,200 per person. For more info contact the youth director at 0723 339 006.

Church School Teachers Retreat:

There will be a retreat for all Church School teachers and Brigade Officers from **2nd – 3rd February 2018**. Kindly liaise with Jane if interested to join the ministry – 0720801327.

PCMF:

- 1. Man Enough Program** – Our next class of Man Enough Battalion 21 is scheduled to commence on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 5.30pm in PCEA St Andrews Lecture Room 3 for the next 10 weeks (incl Introduction Class, Outdoor Activity and Retreat camp). This is a program for Men developed by Transform Nations and partner with PCEA St Andrews PCMF. Program Registration is open every Sunday at PCMF Desk with Deposit Kshs 3,000. Contact George Wairoto 0722 869874, Albert Mwaniki 0722 603338, Andrew Kihumba 0723 983169 and Elder Munene Waruhiu 0722 707873.
- 2. The Man Enough Summit** – The Annual Man Enough Summit open to **ALL MEN** will be held on 8th – 10th February 2018 at All Saints Cathedral as from 4pm Thursday and full day Friday and Saturday. The Theme is **"MANLY LESSONS FROM NEHEMIAH"** Registration at PCMF Desk also may be done online manenough@transform-nations.net Charges are Kshs 2,500 per person remit to Mpesa Paybill 374300 A/C No. (Your Name).
- 3. PCMF Economic Empowerment Ministry:**
PCMF Economic Empowerment Ministry would like to announce that the "Do Well, Biblical Personal Finance study course" is starting **1st February**. To register, visit the PCMF desk after the service.
- 4. PCMF Thursday 6am fellowship** meetings have resumed. All PCMF members are invited to attend.

Mediation Training: At All Saints Cathedral (Certified Professional Mediation) – 5 days. Cost KSh.50,000.00 Date: **29th – 2nd February 2018**. More information at the reception on application. Call 0722355674

Disability: Committee:

Meeting on **25/01/2018** at **2.00pm**.

INTIMATIONS

We welcome our Visitors worshipping with us today. Kindly join us for tea at the cloisters after Service.

Elder on duty: **Mr. Nicholas Muchangi – 0722362539**

Health Professional on duty: **Dr. Samuel Gathua - 0722513562**

Counselor on duty: **Agnes Ndegwa - 0722383556**

Flowers:

The Church flowers today have been donated by the family of the late **David N. Njoroge**, in thanksgiving to God for his life and also in praise to God for His faithfulness and comfort since our beloved Husband, Dad, Guka and friend went to be with the Lord on 20/1/2016. "Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father".

Worship Experience Sunday:

St Andrews Music Ministry invites you to the New Beginning Worship Experience on Sunday 28th January 2018. We shall have two services in the Youth hall at 8am and 11am.

The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Munenge Mulandi from Nairobi Baptist. Theme is John 15.4, "ABIDE IN ME". Guest Singers include Mercy Masika. Welcome and invite a friend.

Parish Vision, Mission & 5 Ms Strategy:

Vision: A Parish that mirrors Jesus Christ in totality

Mission: To worship God and serve humanity in obedience to the Great Commission

5 Ms Strategy: We incorporate new **Members** into our fellowship, disciple them for spiritual **Maturity**, equip and mobilize them for **Ministry**, send them for **Missions** and **Magnify** God in worship. Kindly get involved.

Church Membership:

Church membership is important to all church goers. Seek to join, transfer and regularize your Church membership with PCEA St Andrew's Parish by seeing any of the Parish Ministers, Elders and Evangelist to assist you complete this process. Registered Members gain participation in Holy Communion, receive Church Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and many other services readily. **For more details visit the info desk at the cloisters.**

PCEA Kileleshwa Church:

- The Lord has heard our prayers and we thank God that the new congregation at Kileleshwa/Lavington area is now a reality. The Church service started on **28th May 2017** at the **"Little Smiles Daycare"** on the Gatundu Road, Gatundu Close. **Youth Service – 8.30am-9.45am 7 Main Service 10.00am -12.00 noon**. Please let us continue praying for this young congregation and telling the people living on those areas and register as a member.
- They are currently in need of a plot to construct a Sanctuary. Anyone with a piece of land around there and willing to donate can visit the office of the moderator.

Benevolence:

Did you know that the Holy Communion offering goes into the benevolence kitty that supports the needy? Kindly give cheerfully and generously. (**Proverbs 19:17**)

Pound for Pound Program:

Those who had registered for the program will be having Aerobic Exercises every Wednesday from **6.00 pm to 7.00 pm** in Church Hall 1. Please come for life changing exercises that will enhance your productivity.

Pastoral Care Contact:

For all your pastoral needs (intercession, thanksgiving, dedication etc) contact **Rev. Cyrus Wachira on 0714-742579**. As a faith community we are committed to standing with you in all seasons of life.

St. Andrew's Kindergarten Admission:

Are you a parent with a child who has attained Kindergarten age? Do you need a school where there is holistic education? A Kindergarten whose children are accepted in the giant private and public primary schools around? Then PCEA St. Andrews Kindergarten is the place to be. Admission is ongoing for baby, nursery and pre-unit. Visit the parish office or call 0726735366

Youth Choir & Orchestra:

The Youth Choir is now 1 year old and it is growing. We welcome all the young people who can sing and play instruments to join us. We meet on Wednesdays and Fridays for practice. Please call: 0721496537/0722218153/www.facebook.com/standsyouthchoir. Instruments required are **Cornets, Trumpets, Baritones, Horns, Trombones, Tuba, Clarinets, Violins, Viola, Flutes, Saxophones, Oboe, Bassoon....**

We thank the members who have donated 2 trumpets and a cornet. The instruments are found in Extreme Sounds, Credible Sounds and Assanads in Nairobi.

Ablaze/Young Adults Ministry:

We welcome you to our forums **every Sunday at 10:30am** in The Prayer room Youth Hall for a good time of fellowship as we discuss great topics on spiritual, social, economic & professional enrichment. For more info contact Carol (Coordinator): 0786378330
Are you passionate in acting, dancing, spoken word or poetry? Daybreak needs you!! Serve God with your talent.

Weekday Services:

Service	Day & Time	Venue
Morning Glory Prayers	Wednesdays 6.30am -7.30am	Church Hall 1
Midweek Prayer Service	Wednesday from 12.30-1.30pm	Main Sanctuary
Men Breakfast Prayer Fellowship	Thursdays 6.00am -7.00am	

All are welcome to come and experience God's favour as we pray together and stand in the gap for our families, church and country.

Prayer Requests:

Kindly put your prayer requests in the offertory bag. The Pastoral Team will pray for them as they continue to stand in the gap for us.

Morning Glory Prayers:

PCEA St. Andrew's Parish Worship Committee invites all members for morning glory prayers every Sunday from **7.00am - 8.00am** in the main sanctuary. The main focus is to commit all our Sunday worship services to God in prayer. **"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know"** (Jer. 33:3).

Intercessory Prayers:

We have introduced intercessory prayers for all members to be held every **fourth Saturday** of the month from **8.00am**. All members are welcome.

Midweek Prayer Service:

Do you want to learn more about the basics of Christian Life as well as engage in prayer? The idweek prayer service is the place to be. From **12.30pm – 1.30pm**. All prayer warriors are welcome.

St. Andrew's Discipleship Ministry:

New converts classes are held every **Saturday from 8.30-10.30am** in the Crèche. Currently doing a series "Growing in Discipleship from Navigators. All those who got saved from 2014 – to-date and other interested people are welcome. **"Teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you"**. (Matt 28:20). For more details contact numbers 0721701693 or 0720842610

Discipleship Desk:

All those who get saved during the services and those who may need personalized prayers should visit the vestry after every service. A minister will be ready to pray with you.

Counseling Ministry:

➤ St. Andrew's Church has a vibrant counseling ministry which has helped many church members, families, students; for many years. This ministry provides psychological health and wellbeing, achieved through sharing, bearing each other's burden (Galatians 6:2). Takes place on weekdays and Sundays. St. Andrew's is an accredited Counseling Agency by the Kenya Counseling and Psychological Association. Come one, come all. Telephone contact – Church office – 0707257000.

Pastoral Counselling Support:

Rev. Prof. Peter Kariuki has officially retired from International Leadership University. He is available for Pastoral Counselling on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His contact is 0720204896.

Youth Bible Study:

We have youth bible study that happens every **Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm** in the Mc Leven Chapel. This week's topic is 'An Exposition on the Books of Colossians'. Please purpose to attend.

Lipa Na M-pesa:

You can now pay for the use of church facilities using our LIPA NA MPESA NO.572653 or though swiping your visa card. You can also give your tithe and other donations through our Paybill No.903800 or by swiping your visa card.

M-pesa Services:

Mpesa, Equity Bank & SMEP Agency Services, Photocopying, Printing, Binding, Biblical films, Christian Books and Bible Stories on DVDs, VCDs, available in the Biz Centre, **Youth Hall, Room NHLG-13, next to the Old Church**. Open during the week and Sunday Mornings".

Security Notice:

Search of vehicles at the main entrance gate continues.

- Exit from the church compound on Sundays is via Nyerere Road.
- The lower parking area is marked, kindly park within parking slot and let's be our brother's keeper and care for the next.
- Avoid crowding in the Paved Area or Parking Grounds after service.
- Please members take care of your bags especially ladies, do not leave them unattended. Kindly always be conscious who is on your side and behind and incase of a suspicious person, report to security. Let's adopt the Nyumba Kumi initiative.
- In case of any emergency run out of the compound. Do not drive.
- Do not leave valuables unattended and report loss/missing property to security immediately.

The Media Ministry is looking for young and energetic persons to join and serve the Lord in their respective sector: Sound, social media, projections, photography & videography. For more information visit the control room after service or contact Michelle-0737335225

Tender:

The Church is disposing off the following vehicles through an open bid;

1. Toyota 110 Reg.No.KAV 857Y YOM 1999
2. Toyota NZE Reg. No. KBH 583M YOM 2002

Interested bidders to drop the bids in the tender box at Church Offices ground floor by **Monday 22nd January 2018** at **4.00pm**. Viewing of the cars can be done through a prior arrangement with Church Administrator – 0711210182.

Annual Reports:

All Church Groups are requested to hand in their annual reports for **2016/2017 by 31st January 2018**.