

A Special Report From The Trustee

Ever since Rev. Fr Darryl Taylor resigned in April of 2011 due to medical reasons; The Bishop of Madras, Anglican Church of India, had not posted a permanent Priest for our Church but instead posted a part time priest - Rev. Fr. Anandhraj. In May of 2013 Rev Fr. Anandhraj' resigned from the Diocese of Madras and his resignation was accepted by the Bishop. This left us without a Priest. Our representation fell on deaf years.

Furthermore, the applications we received from priests willing to serve our Church were duly forwarded from time to time to the Bishop of Madras, Anglican Church of India. However the Bishop, on some pretext or the other, summarily dismissed these applications.

This placed our church in a difficult situation. Not having an ordained priest would result in the non-celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our Church. The only answer that we got from the office of the Bishop of Madras was that there was no Priest available to serve our Congregation.

The Trustees of Church met and decided that they search globally for an Anglican denomination and to request them to take this our Little Church and its Congregation into their fold. Mrs Margaret Lunel, one of the Trustees, was given the charge to send Emails with this request.

In hindsight it seems that what we went through was divine guidance. This search led us to the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (originally Church of India, Burma and Ceylon), who are the rightful successors of the Province III of the Church of England in India and the same was incorporated in the Act of 1927 and later enshrined in the constitution of India upon Independence.

Our Trustee's Email extracted an instant response from none other than the Metropolitan (Arch Bishop) himself. He called Mrs Lunel and assured her not to worry and that all would be well. He further deputed the Ven. Stefan Joel, the Provincial Secretary to immediately visit us and assess the situation.

During the course of the first week of June, Ven. Stefan was appointed as Administrator and regular worship began, having lost out just one Sunday, the first Sunday in June when the Holy Eucharist was not celebrated in our Parish.

In August 2013, Church of India (CIPBC) appointed Rev. Fr. H. S. Karunakara as Vicar of our church. He now celebrates the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and on Festivals. He is also present in our Church precinct on three day of the week.

Surely our Almighty and Eternal God has His plans for our Little Church and it's Congregation. We have been through and I am sure we will come across other stumbling block in the future... but we are absolutely confident the our Heavenly Father will not allow us – this Little Church and its Members - to drift into a situations of no return. Every trial that we have faced has always taken a positive step forward.

To God be all Glory... Great things He Hath Done