



Nine Lessons and Carol

Rev. Sandipan Sinha : The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship, traditionally celebrated on Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings or lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and

choir anthems. The service usually consists of hymns about Christmas and readings from the gospels telling the Christmas story. Lots of Candles are lit around the church and sometimes the congregation hold candles to see by. Like any other year, St. Michael's and All Angels Cathedral, Durgapur hosted Nine Lessons and Carols on 16th December 2018 at 6 PM. The service

started with prayers, hymn and Lord's Prayer followed by nine lessons from the Holy Bible and carols. The music was played by the cathedral orchestra headed by Ruth Pugh. Service

commenced with joy and love among the members. It was the great joy for everyone present as after the service. The program was followed by bonfire, dance and fellowship

dinner. 'A cheerful heart is the only source of joy in this world', thus the birth of Christ marks the beginning of new era of joy and happiness in this world. ■



Christmas Celebration at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Raniganj

Mr. Subhasis Das : All over the world every human being celebrates Jesus's birth day on 25th December. That is why 25th December is known as Christmas day. In the Gospel of St. John, John wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have

eternal life". Jesus is the son of God and he himself God. Christmas day is the remembrance of great gift that God gave for the every human being. As Prophet Isaiah said, "for to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty God. Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa 9:6). But almighty God being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient. He had born in the poor family.

On that day good news came to the shepherd by Angel Gabriel. Angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. When the shepherds heard the good news as soon as

they went to Bethlehem to see the Child. The wise men they have seen the star and the came to Bethlehem with great precious gift and the offer to Jesus the new born baby. They acknowledge him as a king. Today many people is coming to Jesus not with material gift but with empty heart. Wesleyan Methodist Church, Raniganj is the classical example. From 23rd December to 02 January 2019, Christmas was celebrated in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Raniganj through various events. On 23rd December,

Christmas Eve was held at the Central Church premises and on 24th December Christmas Eve was held in Christian Para Mission Chapel. Raniganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mr. Subrata Ghosh started the program by lighting the lamp in the central place of worship and Ballabhpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mr. Ranjit Biswas started the program by lighting the lamp in the Mission Chapel Church. Rev. Rabin-dranath Ray prays at the beginning of the program and the message of the birth



Editorial

A New Year with New Opportunity

- Atin Chakraborty

May this year bring new happiness new goals, new achievements & a lot of new inspirations on your life wishing you a year fully loaded with happiness wishing every day of the new year to be filled with success, happiness & prosperity for you, Happy new Year.

The new year begins as an empty book with nothing but with lots of possibilities and hope. But the year will soon be filled with activities, promises and commitment, pleasures and disappointment, work, play, friends and family members. Every new year we try to do something better but there's something about the new year that can be inspirational. It is the best time to make necessary and beneficial changes.

It can also be a good time to break with harmful patterns of the past to release grudges and forgive and to move on. The new year will bring changes, as every year does and though changes can be

challenging and uncomfortable, they are a necessary part of life. It is simple and easy to make New Year Resolutions, or any other decision at any other time of the year. Often, they are made in response to some emotion. However, people quite soon, lose the motivation and enthusiasm, and continue living the same kind of life, without doing anything to improve them.

This is why we need to make resolutions and repeat them every day. It is not enough to state them just once, when the New Year begins. It would be a good idea to write them down on a clean sheet of paper, on the screen of our computer, or on our smartphone, so we can see them, read them, and think about them every day. A new year beginning is valuable and we hope its promise will last long into the year. Once again a very happy new year! ■



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both places and
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through various songs
and dance perfor-
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the gifts. The parents
of the children were
also present during
the programme,
which added a whole
dimension of love and
festivity to the
evening.

In addition, on the
30th December 2018
of the baptism cere-
mony, four children
and an adult woman
inherit the kingdom of
God. So all the people
of the world recognize
Jesus as their personal
Savior . ■

Annual Christmas Programme 2018 at St. Peter School, Purulia

Mrs. Priyanka Goswami : Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. Soaking in the spirit of Christmas, the entire family of St. Peter's School, Purulia celebrated the festival on 17th December, 2018 with gaiety. The celebration was held for the first time at Rabindra Bhawan, Purulia. Honourable Chief Guest, Mr. Clayton Francis, Principal of the Assembly of God Church School, Purulia graced the occasion. Students

from Pre-Nursery onwards took an active participation in the programme. Ruth Pugh added gel to the musical bonanza playing keyboard and violin which took away the breath of the spec-tators. There were melodious carols presented by the choir group along with the 'Nativity'.

The lady teachers and the supporting staff presented beautiful dance performances on the stage. The guests and the parents were highly pleased at our students' explicit and marvellous perfo-rmances. May God bless us all. ■



Christmas Programme 2018 at Durgapur United Church

Rev. Sumanta Naru : church and comm-
Each year, the holiday
offer special opport-
unities for everyone
to come together. We
worship and give
thanks for God's
blessings and the
marvelous gift of His
Son, Jesus Christ. The
annual Service of Nine
Lessons and carols by
candlelight took place
in Durgapur United
Church on the 24th of
December 2018. The
congregational
singing of carols was
led by the children.
These Christmas
events help your

community focus on Jesus
and ... interactive
program, families will
hear a dramatic
retelling of the
Christmas story. We
celebrated Christmas
with great pomp and
ardour this year. Our
childrens celebrated
the birth of our Lord
with a fun-filled

evening of cultural
programme. The
children enacted the
nativity story along
with performing
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the gifts. The parents bonfire, with soup and of the children were snacks, games and also present during dancing and chatting, the programme, which was enjoyed by which added a whole all. The evening dimension of love and concluded with a festivity to the contributory dinner. evening. Over 20 Boys So A carol service can and Girls gathered to be a lovely way to participate in the round off a busy term. yuletide spirit with It's also a key their parents and opportunity to re- members of extended introduce your chil- families. The service dren to the birth of was followed by a time Jesus and the true of fellowship around a story of Christmas. ■

Diocesan Family Get Together

Atin Chakraborty: New members of the Diocesan family, from across the seven districts of the Durgapur Diocese had gathered on 15th December, 2018, at St. Michael's School auditorium to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. The Gala Get Together was graced by Rev. Sumanta Naru. Variety entertainment program was presented by the Children, Games, songs and carol singing were the order of the day, infusing a spirit of fun and merry-making among those present.



Annual Concert of St. Michael's School 2018

Usree Biswas : The recently inaugurated Multipurpose hall of St. Michael's School was set on fire with the amazing performances of the Michaelites, as they staged their Annual Concert of the Academic session 2018-2019. Breaking the tradition of staging alternately the junior and the senior school concerts every year, this year St. Michael's school has held both their concerts on consecutive days.

Education Project Workshop of Student of Bishop College at Diocese of Durgapur

Rev. Pranay Toppo: Jerry deligation team. admired the entire This is our priviledge On 8th of December, team of Durgapur to have the oppor- there was a combine Diocese especially tunity to visit Diocese Christmas Program The Rt. Rev. Dr. Probal of Durgapur for our we take initiative part Kanto Dutta and we Educational Project in it. After this are very proud of their Work. We were 6 Sarenga Pastorate mazing work. The way people including BD III and we all went to they take care of poor, year at the Sarenga Sarenga Village for worm out children is Pastorate on 26th social board program amazing. We would November 2018. and studied their like to visit here once After we all arrived at problems. We also again. Diocese of Sarenga Our Practical worked in the Eye Durgapur was no less began with the Camp in Durgapur than our family lastly. Festival of Hope Diocese. thank you very much carried forward till This was our best for your kind co- 8th December. experience in the operation and care. We also visited the ministry. We fully ■



Such grand and large- school of Bankura had The spirit of Christmas scale celebration put up an instru- and festivity was then inadvertently high- mental Carnatic established by the lights the collab- fusion and esta- Nativity play. The orative efforts of the blished their prom- evening closed with teachers, students inence in the cultural the Indian Bolly Folk and other staff mem- extravaganza. There- dance that marked bers at every level. after, Dr. Roy had the epitome of the The grand success enlightened the audi- students' zeal, vigor therefore, deserves ence with his valuable and enthusiasm. an anecdotal record words. The night Finally, the evening's for posterity. The became a witness to a events were rounded senior school Annual series of heart up with the Principle's Concert obviously winning performa- speech and vote of stole the hearts of the nces like the Flam- thanks. The lingering audience and the enco dance, the traces of melody esteemed chief guest, school choir's presen- vibrated in everyone's Dr. Rabindranath Roy. tation and the English minds, as they sojou- He is the founder rned home. In fine, it would be one of the prime best to conclude attractions of the saying that the Annual evening. The students Concert was truly praiseworthy as the of class 12 had added to the tempo of the youngsters stirred the concert with their minds and hearts of noteworthy playac- evening. The concert was truly a pheno- tating skills. The sensa- transported us mom- menal display of the tional Arabic dance entarily to the sandy profound potential, while we were talent and fervor of brought back to the the students of St. heart of Bengal by the Michael's School. ■ dance drama Avisaar.