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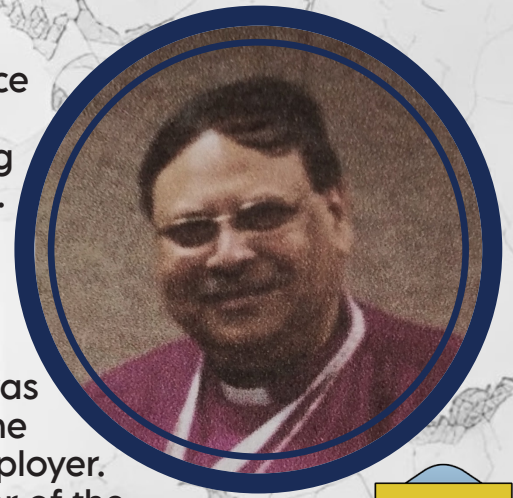
Budgets are often judged by what they announce or what they withhold. Sometimes budget signals a quieter and more consequential ambition by reflecting a shift from declaring intent to consolidating capacity. A budget is a plan estimating the amount of money that will come in and the amount that can be spent over a given amount to time.

The Bible does not use the word budget, but it talks a lot about stewardship. In the Bible, a steward was a person who had been put in charge of overseeing the property, money and even the family of a wealthy employer. Stewards were expected to manage well, as the master of the house expected his money to increase and his property to be well maintained. (Matthew 25:14-30)

When we budget our time, energy or resources we are taking responsibility for that which God has entrusted to us. As Christians budgeting reminds us that our lives are not our own. All we have been given is on loan from God.

As we start our financial year, we are to see how much are we returning back to God who is the owner?

-The Rt. Revd. Dr. Probal Kanto Dutta



Lenten prayer meetings



After the Ash Wednesday service, the Anglican Church of West Bengal organizes Lenten prayer meetings at each member's house. In these prayer meetings singing of songs and meditating on the word of God is done. Each family can invite its neighbors to come to these prayer meetings. The parish priests and Daughters of the King members conduct these prayer meetings.

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Secret fear to hope in life

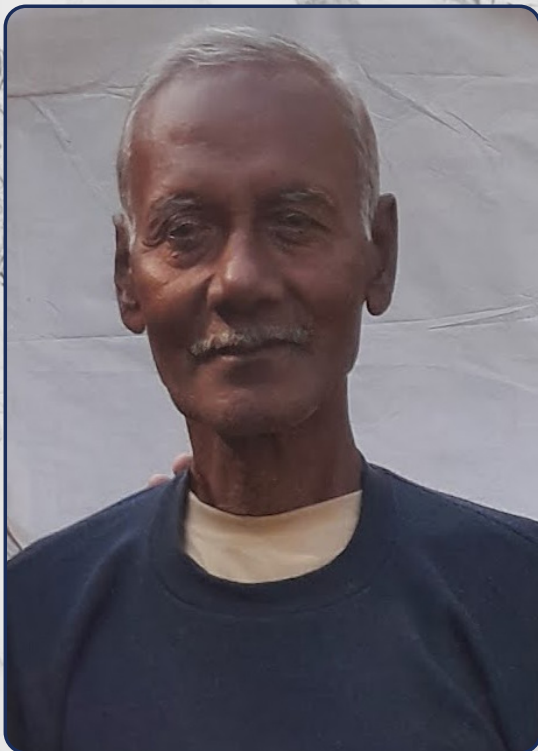
When Momota Topno was six years old her mother having drunk local liquor beat her very badly. This act was not done once but it was repeated whenever her mother would get drunk. Momota slowly developed a secret fear, dreads, and bugbears. She developed a paranoid behavior thinking that she would be beaten.

Situation for Momota became worse, that she could not sleep at home and her escape routes got cut off. She would wonder in the village of Mokrapur asking food from other people home.

We have a church in Mokrapur called St. Peter's Anglican Church, where our priest Rev. Bholanath Topno identified her and put her in St. Michael's Safe House. Today Momota stays in the safe house and goes to the neighbouring school and she is in class 9. She will be writing her board exams next year. Now she finds hope in her life.



Mr. Lucas Dhodoria promoted to Glory



Mr. Lucas Dhodoria, the man behind the formation of Anglican Church of West Bengal was promoted to Glory on 1 March 2026. Mr. Lucas was the church Elder of the church and was instrumental in donate the first land for the Anglican Church of West Bengal. On this land the ACOWB has the St. Michael's Safe House, St. John's School, St. Michael's eye clinic and Infant Jesus Chapel.

From his young age he was attached to the church and came up as a youth leader of the church. In his youth he organized many youth camps, religious cultural program.

Till his last days, he was actively involved in the church and would lead the women, youth and men of the church. He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters in laws. May his soul rest in peace.

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Lenten retreat at St. Thomas Church



One day Lenten retreat was organized at St. Thomas Church. One hundred people attended the retreat from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During this retreat sharing the word of God was done by Rev. Debabroto Dutta. There was also a time of prayer and confession of sin. People also prayed for each other and also for their priests.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Friday, 3rd April 2026

Good Friday service

Sunday, 5th April 2026

Easter service

Every Thursday Home Festival in different houses.
Every Thursday and Saturday the Eye Clinic is open.
Healing prayer every evening at 6 p.m. onwards.

Every Friday Lenten service at 6 p.m.

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He is
Risen

Wishing all our readers and friends Happy Easter. May the risen Lord Jesus fill our hearts with joy.

