



Christian DISCIPLESHIP



Mother Nature too needs care and protection. Show her you care. By caring for her trees. Iove trees... love nature...



World Environment Day 2015 Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care. June 5

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I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring. Isaiah 44:3

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## Vicar's Reflections

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Saviour Jesus Christ!

At the outset let me thank you all for receiving me and my family to the Christ Church family and for supporting us in all our Christian endeavours.

The month of June is very significant in many respects. A host of celebrations, such as Students' Sunday, Environment Sunday, Martyrs' Day, etc. fall in this month. The first day of June heralds the new beginning in education (Vidyarambham, Pravesanothsavam). The Bible says "Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" Let all our children grow in the fear of God and possess wisdom from above, so that they can withstand all the perils facing them.

The Cosmos belongs to God and He has entrusted us as stewards to look after His creation. Instead of being protected and preserved, the whole creation has been corrupted by human exploitation. Let us try to refashion our live by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit so that the earth may rejoice once again.

June is the month of martyrs and disciples. There is a common saying that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Yes, the Church exists by the shedding of the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and His disciples. This month we remember the life and witness of Barnabas, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, and the twelve apostles. This remembrance should instill in us a new spirit to face the challenges ahead of us.

Who is a disciple? The answer is so simple; i.e. one who is disciplined; disciplined in the way of our "Guru". Our Great

Teacher (Mahaguru) has taught us to follow His footsteps through self denial and by taking up His cross. He never offered us a bed of roses, instead, a cross, wounds and scars. John M. Neale, in his famous hymn "Art thou weary, art thou languid" has written the following four lines:

"If I find Him, if I follow, What His guerdon here? Many a sorrow, many a labour Many a tear".

Let us rededicate ourselves to be the real disciples and a genuine faith community.

May God bless us all.

Yours in His vineyard,

**Rev. Dr. Mathew Varkey** Vicar

കർത്താവിൻ പ്രീയരേ,

യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ തുല്യമില്ലാനാമത്തിൽ ഏവർക്കും വന്ദനം ചൊല്ലുന്നു.

തിരുവനന്തപുരം ക്രൈസ്റ്റ് ചർച്ച് കുടുംബത്തിലേക്ക് എന്നേയും, എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തേയും സസന്തോഷം സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും, ഞങ്ങളുടെ ക്രിസ്തീയ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ സഹായിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന നിങ്ങളേവർക്കും നന്ദി കരേറ്റുന്നു.

ജൂൺ മാസം പലവിധേന പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഒന്നാണ്. വിദ്യാർത്ഥി ഞായർ (പ്രവേശനോത്സവം, വിദ്യാരംഭം), പരിസ്ഥിതി ഞായർ, രക്തസാക്ഷി ദിനങ്ങൾ തുടങ്ങിയ അനേകം ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ ഈ മാസം നടക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ജൂണിന്റെ പ്രഥമദിനം പ്രവേശനോത്സവമായി സംസ്ഥാനമാകെ ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നു; ഒരു നൂതനാദ്ധ്യായം തുറക്കുന്നു. ദൈവവചനം ഉദ്ഘോഷിക്കുന്നു "യഹോവാഭക്തി ജ്ഞാനത്തിന്റെ ആരംഭമാകുന്നു". നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ ദൈവഭക്തിയിൽ മുതിർന്നുവരുവാനും സ്വർഗ്ഗീയജ്ഞാനം കരസ്ഥമാക്കുവാനും, അങ്ങനെ തങ്ങളെ അഭിമുഖീക രിക്കുന്ന പ്രശ്നങ്ങളെ നേരിടുവാനും ദൈവം കൃപ ചെയ്യട്ടെ.

പ്രപഞ്ചം ദൈവവകയാണ്; അത് സംരക്ഷിക്കുവാനും, കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്യുവാനുമുള്ള ഉത്തരവാദിത്തം ദൈവം നമ്മെ ഏല്പിച്ചിരി ക്കുകയാണ്. എന്നാൽ നാം അതിനെ നമ്മുടെ ദുഷ്പ്രവൃത്തി മൂലം വികലമാക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്. നമ്മെ രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന പരിശുദ്ധാത്മശക്തിയാൽ പുതുക്കം പ്രാപിച്ച്, ഈ പ്രപഞ്ചം മുഴുവനും വീണ്ടും ആനന്ദിക്കുന്ന സുദിനം വരട്ടെ.

ജൂൺ, അപ്പോസ്തലന്മാരുടേയും, രക്തസാക്ഷികളുടേയും മാസമായും ആചരിക്കപ്പടുന്നു. രക്തസാക്ഷികളുടെ രക്തമാണ് സഭയുടെ വിത്ത് എന്ന് പറയാറുണ്ടല്ലോ. അതേ; സഭയുടെ നിലനില്പുതന്നെ, നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവായ യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ വിലയേറിയ രക്തത്തിന്റേയും, അപ്പോസ്തലന്മാരുടെ രക്തത്തിന്റേയും, അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലത്രേ. വിശുദ്ധ ബർന്നബാസ്, സ്നാപക യോഹന്നാൻ വിശുദ്ധ പത്രോസ്, വിശുദ്ധ പൗലോസും, പന്ത്രണ്ടു ശിഷ്യന്മാരും എന്നിവരുടെ ജീവിതവും, സാക്ഷ്യവും അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്ന സമയമാണ് ജൂൺ മാസം. ഇവരെ ക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിശുദ്ധ ഓർമ്മകൾ നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേക ശക്തി പകരുവാനും, നമുക്കെതിരെ വരുന്ന വെല്ലുവിളികളെ അഭിമുഖീകരി ക്കുവാനും ഇടയായിതീരട്ടെ.

ആരാണ് യഥാർത്ഥ ശിഷ്യൻ? ഉത്തരം വളരെ ലഘുവാണ്; ശിഷ്യ പ്പെടുന്നവനാണ് ശിഷ്യൻ. അതായത് ഗുരുവിന് വിധേയപ്പെടുന്നവൻ, മഹാഗുരുവായ നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവ് പറഞ്ഞു : 'ആരെങ്കിലും എന്റെ ശിഷ്യനാകുവാൻ ഇച്ഛിച്ചാൽ അവൻ തന്നത്താൻ ത്യജിച്ച്; തന്റെ ക്രൂശ് എടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് എന്നെ അനുഗമിക്കട്ടെ'. അവൻ നമുക്ക് വാഗ്ദത്തം ചെയ്യുന്നത് സന്തോഷത്തിന്റെ പൂമെത്തയല്ല, പ്രത്യുത കുരിശും, മുറിവും, കഷ്ടതയും ഒക്കെയാണ്.

ജോൺ എം. നീൽ എഴുതിയ '*നീ ക്ഷീണിച്ചോ, നീ വലഞ്ഞോ*' എന്ന അനശ്വരഗാനത്തിലെ നാലു വരികൾ, ശിഷ്യത്വത്തിന്റെ അന്തസത്തയെ പ്രതിഫലിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

തൻ പിൻ ചെന്നാൽ താനിഹത്തിൽ തരുന്നതെന്ത് ? മഹാദുഃഖം, മഹായത്നം മാ ക്ലേശം (ജ്ഞാ: കീ: 83)

യഥാർത്ഥ ശിഷ്യത്വം സ്വീകരിച്ച് അർത്ഥപൂർണ്ണതയുള്ള ഒരു വിശ്വാസ സമൂഹമായിത്തീരുവാൻ നമ്മെതന്നെ സമർപ്പിക്കാം.

ദൈവം നിങ്ങളെ അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെ.

ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ മുന്തിരിതോപ്പിൽ

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# In Loving Memory Of





Mr. K I Mathew (Thampan) 09-12-1934 to 11-06-1978

Mrs. Ponnamma Mathew 12-04-1943 to 27-05-2015

## **Kuttickal House**

"Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6)

> Remembered by: Jojo (Son), Beena & Jobin (ID 813) Jaibu, Jiji (Daughter), Anjai & Annu (ID 333)

# Second Death Anniversary 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 In Loving Memory Of



## Mr. Thomas C Abraham Cherukara

"Remember your former leaders, Who spoke God's message to you, Think back on how they lived and died, And imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7)

Remembered by Family Members (ID 1105A), Anjali Manor, Kaimanam, Pappanamcode

## വാർത്തകളും കുറിപ്പുകളും

#### വാർഷിക പൊതുയോഗവും വികാരിക്ക് യാത്ര അയഷും

സഭയുടെ 2014-15 ലെ വാർഷിക പൊതുയോഗം, 2015 മേയ് 10-ാം തീയതി, ഞായറാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 7.15 നുള്ള സംയുക്ത ആരാധനയ്ക്കു ശേഷം 10 മണിക്ക് മുൻ വികാരി റവ. സുമോദ് സി. ചെറിയാന്റെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷതയിൽ കൂടുകയുണ്ടായി. 321 പേർ യോഗത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തു. തുടർന്ന് ഇവിടെ നിന്നും സ്ഥലം മാറിപ്പോകുന്ന സുമോദ് അച്ചനും കുടുംബത്തിനും യാത്രയയപ്പും നൽകി. പൊതുയോഗവും, യാത്രയയപ്പു യോഗവും, ഏറ്റവും അനുഗ്രഹകരമായി നടന്നതിൽ ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിക്കുന്നു. പ്രാർത്ഥന കൊണ്ടും, സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം കൊണ്ടും സഹകരിച്ച സഭാംഗങ്ങളോടുള്ള നന്ദി അറിയിക്കുന്നു. ആരാധന കഴിഞ്ഞ് പ്രഭാതഭക്ഷണവും, യാത്രയയപ്പ് യോഗം കഴിഞ്ഞ്, പങ്കെടുത്തവർ ക്കെല്ലാം ഉച്ചഭക്ഷണവും നൽകി.

#### പുതിയ ഡയറക്ടറി

യാത്രയയപ്പ് യോഗമദ്ധ്യേ സുമോദ് സി. ചെറിയാൻ അച്ചൻ, പാതിയ ഡയറക്ടറിയുടെ ഒരു കോപ്പി, സജി ചെറിയാൻ മാമ്മൻ അച്ചനു ന് ർകികൊണ്ടു ചർച്ച് ഡയറക്ടറി പ്രകാശനം ചെയ്തു.

് പ്രപ്പെട്ടുലപ്പ നുഗ

സുമോദ് അച്ചനും കുടുംബവും മേയ് 13-ാം തീയതി രാവിലെ പ്രലപ്പുഴയ്ക്ക് പുറപ്പെട്ടു. അവരെ ഒരു സംഘം സഭാംഗങ്ങൾ 🔨 നുഗമിച്ചു.

സുമോദ് അച്ചന്റെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റത്തെ തുടർന്ന് നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക വികാരിയായി മേയ് 13-ാം തീയതി ചുമതലയേറ്റ റവ. ഡോ. മാത്യു വർക്കി അച്ചനേയും കുടുംബത്തേയും ക്രൈസ്റ്റ് ചർച്ചിലേക്ക് സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനോടൊപ്പം, അവരുടെ ഇവിടുത്തെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്ക് സഭയുടെ എല്ലാവിധ സഹകരണവും പ്രാർത്ഥനയും പിന്തുണയും നേരുന്നു.

#### Sunday School

ഈ വർഷത്തെ സണ്ടേ സ്കൂൾ ക്ലാസ്സുകൾ മേയ് 3-ാം തീയതി മുതൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുതുടങ്ങി. മാതാപിതാക്കൾ കുട്ടികളെ സണ്ടേ സ്കൂളിലേയ്ക്ക് അയയ്ക്കണമെന്ന് പ്രത്യേകം അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

#### ചർച്ച് ടെലിഫോൺ

നമ്മുടെ പള്ളിയിലെ പ്രവർത്തനരഹിതമായിരുന്ന, ടെലിഫോണിന് വീണ്ടും കണക്ഷൻ ലഭിച്ചു, ഇപ്പോൾ പ്രവർത്തനക്ഷമമായി (Incoming calls only). പുതിയ നമ്പർ **2305903** 

**ഓമന എബ്രഹാം** (സെക്രട്ടറി)

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|------------|--|---|--|
| 03-06-2015 | H.E. (English)   | 6.00 p.m.   | Wednesday  |
| 05-06-2015 | H.E. (Malayalam)   | 7.30 a.m.   | Friday   |
| 07-06-2015 | Wisdom from Above<br>Students Sunday<br>໑໙໑໙໑໙໙ ຓໄຓາງຄອ ໑໑໑ຉ<br>OT : 1 Kings 3:16-28<br>Psalm : 119:33-40<br>6.15 a.m. H.E. (Tamil)<br>7.15 a.m. H.E. (Tamil)<br>9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam)<br>6.00 p.m. Evening Worship               | Epistle : Jame<br>Gospel : Luke                                       | 9 10:21-24   |
| 10-06-2015 | H.E. (English)   | 6.00 p.m.   | Wednesday  |
| 12-06-2015 | H.E. (Malayalam)   | 7.30 a.m.   | Friday   |
| 12-06-2015 | Creation Proclaims Glor  |   | Fliday   |
|            | Environment Sunday<br>സൂഷ്ടി ദൈവത്തിന്റെ മഹത<br>OT : Exodus 16:11-24<br>Psalm 104<br>6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil)<br>7.15 a.m. H.E. (English)<br>9.45 a.m. Matins (Malayalar<br>7.00 a.m. H.E. at Zion Hall<br>6.00 p.m. H.E. at Zenana Cl | າ <b>ງດຫຫຼດນດໍຫຼຸກໄອດ</b> ູ<br>Epistle : 1 Col<br>Gospel : Matt<br>ຫ) | <b>ງເຫງ</b><br>rinthians 12:12-27<br>thew 25:14-30 |
| 17-06-2015 | H.E. (English)   | 6.00 p.m.   | Wednesday  |
| 19-06-2015 | H.E. (Malayalam)   | 7.30 a.m.   | Friday   |
| 21-06-2015 | Worship the Lord in Tru<br>കർത്താവിനെ ആത്മാവിലും<br>OT : Isaiah 6:1-8<br>Psalm : 139<br>6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil)<br>7.15 a.m. H.E. (English)<br>9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam)<br>6.00 p.m. Evening Worship                                | സത്യത്തിലും ര<br>Epistle : 2 The<br>Gospel : John<br>at Zenana Chap   | ess. 2:13-17<br>14:15-26<br>pel                    |
| 24-06-2015 | H.E. (English)   | 6.00 p.m.   | Wednesday  |
| 26-06-2015 | H.E. (Malayalam)   | 7.30 a.m.   | Friday   |
| 28-06-2015 | Cost of Discipleship<br>ശിഷ്വത്വത്തിന്റെ വില<br>OT : Daniel 6:11-23<br>Psalm : 34<br>6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil)<br>7.15 a.m. Matins (English)  | Epistle : 2 Cor<br>Gospel : Mark                                      |  |

|            | 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam<br>7.00 a.m. H.E. at Zion Hall<br>6.00 p.m. Evening Worshi  |  | pel                                   |
|------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 01-07-2015 | H.E. (English)  | 6.00 p.m.  | Wednesday                             |
| 03-07-2015 | H.E. (Malayalam)  | 7.30 a.m.  | Friday                                |
| 05-07-2015 | Stewardship : Transpar<br>Bicentenary Sunday<br>ລວດງດງໂລງວດລອງເງດ – ໜວດ<br>OT : Exodus 36:2-7<br>Psalm : 116:12-19<br>6.15 a.m. H.E. (Tamil)<br>7.15 a.m. H.E. (English)<br>9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam<br>6.00 p.m. Evening Worshi | നാര്യതയും ഉത്തരവ<br>Epistle : Phil.<br>Gospel : Luke | പാദിത്ത്വവും<br>4:10-20<br>è 19:11-27 |

## Roster For Reading Lessons

| ENGLISH    |                           |                     |  |  |
|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Date       | First Lesson              | Second Lesson       |  |  |
| 07-06-2015 | Mr. Renju Philip          | Mrs. Jyothi Jacob   |  |  |
| 14-06-2015 | Mr. Saji Sam George       | Mrs. Reena Thomas   |  |  |
| 21-06-2015 | Mr. Samuel Mathew         | Mrs. Roshni George  |  |  |
| 28-06-2015 | Mr. Sudhir George Verghis | Mrs. Sally George   |  |  |
| 05-07-2015 | Mr. Vinod Das Mathew      | Mrs. Susan Verghis  |  |  |
| MALAYALA   | MALAYALAM                 |                     |  |  |
| Date       | First Lesson              | Second Lesson       |  |  |
| 07-06-2015 | Mr. K.C. Mani             | Mrs. Marykutty John |  |  |
| 14-06-2015 | Mr. Korah Abraham         | Mrs. Jyothi Job     |  |  |
| 21-06-2015 | Prof. K.V. Thomas         | Mrs. Reena Kurian   |  |  |
| 28-06-2015 | Mr. Thomas Oommen         | Mrs. Rekha Varghese |  |  |
| 05-07-2015 | Mr. Varghese K.O.         | Mrs. Rosamma Samuel |  |  |

#### Correction

The contribution of Mrs. Daisy John Varghese towards "Food for the Needy" was wrongly shown as Rs.200/- in the May 2015 issue of Tidings. The actual amount was Rs. 3,000/-. The error is regretted.



1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary 1st June 2015

In Loving Memory Of

Mrs. Sosamma Ninan "Karimpil" (ID 659) Sasthamangalam, Trivandrum

"We shall meet on that beautiful shore"

Remembered by: Loved Ones



2<sup>nd</sup> Death Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

In Loving Memory Of

Mrs. Molly Mathew (Retired Teacher)

W/o Mr. T. K. Mathew, "Kunnel Bliss Villa" Pongumoodu, (ID No. 1040)

D/o (Late) Rev. A J David Athapilly, Trichur (Former Diocesan Treasurer / Corporate Manager, CMS Schools, CSI North Kerala Diocese)

> Remembered by: Family Members

# In Loving Memory of Our Daddy and Mummy





Isaac Samuel Ammattil 21 Oct 1926 to 10 May 2015

Achamma Samuel Ammattil 29 Aug 1939 to 13 May 2014

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people now and forever. (Psalm 125 v.2)

> Remembered by: Jasac, Samuel & Liz (ID No.1215)



Send off to Rev Sumod Cherian Achen and Family At Alappuzha on 13th May 2015



Felicitations to The Most Reverend Dr. K.J. Samuel Thirumeni On his Episcopal Silver Jubilee on 24th May 2015 at the Christ Church Centenary Hall

## Programme for June

 All Sundays Sunday School - 8.00 AM Bible Study (Youth Fellowship) – After the English Service Prayer Meeting (Almaya Fellowship) – After the Malayalam Service Hindi Service at Centenary Hall – 4.30 PM

- All Fridays Choir Practice (English) – 5.00 PM
- All Saturdays Intercessory Prayer (Youth Fellowship) -4.30 P M Choir Practice (Junior Choir) – 4.30 PM Choir Practice (Malayalam) – 5.00 PM
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
   Prison Visit (Women's Fellowship) 2 PM

- 12<sup>th</sup> Friday
   \*Intercessory Prayer 10 AM

   Bible Study (Golden Age Fellowship) –
   After the Intercessory Prayer
- 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday Bible Study (Women's Fellowship) – 3.30 PM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
   \*Prison Visit (Women's Fellowship) 2 PM
- 26<sup>th</sup> Friday Visiting the Sick (Golden Age Fellowship)
   – 9 AM
- 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday House Visit (Women's Fellowship) – 10 AM

## Marriage

**JERRIN JOHN**, S/o Late Mr. K V John and Mrs. Elsamma John, Anugraha, B6, Bhaghat Sing Road, Nalanchira, Trivandrum of our Church and **RESHMA SUSAN RAJAN** D/o Mr. P I Rajan, and Mrs. Santhamma Rajan, Parackal House, S.Puram, Kurichi, Kottayam of the St. George Orthodox Church, Kottayam on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

### Baptism

**DIYA ELSA KURIAN** D/o Mr. Kurian Mathew and Mrs. Anu N Sam T C 3/ 636, T.K.D. Road, Pattom P O, Trivandrum 695004 on  $1^{st}$  May 2015 (Date of Birth :  $4^{th}$  September 2010 )

ALISSA MATHEN GEORGE, D/o Mr. Mathen George and Mrs Salina Rai, Kayalakakathu House, SRA – 125 Vivekanada Nagar, Mukkolakkal P.O, Trivandrum 695043 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 (Date of Birth : 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014)

**TANISH RAJ VIJAY** S/o Mr. Rajesh Koshy Mathew and Mrs Mitty Vijay Kayalakakathu House, A N 40, Pattom P.O, Trivandrum 695004 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015 (Date of Birth : 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014)

**DISHA SUSAN OOMMEN** D/o Mr. Vibin Oommen Thomas and Mrs. Anu Jacob on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Date of Birth : 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015)

**JUAN SUSAN MATHEW** D/o Mr. Mathew Thomas & Mrs. Anju Elizabeth George, Vilayil, 3C Cherry Hills, Kuravankonam, Trivandrum on 23rd May 2015 (DOB 16-12-2014)

| Area Prayer Meetings |                        |                       |      |            |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------|
| Time                 | Area                   | Name                  | ID   | Phone      |
| 06-06-2015           | Saturday               |                       |      |            |
| 5 PM                 | Pongu –Skm             | Mr. T.K. Mathew       | 1040 | 2448021    |
| 07-06-2015           | Sunday                 |                       |      |            |
| 4.30 PM              | Peroorkada             | Mr. T.I.George        | 839  | 9446403980 |
| 4.30 PM              | Pattom – Plamoodu      | Mr.Daniel George      |      | 2540591    |
| 4.30 PM              | Kesavadasapuram        | Mr. Abraham Philip    | 109  | 2446960    |
| 14-06-2015           | Sunday                 |                       |      |            |
| 4.30 PM              | Peroorkada             | Mr. Daniel Mathew     | 806  | 2433480    |
| 15-06-2015           | Monday                 |                       |      |            |
| 5 PM                 | Palayam – Vazhutha     | Mr. Roy Matthew Jacob | 637  | 2339531    |
| 18-06-2015           | Thursday               |                       |      |            |
| 5 PM                 | Nanthencode            | Mr. Abraham John      | 525  | 2318429    |
| 28-06-2015           | Sunday                 |                       |      |            |
| 4.30 PM              | Peroorkada - Karakulam | Mrs.Annamma Abraham   | 849  | 2372830    |
| 4.30 PM              | Kesavadasapuram        | Mrs. Saramma Thomas   | 153  | 2531361    |

## Organisation Corner

#### Golden Age Fellowship

The Annual General Body Meeting for 2014-15 of the Golden Age Fellowship was held on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2015, after the Bimonthly Worship Service. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Sumod C. Cherian. The General Body approved the Annual Report and the Financial Statement of Accounts for 2014-15, and the Budget for 2015-16.

The Dhamarachanappally Mission House construction work is progressing. The estimated cost is about Rs. Six lakhs. Please contribute generously so that the first instalment of our assistance for the project can be sent at an early date.

The next Bi-monthly Worship Service will be held on Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 7.30 AM. Rev. Dr. Mathew Varkey, our Presbyter-in-Charge, will share the Word of God. Your prayerful presence is requested.

| Contributions  |                 |   |                |
|--|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Contributions From                                   |                 | Mr.P.V. Varkey  | 1,000          |
| 01-04-2015 to 28-05-2015                             | _               | Mr. Aji Paul/Nina/Children &<br>Mr. Anish Zachairah/Minu/Children | 5,000          |
| MEDICAL HELP<br>Dr. Cherian Jacob &                  | Rs.             | Brig. Oommen John   | 1,000          |
| Dr. Ms. Renju Thomas                                 | 5000            | Mrs. Molly George   | 1,000          |
| A Well wisher  | 5,300           | Aswin and Nevin<br>Mrs & Mr M Y Rao                               | 1,000<br>1,000 |
| Mr. Kurien C Abraham                                 | 500             | Mrs. Annamma T George   | 1,000          |
| MARRIAGE HELP  | E 000           | Parkal / Jangedu Mission  |                |
| A Well wisher  | 5,000           | Mrs. Annie George Varghese  | 1,000          |
| EDUCATION HELP<br>A Well wisher                      | 5,000           | Mr. Jacob Thomas  | 500<br>740     |
| City Mission   | 0,000           | Palayam Area prayer<br>Palayam Area prayer                        | 980            |
| Mrs. Santha Mary Joseph                              | 1,000           | Mr. George Thomas   | 2,000          |
| Mr. Binu Joseph                                      | 1000            | Palayam Area Prayer   | 1,000          |
| A Well wisher  | 50,000          | Palayam Area Prayer<br>Mrs. Annamma T George                      | 2,430<br>1,000 |
| Mrs. Annamma T George                                | 1,000           | -   | 1,000          |
| HOUSING HELP (Roy Daniel-Gard<br>Mr. Varghese Oommen | 2,000           | Church Prison Ministry<br>Mrs. Annamma Andrews                    | 2,000          |
| Mr. Koshy Oommen                                     | 2,000           | Parkal Orphanage  | _,             |
| Mrs. Sosamma Varghese                                | 1,000           | Mr.Kurien C Abrahm  | 500            |
| A Well wisher  | 50,000          | Charkari Mission  |                |
| FOOD FOR THE NEEDY<br>Mrs. Merin Saju                | 2,000           | Mr.C.D.Kurien   | 1,000          |
| Mrs. Annamma Abraham                                 | 2,000           | Akosh Kurien John<br>Miss. Nisha Thampy                           | 500<br>250     |
| Mrs. Susan Thomas                                    | 1,000           | Jincy Ashish  | 12,000         |
| Mr. George Cherian                                   | 1,500           | Mr.M.V.Daniel   | 2,000          |
| Mrs. Betsy Jacob<br>Miss. Nisha Thampy               | 1,000<br>250    | Mr. Biju V Daniel   | 1,000          |
| Mr. Mithran K Mathew                                 | 5,000           | Mr. Binu Joseph<br><b>Mysore Mission</b>                          | 1,000          |
| Mr. Philip Varghese                                  | 2,000           | Mr. Binu Joseph   | 1,000          |
| Mr. Jibu D Solomon                                   | 2,000           | Andhra Mission  |                |
| Dr. Rezy Cheru<br>Mrs & Mr.M.Y Rao                   | 2,000<br>1,000  | Mrs. Annamma T George   | 1,000          |
| Mrs. Marykutty Abraham                               | 500             | UTTARANJAL MISSION  |                |
| Mr.C.D.Kurien  | 1,000           | Mr. Binu Joseph   | 1,000          |
| Mr. George Thomas                                    | 1,000           | Thottapradesh Mission   |                |
| A well wisher<br>A well wisher                       | 10,000<br>2,000 | Mr. Binu Joseph   | 1,000          |
| Vihan Jacob  | 1,000           | Thank Offering  | 1 000          |
| Dr.Cherian Jacob &                                   | 00.000          | Ms. Maya Elizabeth Chandy<br>Mrs. Veena Acha Chandy               | 1,000<br>1,000 |
| Dr. Ms. Renju Thomas<br>Mrs. Mary Thomas             | 20,000          | Home of Love Girls/ Boys  | 1,000          |
| Mr. George Cherian                                   | 1,500           | Poojapura Area prayer   | 2,130          |
| Ron Projoth Abraham                                  | 1,500           | Pattom Area Prayer  | 1,730          |
| Vidhya Mariam Geoge                                  | 750             | Poojapura Area prayer   | 1,400          |
| Varsha Rachel George<br>Mr. Philip John Varghese     | 750<br>1,000    | Church Maintenance  | 500            |
| Mrs. Ammukutty George                                | 2,500           | A wellwisher<br>Mr.Philip Koshy                                   | 500<br>1,000   |
| Mrs. Susan Eapen                                     | 1,000           | Brig Oommen John  | 400            |
| Dr. Shibu Thomas                                     | 500             | POOR PATIENT FUND   |                |
| Susan Reji Philip                                    | 1,000           | Mr. Abraham Philip  | 5,000          |
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#### Environment Sunday Special

## **GREEN GOSPEL**

### Christian Concern for Ecological Degradation

"Christians ought to be stewards of God's good earth". The Creation story narrates God's charge to humanity to take care of the blessed earth for everyone to enjoy; but humanity got out of control resulting in chaos in the created universe and therefore God sought to restore order by cleansing the earth with the Great Flood.

All over the world, animal and plant species are disappearing now at an unprecedented and alarming rate. Biologists predict that half of all the species on the earth will disappear within 100 years. If we continue fishing at the present rate, the seafood will also disappear by 2050.

In this context, the concept of Green Church is based on Christ's call to be "A City on the Hill", bearing witness and preserving the creation as an example to the rest of the world.

#### **Products of Ecological Degradation**

Toxic waste, Polluted water, Acid rain, Greenhouse gases and resultant Global warming, Landslides, Earthquakes and Tsunamis are the products of Ecological degradation.

The serious destruction of the environment during the last 40 years has compelled the Churches to address this issue and come up with a theological understanding about creation, about the ill effects of technology and development on the environment.

Pollution of water, air and land, and large scale felling of trees resulting in desertification, exploitation of non-renewable natural resources such as oil, minerals, soil, rock, forest etc. changes the eco system and the ozone layer.

# Theological Perspectives on justice, participation and sustainability of the Ecosystem

Sustainability in the Bible is faithfulness to God's creation, preserving it from destruction, leading to fullness of abundant life. We have received God's Earth as a common inheritance, not as a privilege for some and a source of fortune for others.

The eleventh commandment therefore, should be "The Earth is the Lord's; and the fullness thereof. Therefore, thou shall not spoil the Earth, nor destroy the life thereon".

The gradual depletion of the ozone layer and related "green house effect" has now reached crisis proportions as a consequence of rapid industrial growth, massive urban concentration and vastly increased energy needs. Industrial waste, the burning of fossil fuels, unrestricted deforestation, the use of certain types of herbicides, coolants and propellants – all these are known to harm the atmosphere and the environment.

The Earth is God's gift to all creatures. But the earth does not yield its fruits without a particular human response to God's gift: that is to say, without work. But it is through certain types of work that man succeeds in demolishing the Earth

The Church has, therefore, to condemn 'consumerism' and 'the culture of waste' and a spirit of solidarity is to be developed, grounded in our common responsibility for the Earth and for all our brothers and sisters in the human family.

There are other weak and defenceless beings that are frequently at the mercy of economic interests or indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources. Human beings are not only the beneficiaries, but also the stewards of other creatures. Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil around us, almost as a physical ailment; and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. If we are insensitive to nature's warnings, a swath of destruction and death will affect our own lives and those of our future generations.

The human family has received from its Creator a common gift, that is, **Nature.** The Christian view of creation includes a positive judgement about the legitimacy of interventions on nature, if these are meant to be beneficial and performed responsibly. By wisely using the resources for the benefit of all, with respect to beauty, finality and usefulness for every living being and its place in the eco system, we can preserve the environment.

Nature, in a word, is at our disposition and we are called to exercise a responsible stewardship over it. This, in my perspective, is the **Green Gospel**. John Kurien (ID 827)

## CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Come, follow me," Jesus said," and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19

The first generation disciples of Jesus were called "Christians" at Antioch and as Christians of today it is our legacy. Needless to say that it is important to examine the implications of the name and analyse the duties involved in order to be found worthy of the name.

A disciple is a follower of a master or spiritual teacher, one who lives by the teachings and life style of his master, a learner who wants to be like his master. Jesus said "Ye call me master and Lord and ye say well; for so I am" (John 13:13) "It is enough for the disciple that he be like his master" (Matt 10:25) Christian Discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts enabling us to overcome the trials and temptations of the present life and become more and more Christ like. As followers of Christ, we have to analyse carefully or test introspectively our thoughts, words and actions daily during our prayer and meditation time and compare them with the word of God. For this purpose we have to study the word of God, pray over it and obey it.

Now let us review what the Bible says as to what is involved in becoming and being a Christian disciple; also consider the conditions or cost of true Christian discipleship.

#### The call to Discipleship

The decision to follow Jesus Christ marks the beginning of Christian discipleship. Jesus called Levi, the son of Al-phaeus sitting at the receipt of custom (Mark 2:14), Peter and Andrew casting their net into the sea (Matt 4:19,20) and said "follow me". They immediately followed him, leaving their possessions. In both the cases we see immediate obedience. Jesus himself is the perfect example of obedience as he lived on earth a life of complete obedience to the father, even to the point of death. By this obedience to God one becomes blessed (Phil 2:6-8). The offering of Christ's body on the cross was the culmination of a life totally lived out in obedience to God (Eph 5:2).

As Christ called his disciples He calls us today "Come, follow me" (Mk. 1:17). Our response should not only be through obeying his commands but also by partaking in His sufferings, death and

resurrection. If we communicate with God earnestly in spirit we will be "conformed to the image of his son". God desires that each one of us should truly believe in Jesus Christ and enter the life eternal. When we accept him as our Lord and Saviour (John 13:14) we become his disciples, the true Christians.

#### The purpose of Christian Discipleship

The main aim of Christian discipleship is to emulate the character of Christ in our lives, to be like Him. "To this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps. (1 Peter 2:21).

Another purpose of Christian discipleship is to know the father through Jesus and to grow in our knowledge of God and His grace. The Gospels depict the disciples as those who were given the secret knowledge about the identity of Jesus Christ (Mk 4:9,10; Matt 13:11) Jesus said "those who have seen me have seen the father".

Yet a third is to have the light of life, and to give light to the world. "for God who made his light shine in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6) "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Eph 2:10). We can make disciples of others by sharing our faith and the wonderful changes Jesus Christ made in our lives. A true disciple creates other disciples.

#### **Conditions/Cost of Discipleship**

Jesus himself did layout the conditions for His discipleship. We must follow Jesus' teachings.

#### Self-denial; Cross-bearing

Following Jesus Christ and doing His will should be our first priority in life, above our family and comfort. We must be willing to forsake anything that can hinder our walk with him. We have to leave behind our past life with its weaknesses. Jesus said "those of you who do not give up everything you have, cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:33). Jesus taught His disciples to make the pursuit of the kingdom of God their highest priority (Matt 6:23). The life of cross-bearing was therefore a call to die to all one's selfish ambitions and aspirations. Following him meant serving others just as he gave his life for others. (Mk10 :43-45) "Whoever wants to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matt 16:24) Jesus said "Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their

life for me will save it" (Lk. 9:24). All the four gospel writers have recorded these words of Jesus, repeated by two of them in order to emphasise its importance (Matt 10:39, 16:25, Mk. 8:35, Lk. 9:24, 17:33 and John 12:25).

The way of the cross is the way of pain, suffering, ridicule and humiliation. St. Paul chose that path and says "But whatever were gains to me, I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more I consider everything a loss, because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him" (Phil 3:7-9). Moreover we have to crucify our sinful desires. St. Paul says "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal 5:24) Again he says "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). We have to remember that the present suffering will lead to future glory.

It is God's will that we become more like Christ, and hence hardship and suffering are part of this process. It is said "hard times are the chisel God uses to shape us". "Perseverance must finish its work so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4) We must keep in mind that in the midst of life's trials and sorrows, Christ must be the focus of our faith. It was God's plan to shape the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His son (Rom 8:29). In fact it is the purpose of our life. Love is reciprocative. We can give and receive real love. We can discern right from the wrong, making us accountable to God on the Day of Judgment. **Loving Christ** 

Loving God follows from knowing God. "You shall love the Lord" is God's commandment, Love is sacrificial, an attribute of God. Our love for Christ is the compelling force to follow Him. St. Paul says "For Christ's love compels us" (2 Cor. 5:14) Jesus says "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them". (John 14:23). What an assurance!

#### Loving Others: Love in Action

Love is a gift, a virtue so amazing, so divine, so pure. God loved us so much that "He gave his only Son" to die for us. Jesus said "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34). St. Paul says

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves" (Rom 12:9,10).

#### Fruitfulness

Jesus said "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit" (John 15:5). Bearing fruit is a sign of growth and maturity. "This is to my father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples (John 15:8). "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22). When we abide in Christ and obey His commands, the Holy Spirit enables us to produce the fruit. We will start to see a great change in our lives. Our hearts overflow with the purest and finest thoughts which show up in our words and actions, carving the foundations for a righteous living.

Remember, it is possible to be a disciple and finally go to hell. Out of the twelve Jesus chose, there was one who did not make it. He too was listening to the words of Jesus, he had gone out preaching and healing in the name of Jesus (Lk. 9:1,2) and he had left all to follow him. But he (the first treasurer) was faithless in looking after the money of the church; the Bible says, he went to "his own place".

#### Living in Hope

As the life of Jesus did not end in crucifixion, life of a Christian does not end with self-denial, suffering and sacrifice. It ends in our resurrection and life with Jesus in His glory in heaven forever. God wants us to come before Him "holy..... without blemish and free from accusation" (1 Thes. 5:27) Death is not the end of life, it is only the gateway to eternity, where "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain" (Rev. 21:4) God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. It is our glorious hope. "We will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thes 4:17). Ahead of us is the joy of heaven. Therefore we "ought to live holy and godly lives, as you look forward to the day of God" (2 Peter 3:11,12). Praise God for the hope we have in Christ. But until that day God calls us home, let us make it our goal to live for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

God wants us to be a community of Christ's disciples who translate creed into conduct, faith into practice and doctrine into daily living. Therefore let us strive to live a God-centered, purpose driven life, a life of sincere faith, fervent love and steadfast hope - the life of a true Christian disciple.

Solomon Thomas (ID 1046)

#### **Clarification Regarding Harvest Festival 2014**

In the Annual Report 2014-15 the total Harvest Festival Receipts were shown as Rs.23,44,905/- whereas the total of the breakup of various receipts came to only Rs.22,99,115/- This was due to the accidental omission of one item, Harvest Festival Offertory, amounting to Rs.45,790/- from the breakup of Receipts. In addition, Harvest Festival Auction Receipt of Rs.4,751/- which was received towards the end of March 2015, was not included in the Secretary's Report, which had been prepared earlier. The breakup of Harvest Festival Receipts as shown in the Secretary's Report, and the amounts actually received, are shown below:

| Item                         | Receipts as<br>per Report | Actual<br>Receipts |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                              | Rs.                       | Rs.                |
| Harvest Festival Cover       | 15,07,109                 | 15,07,109          |
| Harvest Festival Offertory   | -                         | 45,790             |
| Auction Receipts             | 4,25,090                  | 4,29,841           |
| Food Coupons                 | 73,830                    | 73,830             |
| Sunday School                | 25,975                    | 25,975             |
| Youth Fellowship             | 26,068                    | 26,068             |
| Young Family Fellowship      | 75,918                    | 75,918             |
| Women's Fellowship           | 44,400                    | 44,400             |
| Choir                        | 50,000                    | 50,000             |
| Ecology                      | 6,650                     | 6,650              |
| Tamil Group                  | 26,500                    | 26,500             |
| Hindi Group                  | 5,575                     | 5,575              |
| Previous Year's H/F Receipts |                           |                    |
| (Received this year)         | 32,000                    | 32,000             |
| Total                        | 22,99,115                 | 23,49,656          |

Of the total of Rs.23,49,656/- received, Harvest Festival Cover amount of Rs.15,07,109/-, Harvest Festival Cover collection of Rs.25,000/-

relating to previous year's receipts, and Rs.25,000/- of Harvest Festival Offertory, amounting to a total of Rs.15,57,109/- was transferred to "Tithe and Thank Offering" Receipts.

Out of the total receipts of 23,49,656/- the Harvest Festival Expenses amounted to Rs.3,64,307/-. The net balance of Rs19,85,347/- has been apportioned as follows:

|    | Total                                      | 18 lacs   |
|----|--|---|
| 6) | City Mission Project                       | <b>4 lacs</b> (Retained in SB for this year's expenses under this head) |
| 5) | Housing Help for Roy Daniel<br>(Gardener)  | <b>3 lacs</b> (Disbursed for construction of Roy Daniel's house)        |
| 4) | Thottapradesh Mission                      | <b>2 lacs</b> (Remitted to<br>Thottapradesh Mission<br>in March 2015)   |
| 3) | Muttatahara Mission House                  | <b>3 lacs</b><br>(Retained in SB as work is<br>expected to start soon)  |
| 2) | Acquisition of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Parsonage   | <b>3 lacs</b><br>(A new FD has been opened)                             |
| 1) | Construction of Muttathara<br>Common Vault | <b>3 lacs</b><br>(A new FD has been opened)                             |

About 1.6 lacs (20% of Harvest festival Income excluding amount transferred to "Tithe& Thanksgiving") has to be provided for Central Fund Assessment for the current year.

### ATTENTION PLEASE

The ancestors or close relatives (Father, Mother, Husband, Wife) of many of our members are buried in our cemetery. Such members are requested to kindly furnish the details of those tombs in the proforma available in the Church counter.

Church Wardens

Interest on

## Clarification regarding "Thalavady Kanjirappallil Thottukadavil Eapen Jacob (Mohan)

#### S/o Mr. Jacob Rajan & Mrs. Mary Jacob Memorial Endowment"

Annual Interest on the Principal (divided as shown below) are to be disbursed in the following manner in November of each year:

| 3 lacs   |
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| 3 lacs   |
| 2 lacs   |
| 2 lacs   |
| 5 lacs<br>("Asraya", "Sisters of Kanakkari",<br>"Others" - 1/3 each)       |
| 2 lacs   |
| tenance 2 lacs (Family<br>Vault No. E 901)                                 |
| 2 lacs   |
| 1 lacs   |
| 2 lacs   |
| 1 lac  |
| 10 lacs (for missionary activities mainly among the poor and unreached)    |
| 35 lacs (Corpus Fund)  |
| 5 lacs (Cumulated Interest<br>to be added to Corpus Fund<br>every 5 years) |
| <b>40 lacs</b> (Includes Rs. 6 lacs already received in March 2014)        |
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- 1. One Fixed Deposit of Rs.35 lacs, dated 17-11 2014 with annual payment of interest, for a period of 5 years, to be renewed every five years, has been opened.
- Another Fixed Deposit (Cash Certificate) dated 17-11-2014 of Rs. 5 lacs with interest to accumulate for 5 years, with the Principal to be renewed every five years, and the interest to be added to the Corpus Fund, has been opened.
- 3. Both Deposits are in the name of "CSI Christ Church Kanjirappallil Thottukadavil Eapen Jacob Memorial Endowment Fund", and are to mature on the same date.
- 4. Fixed Deposit of Rs. 6 lacs already received were closed before maturity and renewed as part of the Corpus Fund of Rs. 35 lacs.
- 5. A separate SB Account in the name of "CSI Christ Church Kanjirappallil Thottukadavil Eapen Jacob Endowment" has been opened exclusively for crediting the interest from this Endowment Fund, and for the disbursal of the interest from this Fund.

#### "Richy Walsalam – Sam J. Walsalam Memorial Endowment

We are in receipt of Rs. 2.00 lakhs from the Richy Walsalam Medical Assistance Mobilization Committee to cherish the fond memories of the late two Choir Masters of CSI Christ Church, Trivandrum. The annual interest on the Endowment Deposit will be handled by the Christ Church Choir Committee for specified purposes suggested by the Donors.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new Church Directory is to be published shortly. Members are requested to support the project by submitting advertisements, which may include Memorials to their loved ones, details of their extended families, or details of their business enterprises.

The brochure containing the application form and other details are available at the Church Office and the Church counters.

## A Litany for the Beginning of School (From Psalm 25)

Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me.

We give thanks for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.

We give thanks that you call us your beloved.

Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new year, a new path, and new opportunities.

Grant us quiet confidence and calm, and help us to ask for help when we need it.

Give us peace and rest in the midst of the storms raging around us and inside us.

Comfort us in the knowledge that you have already judged us and found us to be good, made us worthy, and called us by name.

Give us courage to resist and empower us to be your beloved people: loving others and standing up for the oppressed.

Remind us our of first identity, given in baptism, as your sons and daughters.

## A Blessing for Students

God our teacher, we thank you for the gift of these children and young people, in our households, in our church, and in our community.

Bless them as they start school, beginning a new year of learning, study, music, sports, art, play, and friendship.

May they have open ears, open hearts, and open minds.

Keep them safe and healthy.

And protect all students, especially those for whom safe passage is not a guarantee.

May they each have people with whom they laugh, who awaken their curiosity, and who listen when they are having a problem.

May they always know that they are loved and valued by parents, friends, this church, and by you, God, as well.

#### Amen

Courtesy: http://www.glencoeunionchurch.org/

## Obituary



**ISSAC SAMUEL AMMATTIL (88)**, (ID 1215) 59, Kattachal Road, Thirumala P O, Trivandrum on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

## PONNAMMA MATHEW (72), (ID 813)

"Kuttikal", Vayalikada, No. 4, CVN Nagar, Peroorkada, Trivandrum - on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

## MOLLY VARGHESE (53), (ID 113)

"Sharon", Thinavila, Pallimukku, Peyad, Trivandrum on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

## Speakers on Sunday, 14th June 2015 – ENVIRONMENT SUNDAY

The following speakers have been invited to give the message on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Environment Sunday):

- 1. 7.15 AM (English Service) : Rev. Dr. M.P. Joseph
- 2. 9.45 AM (Malayalam Service) : Prof Vijo Thomas Kurien





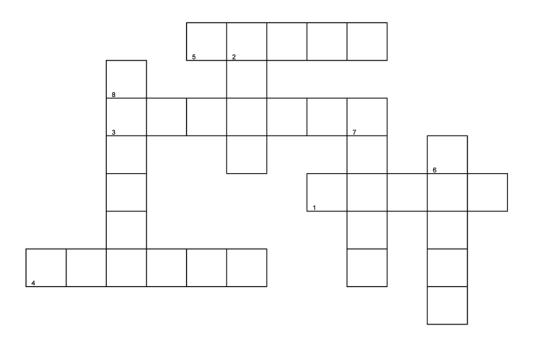
How well do you know the fathers in the Bible? This crossword will help you name eight of them.

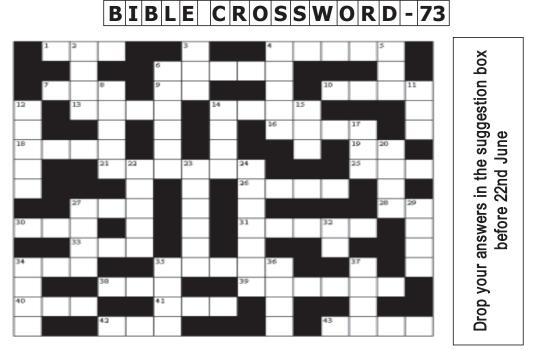
Directions: Do you know these Bible fathers? Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.

- 1. He had twins named Jacob and Esau. (Genesis 25)
- 2. The very first father. (Genesis 4)
- 3. He was 100 when his son was born. (Genesis 21)
- 4. He saved his family from famine and had two sons. (Genesis 48)
- 5. He was the father of 12 sons. (Genesis 49)
- 6. He was the King of Israel and father of King Solomon (1 Kings 1)

7. He led his son Gershom and the nation of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. (Exodus 2-4)

8. He went to Jesus to save his daughter. (Mark 5)





#### ACROSS

1. The number of thieves crucified alongside Christ 4. Gabriel is one of these

6. The tower built by the descendants of Noah

7. You think of him when you think of patience

9. First word of the Bible

10. The Word of God is the \_ of the kingdom

Timothy's grandmother
 King of the Amalekites who was spared by Saul, in

violation of God's command

16. House top

- 18. Where grapes grow
- 19. Collective pronoun

21. One of Job's three "friends"

25. A he-goat

26. Jezebel's king husband

- 27. A city of Edom
- 28. Oldest son of Judah. The Lord slew him

30. One of the two men that held up Moses' hands

during the battle with Amalek

31. One of two sons of Aaron who died because he

did not obey God (not Abihu) 33. Form of verb "to be" 34. Paul admitted in Acts 22:4 that before he was a

Christian, he had persecuted "The 35. Jesus watched one of these drop two mites into

the temple treasury

38. Adam's wife

39. Jesus told His disciples that He was sending them forth as lambs among \_\_\_\_\_ 40. God said regarding Jesus, this is My beloved

- 41. A member of the deer family
- 42. Noah built one of these

43. The feet of the statue in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream were partly made of this

#### DOWN

2. The covering of a sheep

3. Tribe Samson came from

4. Where sacrifices were placed to be offered

5. Untruth

6. Another word used in the N.T. for "elder"

8. A sharp rocky crag near Gibbeah (1 Samuel 14:4)

11. Condition of eyes (Lamentations 5:17)

12. He defeated Goliath

14. The location of the seven churches that John addressed in the Book of Revelation

15. Creator of all things

17. Soft hair on an animal's skin

20. "The king said, 'Is the young man Absolom ?'"

22. Fruit of this tree yields an oil

- 23. Tenth in the list of the Minor Prophets
- 24. God set this in the clouds
- 27. \_without ceasing
- 29. Bible book, woman's name
- 32. "\_\_\_\_\_ it is written, the just shall live by faith"

34. Ananias told Saul, "Arise, be baptized, and \_\_\_\_\_ away your sins."

35. According to Acts 20:7, Christians are to partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every \_

36. David said to God, "Your \_\_\_\_ have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin."

37. In Romans 10:2, Paul spoke of people who had without knowledge"

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S/o (Late) K.V. John and Mrs. Elsamma John "Anugraha", Nalanchira , Trivandrum

# Jerrin & Reshma MARRIED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

S/o Mr. N.M. Abraham & Mrs. A.C. Saramma Naduviledathu, Vattiyoorkavu, Trivandrum (ID 1240)

D/o Mr. A.G. Abraham & Mrs. K.L. Aleyamma Grace Palace, Peroorkada, Trivandrum (ID 851)

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