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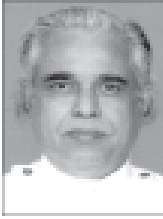
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നിന്റെ സന്തതിക്കൾ എന്റെ ആശ്വാസിയായും
നിന്റെ സന്താനത്തിന്നു ഏന്റെ അനുഗ്രഹത്തെയും പകരും. യെശയ്യാ 44:3

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

உன் சந்ததியின்மேல் என் ஆவியையும், உன் சந்தானத்தின்மேல்
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Vicar's Reflections

Mahabali – the Great Sacrifice

The Keralites all over the world celebrated the legendary festival of Onam during the last week of August. Onam which is really a harvest festival, is the biggest and most important festival of the state of Kerala and is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. Onam marks the home coming of the legendary King Mahabali who was ousted by Vamana. The people of Kerala are so crazy over this festival that they spend lavishly to celebrate it in a fitting manner. The so called joy and merriment may not last for long and as our proverb says “Sankaran pinneyum thengel” is true when it comes to reality.

But as we all know the real Maha (great) Bali (sacrifice) happened at the sacrificial death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who conquered over sin and death, and we await his glorious coming once for all to judge the living and the dead (not every year like “Mahabali”).

The month of September begins with Choir Sunday, which reminds us of the singing of the Choir groups, along with the heavenly Choir of Cherubim and Seraphim, to worship the Lord. The choir plays a most integral part in the worship of the Church. What a wonderful privilege it is to worship the Lord who is worthy of receiving our adoration!

The Guru - Shisya relationship is very vital in our spiritual journey. We recognize the importance of our Maha Guru - Jesus, who guides us to experience meaningful life, in the month of September. Observance of Education Sunday and Teachers' Day influence us to lead an exemplary life as shown by our Master Guru.

The month of September also brings to our mind the formation of our great Church - Church of South India - in the year 1947 on September 27. Immediately after gaining our political independence, the Church in India received her spiritual independence from the clutches of divisions and quarrels. Let our Church be fully united in Jesus Christ, leaving the prejudices of caste, colour, language and gender differences, and fulfill the high priestly prayer of our Master “that they all may be one”(John 17:21). At this juncture we have to recollect the wisdom of the elderly of the past and the present who walk blamelessly in their life and witness. May the good Lord help us to tread in the way of our Senior Citizens.

May the Lord Almighty equip and empower us to be partakers of his Kingdom on earth.

With warm wishes,

Rev. Dr. Mathew Varkey
Vicar

മഹാബലി - മഹാത്യാഗം

കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയരേ,

ലോകമാകമാനമുള്ള കേരളീയർ അവേശത്തോടുകൂടി ആഘോഷിച്ച ഓണമാണ് ആഗസ്റ്റ് അവസാനം നാം ദർശിച്ചത്. ഓണം ശരിക്കും ഒരു വിളവെടുപ്പ് പെരുന്നാൾ ആണെങ്കിലും, ആഡംബരപൂർവ്വമാണ് നാം അത് ആഘോഷിക്കുന്നത്. വാമനനാൽ ചവുട്ടി താഴ്ത്തപ്പെട്ട കേരളത്തിലെ അതിശ്രേഷ്ഠരാജാവായിരുന്ന മഹാബലി, ആണ്ടിലൊരിക്കൽ തന്റെ പ്രജകളെ കാണാൻ വരുന്നുവെന്ന മിഥ്യാസങ്കല്പമാണ്, ഈ ആഘോഷത്തിന്റെ പിന്നിൽ. കാണം വിറ്റും ഓണമുണ്ണുന്ന കേരളീയന്റെ സകലസന്തോഷവും, ഓണം തീരുന്നതോടുകൂടി നാമാവിശേഷമാകും. “ശങ്കരൻ പിന്നെയും തെങ്ങിൽ” എന്ന ആപ്തവാക്യം അർത്ഥവത്താകും അപ്പോൾ. തിന്മയുടെ മേൽ നന്മ നേടുന്ന വിജയമാണ് ഓരോ തിരുവോണവും നമ്മെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നത്.

എന്നാൽ യഥാർത്ഥ മഹാബലിയായിത്തീർന്നവൻ ക്രൂശിന്മേൽ നമുക്കുവേണ്ടി മരിച്ചവനും പാപത്തേയും മരണത്തേയും ജയിച്ച് ജയാളിയായിത്തീർന്നവനും, ജീവനുള്ളവരേയും മരിച്ചവരേയും ന്യായം വിധിപ്പാൻ ഒരിക്കലായി വീണ്ടും വരുന്നവനുമായ നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവത്രെ. ഈ മഹാബലി ആണ്ടുതോറും പ്രജകളെ സന്ദർശിക്കുവാൻ വരുന്നവൻ അല്ല.

സ്വർഗ്ഗീയ കെരുബുകളോടും സെറാഫുകളോടും കൂടെ, ഈ ഭൂമിയിൽ ദൈവത്തെ പാടി സ്തുതിക്കുന്ന ഗായകസംഘത്തെ പ്രത്യേകം സ്മരിക്കുന്ന ക്വയർ സൺഡേയോടുകൂടിയാണ് സെപ്റ്റംബർ മാസം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത്. സഭയുടെ ആരാധനയിൽ ഗായകസംഘത്തിന്റെ പങ്ക് നിസ്സീമമാണ്. ആരാധനയ്ക്ക് യോഗ്യനായ കർത്താവിനെ പാടി സ്തുതിക്കുവാൻ ലഭിക്കുന്ന അസുലഭ അവസരം എത്ര അത്ഭുതകരവും, ആനന്ദകരവുമാണ് !

ഗുരുശിഷ്യബന്ധം നമ്മുടെ ആത്മീക യാത്രയിലെ അതിപ്രധാന ഘടകമാണ്. സെപ്റ്റംബർ മാസത്തിലെ രണ്ടാം ആഴ്ച വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ഞായറായി നാം ആചരിക്കുമ്പോൾ പരമഗുരുവായ നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവ്, അർത്ഥസമ്പുഷ്ടമായ ജീവിതത്തിനായി സഹായിക്കുന്നത് നമ്മെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസഞായറും അധ്യാപക ഞായറും ഒക്കെ വിരൽചൂണ്ടുന്നത് ഈയൊരു സത്യത്തിലേക്കാണ്.

സെപ്റ്റംബർ മാസത്തിന്റെ മറ്റൊരു പ്രാധാന്യം, ദക്ഷിണേന്ത്യാ സഭയുടെ രൂപീകരണമാണ്. 1947 ആഗസ്റ്റ് മാസത്തിൽ ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ആധിപത്യത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ഭാരതരാജ്യം വിമോചനം നേടിയെങ്കിൽ, തുടർന്ന് ഒരു മാസത്തിനുശേഷം (1947 സെപ്റ്റംബർ 27), വിശ്വാസാചരങ്ങളിൽ,

വിഭിന്നമായി നിന്നിരുന്ന ഭാരതസഭകൾ ഒരു കൂടക്കീഴിലായി, ചർച്ച് ഓഫ് സൗത്ത് ഇന്ത്യ എന്ന നാമധേയത്തിൽ ഐക്യസഭയായി പരിണമിച്ചു. വർണ്ണ, വർഗ്ഗ, ലിംഗ വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളില്ലാതെ, ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ ഒന്നായിചേർന്ന് അവരെല്ലാവരും ഒന്നാകേണ്ടതിന് (യോഹ. 17:21) എന്നുള്ള മഹാപുരോഹിത പ്രാർത്ഥന സഫലീകൃതമാകേണ്ടതിന് നമുക്ക് യത്നിക്കാം.

വയോജന ഞായറാഴ്ച നാം ആചരിക്കുമ്പോൾ, പഴയ തലമുറകളിലേയും, പുതിയ തലമുറയിലേയും മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ പരിജ്ഞാനത്തേയും, സാക്ഷ്യപരമായ ജീവിതത്തേയും അനുസ്മരിക്കു വാനും, ആ നല്ല പാതയിലൂടെ മുന്നോട്ടു പോകുവാനും നമ്മെ തന്നെ സമർപ്പിക്കാം.

സർവ്വശക്തനായ ദൈവം, തന്റെ രാജ്യസ്ഥാപനത്തിൽ പങ്കാളികളായിത്തീരുവാൻ നമ്മെ ശക്തികരിക്കുകയും, ഒരുകൂടെയും ചെയ്യട്ടെ എന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടുകൂടി, നിങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും സകല നന്മകളും ആശംസിക്കട്ടെ.

എന്ന്, ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ നിങ്ങളുടെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൻ.

റവ. ഡോ. മാത്യു വർക്കി

CHRISTU SEVA CHARITABLE SOCIETY

The next CHRISTU SEVA PAKAL VEEDU will be held on Monday 7th September 2015 at the Christu Seva Charitable Society Prayer Hall, Devasom Board Junction, Trivandrum.

This will be a Half-day program and will start at 9.30 AM and will go on till 1.00 PM, followed by lunch.

The programme will consist of Singing of songs, Bible Quiz on the Book of Isaiah, Group Activities like Tombola (Housie) and a Computer Power Point Presentation on ‘Nutrition and Diet Control for Senior Citizens’ by Mrs. Lekshmi S Nair Nutritionist & Dietician at SUT Hospital, Pattom

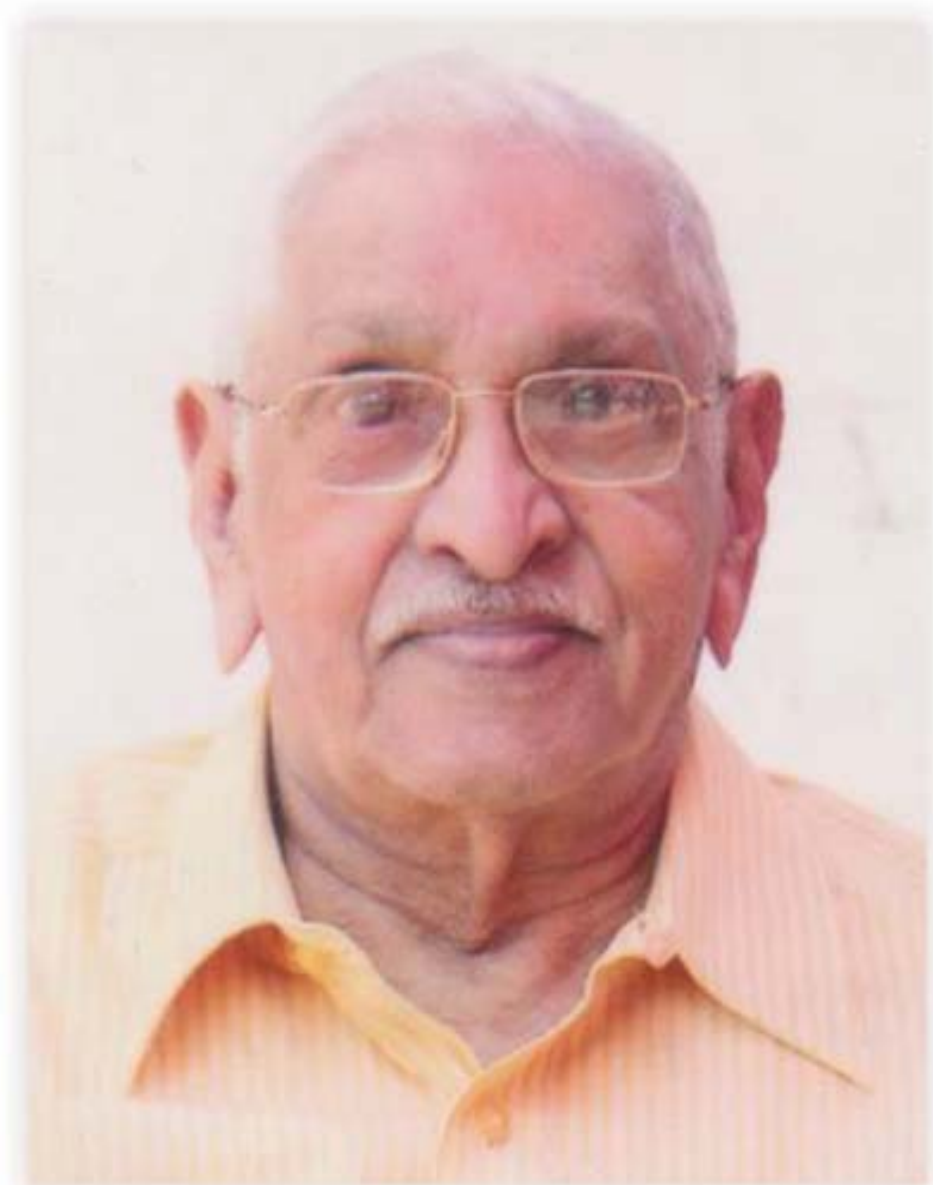
Tea / Coffee and lunch will be provided.

The contribution will be Rs. 200/- per person.

All those above the age of 60 years who are interested in taking part in this program are requested to give their names and contribution at the Christu Seva Charitable Society counter at Christ Church after the Sunday morning church services.

First Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of



Mr. Benjamin Moffat Philip (87)

Thevarthundiyl (ID 883)

24, NPP Nagar, Peroorkada, Trivandrum

25.09.1927 to 26.09.2014

Remembered By: Family Members

*In Loving Memory of
our Beloved Appa and Amma*



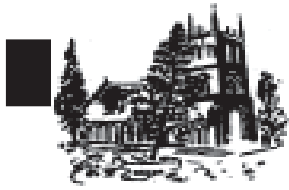
Mr. Ninan Abraham
(Son of the late Rev. Abraham Koshy)
30.03.1925 to 15.09.2010



Mrs. Ammini Ninan
30.11.1932 to 18.08.2015

**Chiramel – Madapurekal Nooruparayil
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**Remembered by :
Nirmala, Ebby, Anila and their Families**



വാർത്തകളും കുറിപ്പുകളും

നമ്മുടെ സെമിത്തേരിയിലെ കല്ലറകളുടെ tomb stone നിർമ്മിക്കുന്നത് സഭയുടെ അറിവിലും അനുവാദത്തിലും ആയിരിക്കേണ്ടത് അഭികാമ്യമായിരിക്കും. അതിനുവേണ്ടി ഒരു അപേക്ഷ ഫാറം പുരിപ്പിച്ച്, നിർമ്മാണത്തിന് മുൻപ്, ഇടവക വികാരിക്ക് സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഈ ഫാറം സഭയുടെ ഓഫീസിൽ നിന്ന് ലഭ്യമാകുന്നതായിരിക്കും.

സൺഡേ സ്കൂൾ അധ്യാപകരുടെയും രക്ഷകർത്താക്കളുടെയും സംയുക്തയോഗം ജൂലൈ 25-ാം തീയതി സെന്റിനറി ഹാളിൽ വെച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. സെക്രട്ടറി ശ്രീ. വർഗ്ഗീസ് ഉമ്മൻ, സൺഡേ സ്കൂളിന്റെ ഒരു വർഷത്തെ പ്രോഗ്രാം വിശദമായി അവതരിപ്പിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് രക്ഷകർത്താക്കളും അധ്യാപകരും തമ്മിലുള്ള ചർച്ചകൾ നടന്നു. കൂടാതെ നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക വികാരി റവ. ഡോ. മാത്യു വർക്കി അച്ചൻ മാതാപിതാക്കൾക്ക് കുട്ടികളോടുള്ള ചുമതലകളെക്കുറിച്ച് സംസാരിച്ചു.

യോഗത്തിൽ 70 പേർ സംബന്ധിച്ചു. അവരിൽ 25 പേർ മാത്രമേ രക്ഷകർത്താക്കളായി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുള്ളൂ. മാതാപിതാക്കളുടെ കൂടുതൽ സഹകരണം ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടാകണമെ !

Women's Fellowship ന്റെ ഒരു 'mini sale' ആഗസ്റ്റ് 16-ാം തീയതി നടന്നു. സഹകരിച്ച എല്ലാവരോടുംമുള്ള നന്ദി രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. തുടർന്നും എല്ലാവരുടെയും സഹകരണം അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

ഓമന എബ്രഹാം (സെക്രട്ടറി)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

'Pray without ceasing', St. Paul exhorts the church.
 A prayerful church is a powerful church. Hence we are bound to pray.
 I request your attention and earnest prayers for the following matters:

- An overall revival of the Church
- Those who are sick and bedridden
- A positive judgment for recovering our Parking Area
- For the matrimonial matters of our youngsters
- Celebration of the Bicentenary of our Diocese
- Activities of various Church Organizations and Area Prayer Groups

Vicar

Organisations Corner

Golden Age Fellowship

Golden Age Sunday

Sunday, 27th September will be observed as Senior Citizen's Sunday. The theme for the day is "The Wisdom of the Elderly"

Rev Joseph Samuel of the KUT Seminary will be our speaker for both the services.

Parkal Damaranjapally Mission House Project

The Parkal Mission Damaranjapally Village Mission House construction work is nearing completion. The estimated cost is about Rupees Six Lakhs. We have so far remitted Rs.1.60 lakhs. Kindly contribute your portion at the earliest, as the Lord leads you, so that we can all participate in this noble cause.

Ecology Forum

Environment Seminar – Greening the Blue – on 4th August 2015

A half day Seminar on "Responsible Management of the Planet's Natural Resources" with focus on Kerala and the Western Ghats was held in the Centenary Hall on 4th August 2015. The Seminar was inaugurated by Mr. M. S. Joseph, IAS (Retd).

Dr Oommen V. Oommen, Col. Shashi Thomas (on Zero Waste Management) and Mr. John Kurien (on Water Resources), were the main speakers. Rev. Dr. Mathew Varkey presided over the meeting. The Seminar was highly appreciated by around 110 people who participated. The programme commenced at 10.10 AM and ended at 1.30 PM with lunch.

PARISH GET-TOGETHER

Parish get-together സെപ്തംബർ 20-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച നടത്തുന്നതാണ്. വൈകിട്ട് 4 മണിക്ക് ഒഴുതുഡോർ ഗെയിംസോടു കൂടി ആരംഭിക്കുന്ന പരിപാടിയിൽ തുടർന്ന് സഭയിലെ വിവിധ സംഘടനകളും, ഏരിയ പ്രെയർ ഗ്രൂപ്പുകളും നടത്തുന്ന കലാപരിപാടികളും, 8 മണിക്ക് കോൺട്രിബ്യൂട്ടറി ഡിന്നറും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്. ഏവരും കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങളോടു സുഹൃത്തുക്കളോടുമൊപ്പം പങ്കെടുക്കണമെന്ന് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

In Loving Memory of



Mr. John I Kurien (69)

(Retd. VSSC Engineer)

“Valanjattil”

CRRA 36, Chalakuzhy Road
Pattom P.O., Trivandrum (ID 720)

“Safe in the arms of Jesus”

Remembered by :

Nissy, Siju & Deepa, Siby, Liza & Johan



**Christu Seva Pakal Veedu Programme
held on 14th July 2015**



**The Hindi Service
held on 2nd August at the Centenary Hall**

Almanac

02-09-2015	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
04-09-2015	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
06-09-2015	15th Sunday after Pentecost Choir Sunday Music from Worship : Affirmation of Witness ആരാധനയിൽ നിന്നും സംഗീതം : സാക്ഷ്യങ്ങളുടെ പ്രഖ്യാപനം OT : Isaiah 6:1-8 Epistle : Revelation 7:9-16 Psalm : 116:5-17 Gospel : Luke 1:68-80 6.15 a.m. H.E. (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. H.E. (English) 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam) 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Zenana Chapel		
09-09-2015	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
11-09-2015	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
13-09-2015	16th Sunday after Pentecost Education Sunday - Teachers' Day Jesus the Guru പരമഗുരുവായ യേശു OT : Proverbs 4:1-9 Epistle : Acts 22:1-5 Psalm : Psalm 141 Gospel : Luke 4:31-44 6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. H.E. (English) 9.45 a.m. Matins (Malayalam) 7.00 a.m. H.E. at Zion Hall 6.00 p.m. H.E. at Zenana Chapel		
16-09-2015	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
18-09-2015	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
20-09-2015	17th Sunday after Pentecost Mission Sunday Mission : Sharing God's Pain ദൗത്യനിർവ്വഹണം : ദൈവത്തിന്റെ വേദനകളിൽ പങ്കുചേരുക OT : Isaiah 6:1-8 Epistle : Acts 9:10-18 Psalm 40:1-13 Gospel : Luke 10:1-11 6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. H.E. (English) 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam) 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Zenana Chapel		
23-09-2015	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
25-09-2015	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
27-09-2015	18th Sunday after Pentecost Senior Citizen's Sunday and CSI Formation Day The Wisdom of the Elderly വയോജന ഞായർ : മുതിർന്നവരുടെ പരിജ്ഞാനം ദക്ഷിണേന്ത്യ സഭാദിനം OT : Genesis 24:1-14 Epistle : 2 Timothy 1:3-14		

	Psalm : 92 6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. Matins (English) 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam) 7.00 a.m. H.E. at Zion Hall 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Zenana Chapel	Gospel : Luke 1:5-7	
30-09-2015	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
02-10-2015	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
04-10-2015	19th Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday Awake and Strengthen ഉണരുക, ശക്തികരിക്കുക OT : Isaiah 35:3-10 Psalm : 12 6.15 a.m. H.E. (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. H.E. (English) 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam) 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Zenana Chapel		
		Epistle : Rev. 3:1-6 Gospel : Mark 13:28-37	

Roster For Reading Lessons

ENGLISH

Date	First Lesson	Second Lesson
06-09-2015	CHOIR SUNDAY	
13-09-2015	Mr. John Mathew	Mrs. Jessy John
20-09-2015	Mr. J.B. Knox	Mrs. Jyothi Jacob
27-09-2015	GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY	
06-09-2015	YOUTH SUNDAY	

MALAYALAM

Date	First Lesson	Second Lesson
06-09-2015	CHOIR SUNDAY	
13-09-2015	Mr. M.M. John	Mrs. Mable Mathen
20-09-2015	Mr. Korah Abraham	Mrs. Marykutty Abraham
27-09-2015	GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY	
06-09-2015	YOUTH SUNDAY	

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**

Programme for September

- **All Sundays**
 Sunday School – 8AM
 Bible Study (Youth Fellowship) –
 After the English Service
 Prayer Meeting (Almya 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 P M
- **8th - Tuesday**
 Prison Visit – (Women's Fellowship)–2 PM
- **11th – Friday**
 Intercessory Prayer - 10 AM
 Bible Study (Golden Age Fellowship) –
 After the Intercessory Prayer.
- **19th – Saturday**
 Bible Study (Women's Fellowship) –
 3.30 PM
- **22nd - Tuesday** Prison Visit (Women's
 Fellowship) 2 PM
- **25th - Friday** Visiting the Sick (Golden
 Age Fellowship) – 9 AM
- **26th - Saturday**
 House Visit (Women's Fellowship) – 10
 AM

Baptism

DAVID GEORGE DANIEL S/o Mr. Bobby Daniel and Mrs. Manju Jacob,
 Peace Villa, Benedict Nagar, Nalanchira (I D No. 164) on 23rd July
 2015 (D O B 21st October 2014)

RYAN DAVID JOHN S/o Mr. Sujith David John and Mrs. Shyamala
 Venkitaraman, Kallel, Chittazha, Vattappara PO, Trivandrum 695028
 (I D 190) on 25th July 2015 (D O B : 30th May 2015)

LEANNE RACHEL RENLEE D/o Mr. Renlee T. Raju and Mrs. Anitha
 Thomas, on 22nd August 2015 (D O B: 29th January 2015)

Obituary



John I Kurian, Aged 69 (I D No. 720)
 Valanjattil, TC 2/3422, CRRA 36, Chalakuzhy Road,
 Pattom PO, Trivandrum 695004,
 Expired on 29th July 2015



Ammini Ninan, Aged 83, (ID 520)
 Grace Bhaven, YMR Jn., Nanthencode,
 Trivandrum 695 003
 Expired on 18th August 2015

Area Prayer Meetings

Time	Area	Name	ID	Phone
06-09-2015	Sunday			
4.30 PM	Med Coll-Kannam	Prof Kurien George	421	2443168
5.00 PM	Kowdiar-Kuravan	Mrs Sosamma Thomas	244	2539119
4.30 PM	Peroorkada	Mr George D Varghese	891	2434483
4.30 PM	PTP-Vattiyoor-Tirum	Mr John Samuel P	1201	2352395
11-09-2015	Friday			
5.00 PM	Nanthencode	Mr. Reji Easo Cherian	507	9447116426
12-09-2015	Saturday			
4.30 PM	Kunnukuzhi-Bart Hill	Mr Roy Philip	338	2553010
13-09-2015	Sunday			
5.00 PM	Kowdiar-Kuravan	Mr V O John	243	2436773
5.00 PM	PTP-Vattiyoor-Tirumala	Mr. P.K. Luke	1223	9495880774
4.30 PM	Pattom-Plamoodu	Mr John Eapen	725	2540191
4.30 PM	Peroorkada	Mr P K Mathew	821	2431363
21-09-2015	Monday			
5.00 PM	Poojappura	Mr. Kuruvilla Varghese	1120	2345857
24-09-2015	Thursday			
5.00 PM	Palayam-Vazhu-Thyc	Mr Philip John Varghese	634	2326296
26-09-2015	Saturday			
4.30 PM	Peroorkada	Mrs Annie Benjamin Moffat	883	2435521
27-09-2015	Sunday			
4.00 PM	Centenary Hall	Very Rev Matthew Matthew	340	2559965

(This Thanksgiving Prayer will be conducted jointly by Kunnukuzhy – Barton Hill and Pattom – Plamoodu Area Prayer Groups).

Marriage

ROBY JACOB DANIEL S/o Mr. Daniel Roy and Mrs. Rajamma Jacob, Peace Villa, Benedict Nagar, Nalanchira (I D No. 164) and **POORNIMA SHEBA ABRAHAM** D/o Late Maj. Abraham Varghese and Late Dr. Cecelia Abraham, Peerumettil, Edayar Raod, Aluva of St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Aluva on 1st August, 2015

JONATHAN NEBU MATHEW, S/o Mr. Nebu Mathew and Mrs. Mary Nebu Mathew (I D No. 1273) T C 6/1389, P T P Nagar, Trivandrum and **JOAN ACHAM CHANDY** D/o Mr. Jacob Chandy and Mrs. Rachel Chandy Pananpunnayil, Kottayam of St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Kottayam on 10th August 2015.

NISSA ELIZABETH VARGHESE, D/o Mr. Varghese Kurian & Mrs. Jaya Varghese (ID 1261), Mepurathu House, TNRA-23, Nettayam.P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695013 and **JOJI GEORGE CHERIAN**, S/o Mr. Cherian Mathai and Mrs. Annamma Cherian, Poikayil House, Unniyoorakonam, Kulasekharam, K.K Dist, Tamilnadu of St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Kulasekharam on 20th August 2015

Contributions

From 24-07-2015 to 19-08-2015

Book Collections

MEDICAL HELP

	Rs.
Thomas Kurien	250
Aaron Abraham Philip	1,000
Suresh Mathew Varghese	500
Dr. Alexander Mathew	1,000
P C Varghese	1,000

THANK OFFERTORY

Sosamma Abraham	500
Joshua Mani Mathew	500
Suresh Mathew Varghese	500

EDUCATION HELP

Dr. Alexander Mathew	1,000
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FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Jincy George	1,000
Mrs. Sosamma Mathew	1,000
Rema Mary Thomas	5,000
V S Hezakiel	1,000
Annamma Abraham	2,000
George Cherian	1,500
Aaron Abraham Phipp	1,000
Paul George	1,000
M V John	1,000
Sonu Mammen Abraham	1,000
A C Saramma	1,000
Annie Jacob	1,000
Micheil Jacob Manoj	1,000
Annamma George	500
C D Kurien	1,000
Annamma T Solomon	1,000
Dr Alexander Mathew	1,000
Mrs & Mr M Y Rao	1,000
Mathew Thomas & Family	1,000
P C Varghese	1,000
Dr. Thomas Mathai	600
Susan Verghis	2,000
K I Cherian	300
Anni P David	1,000
Varghese Kurien	100

CITY MISSION

Abraham Philip	20,000
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Mysore I Mission

Annamma George	500
P C Varghese	250

Parkal / Jangedu Mission

Dr Y A Ajith	3,000
Dr Alexder Mathew	500
P C Varghese	250
Dr. Thomas Mathai	300
Mathew K George	1,600
Annamma George	500

Parkal Orphanage

M V John	400
P C Varghese	500
Dr. Thomas Mathai	300
Nisha Verghis	1,000
Anni P David	800

Andhra Mission

Akshay Ajith	2,000
Palayam Area Prayer	610
Mathew K George	1,600
Annamma George	500
P C Varghese	250
Anni P David	5,000

Home of Love Girls/ Boys

Pattom Area Prayer	1,730
P C Varghese	500

Thottapradesh Mission

P C Varghese	250
Susan Verghis	1,000

CHURCH COMPOUND MAINT

Dr. Alexander Mathew	1,000
Mr.P.K.Luke	1,000
Prof K V Thomas	5,000
Brig Oommen John	500
Mr. K V Cheiran	500
P C Varghese	500
Anni P David	2,000

ALMAYA FELLOWSHIP

Prof K V Thomas	500
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Uttaranjal Mission

P C Varghese	250
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

C C Cheriankunju	500
K M Abraham	500
M P Chandy	500
Satish Abraham	500
Rahul Abraham	500
Mathew Abraham	500
T George Behannan	500
K M George	500
Jeffry Thompson	500
Biju Thompson	500
Koshy George	500
Samuel John	500
Brig oommen John	500
John George M	500
Marykutty Koshy	500
Jinu Koshy	500
Jibu Koshy	500
Y Thomas	500

Dr.K.V. Benchamin	500	J Suresh Babu	500
Koshy John	500	M J Thomas	500
M V Daniel	500	Febi J Thomas	500
Philip John Varghese	500	Prof KV Thomas	500
George Thomas P Prof	500	V S Hezakiel	500
Jacob George	500	Eapen Koshy	500
P A Thomas	500	Marykutty Abraham	500
Annamma Abraham	500	Marykutty Abraham	500
Dr A M Mathew	500	K V Chacko	500
Icy Abraham	500	K V Chacko	500
P J Chandy	500	Cheiran A D	500
Alex Andrew Jacob	500	K M Mathen	500
Mani Mathen	500	LillyKutty Mathai	500
Jacob J A	500	Alex George	500
Maj Dr Kurien George	500	Jacob George	500
P J Daniel	500	Daisy Varghese	500
Mary Mathew	500	Mary Mathews	500
I Mathew	500	M J Kuruvilla	500
Dr Oommen V Oommen	500	Jasac Ariat	5,000
Jacob Koshie	500	George Cherian	500
K I John	500	P V Varkey	500
Annie Thomas	500	Benjamin Mathew	500
T M Thomas	500	George Mathew	500
Lt Gen Thomas Mathew	500	Joseph George	500
P M Varkey	500	A S John	500
Col V J Binu	500	K J Samuel	1,000
K I Jacob	500	Varkey John	500
Pradeep Soundararajan	500	John Enathickal	500
Dr. Mohan John Mathew	500	Rev. Varghese Enathickal	500
Marykutty Abraham	500	John Joseph	500
Molly George	500	Thomas Jacob	500
Cherian George	500	Prof Jacob V John	500
T I Cherian	500	OTHERS	
Prof J D Isaac	500	P C. Varghese - Choir	200
Wilson Jaisingh	1,000	P C. Varghese-Almaya Fellowship	200
Kurien George	1,000	P C. Varghese - Almaya Fellowship	500
Dr Rachel Jacob	1,000	P C. Varghese - Prison Ministry	500
P G George	1,500	P C. Varghese - Bible Society	200
Jacob William	500	P C. Varghese - KUTS	200
Mariamamma Joseph	500	P C. Varghese - Deaf School Tvla	1,000
T K Mathew	500	P C. Varghese - Deaf School Adoor	1,000
George Thomas K	500	P C. Varghese - Womens Fellowship	200
K K Tharian	500	Prof J D Isaac - Womens Fellowship	100
Benoy Tharian	500	Mary Varghese - Prison Ministry	100
Sudhir George Verghis	500	CHARKARI MISSION	
Mammen Joseph	500	P C Varghese	250
Jacob George	500	Tidings: August	
Zenanna Hostel	500	Donations in the name of Mrs. Dasiy Mani	
Mariamamma Abraham	500	towards Church Maint - Rs.1,000 and for	
Jacob K Varghese	500	Church Directory - Rs. 500 were wrongly shown	
M M John	500	as from Mrs. Gracy Mani	
P J George	500	The error is regretted.	
K J Georg	500		
Mathew K Geroge	500		

Birthdays - September 2015

01	Mrs. Nissy George	1073		Mr. Binu S Joselin	1221
	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1141		Miss. Blessy Rose Mathew	1298
	Dr. Oommen V Oommen	1037		John Joseph	1203
	Mr. George Cheriyan	554		Ashish Abraham Jacob	1-098
	Mr. Biju Jacob	1140		07 Mr. C Santhosh	12-135
	Mrs. Betsy Elizabeth Jacob	1288		Mr. Joseph K G	1112
	Mr. Jaiwant Isaac	428		Mr. Mammen Joseph	1-113
02	Mr. Mohan Abraham Chandy	226		Mrs. Valsa James	171
	Mrs. Saramma Cheriyan	311		Ms. Merry Mariam John	239
	Mrs. Susan George	316		Dr. Abhilash V Jacob	315
	Mr. Jijy Joseph	1-115		Jessen Varghese John	1-140
	Mr. Philip Sharon Varkey	724		Miss. Angel Dirsha Paul	952
	Mr. Shintu John Chandy	8-142	08	Mrs. Joice Joy	336
	Royce Thomas Iype	920		Mr. Mathew T Itty	333
	Johan Thomas Jacob	1256		Mr. Samuel Thomas	704
	Johaana Anoop Mathew	1205		Mrs. Susan Kurien	8-125
	Reuben Roy Sam	669		Mrs. Mary Koshy	1101
03	Ms. Naomi Maria Isaac	241		Mr. Sunil Jacob	138
	Mr. Reji Easo Cherian	507		Mr. Sudeep Abraham	816
	Rev Dr. Mathew Varkey	501		Mr. Anuroop Mathew Thomas	951
	Mrs. Betty Jacob	566		Miss. Anikitha Shaji Thomas	1-183
	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	814		Miss. Elaina Usha Alexander	805
	Mrs. Achamma K A	1201	09	Mr. Wilson P Mathew	1034
	Mrs. Mini George	874		Mrs. Sheela Joseph	607
	Dr. Jerry A Thomas	1248		Hannuk Joseph Eapen	1210
	Mrs. Sija Mani George	220	10	Mr. Anand Kurien	1011
	Mr. Sibu Thomas John	720		Miss. Johana Ann Thomas	804
	Mr. Alex Mathew Varghese	1077		Miss. Alissa Mathen George	1103
04	Mrs. Annamma George	617	11	Mr. Samuel James Cumberland	1232
	Mr. Eipe Kuruvilla	1104		Mrs. Annamma Cherian	506
	Mrs. Remani Koshy	8-832		Mrs. Annamma John	1041
	Mrs. Sudha Mini Denison	1272		Mrs. Marykutty Koshy	893
	Mrs. Jaya Esther Shiju	439		Mrs. Georgina Mathen	312
	Mr. Rebin Koshy Abraham	1001		Miss. Sana Rakesh	12-108
	Miss. Sanya Ann Jacob	849	12	Benjamin Thomas Philip	12-115
	Ryan Mathew	343		Mr. Thomas Cherian	426
	Miss. Namita Mary Joseph	1-121		Mrs. Ansu S Wilson	2-114
05	Mrs. Elizabeth George	175		Mr. Binu Cherian	8-147
	Mrs. Shoba Jacob	367		Mr. Renju Kuruvilla Mohan	1212
	Mr. Tom Philip	651		Mr. Donnie Philip	2-111
	Mrs. Susan George	270	13	Mr. M K Mathew	6-120
	Mr. Peter Job	882		Dr. Thomas Matthew	1-184
	Mr. Jacob Roshan Mathew	348		Mrs. Leelamma Jobi	308
	Miss. Deepthi Mariam Koshy	832		Mr. Kuruvilla Kurian K	132
	Ms. Teena Mariam Thomas	1247		Mrs. Mary Alex	178
	Reuel Thomas Joseph	543		Mr. Samuel Abraham	733
06	Mr. Samuel John	1041		John Thomas Idicula	1123
	Mrs. Daisy John Varghese	805		14 Mr. Thomas Koshy	755
	Mrs. Valsa Cheriyan	710		Mr. Gijo Chandy	542
	Mr. Bejoy Isaac	812		Mr. Vinoo Samuel	704
	Mr. P J Daniel	1241		Mrs. Merina Oommen	417
	Mr. Manoj Kuruvilla	889		Mr. Jacob Cherian	621
	Dr. Aswathy Philip	1-148		Miss. Drishya Maria George	577

	Miss. Oshina Ann Jose	223		Mrs. Annamma T S	156
	Jeevan Koshy	893		Mr. Joseph Mathew	1116
	Ms. Anuja Marriyam Denison	1272		Mr. Eric Oommen Varghese	887
	Abey John Abraham	8-173		Ms. Hana Maria Philip	1-148
15	Miss. Joanna Elsa Kuruvila	1105	21	Mrs. Molly Abraham	2035
	Mr. Kurian George	175		Mrs. Annamma Mathew	256
	Dr. Thomas Varghese	261		Mrs. Mary Isaac	812
	Mrs. Sheela George	254		Mr. S Antony	1026
	Miss. Minu Mary Mathew	1003		Mrs. Regina Oommen Koshy	1274
	Mr. Neil Nebu Mathew	1273		Mr. Jacob R Thomas	1030
	Mr. Bejoy Nelson	1108		Mr. Reyu Mathew Iype	920
	Mr. Amrith K Eapen	1251		Miss. Vicky Mariam Benjamin	8-139
	Joshua Rajesh Koshy	743		Jithin Mathew Cherian	306
16	Mr. Jacob Thomas Davidson	1285	22	Mr. Sujith Joseph Philip	735
	Mr. John M J	304		Mrs. Mary Kurien	10036
	Abhail M Joseph	476		Mr. K George Jacob	1325
	Mr. P K Mathew	821		Mr. N Sundararajan	705
	Mr. Benjamin Mathew	614		Mrs. Margeret Baby	1072
	Mrs. Elizabeth Koshy	848		Mr. Joseph P Isaac	5062
	Mr. Rohit Thomas	196		Mr. Geogy Joseph	1-113
	Mr. Joji John	852		Mr. Roshan Kurien John	828
	Dr. John Titus George	6-118		Mr. Ponraj S	1117
	Benjamin Varghese Koshy	316		Mrs. Sherin Koshy	352
17	Miss. Priya Deena John	243		Miss. Aishwarya Mariam Luke	8138
	Ms. Sandra Mary Suresh	309		Daniel George	833
	Mrs. Achamma Philip	632	23	Mr. Suresh E	309
	Mr. Abraham Ninan	520		Mrs. Vaidooriam L	105
	Mr. Mammen V Thomas	859		Ms. Rekha Mathew	814
	Mr. Philip Mathen	834	24	Mrs. Jessy Helen Daniel	738
	Dr. Gijoe George Jacob	1023		Mrs. Molly Chandy	623
	Mr. Deepak Solomon Manuel	8-130		Mrs. Mary Raju	819
	Miss. Feba Paul	1-122		Mr. Thomas Joseph	804
	Miss. Ananya Sarah Jacob	402		Mrs. Sheeba M Abraham	715
18	Dr. Geena Mary Ann Chandy	623		Dr. Dinu Cherian	108
	Mr. Stephen James Cumberland	1232		Mr. Jexson P Joseph	8-143
	Mr. Jacob Mathew	170		Mrs. Rohini Job	534
	Mrs. Jolly Eapen	1120		Reev John Philip	634
	Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian	846		Jovan Enathickal Varghese	101
	Mrs. K L Aleyamma	851	25	Mrs. Girlyly Cumberland	1232
	Abhishek Kuruvilla Varghese	1139		Mrs. Sarah George	206
	Miss. Evangeline Elsa John	296		Mrs. Ranee Matthew	880
	Miss. Joanna Mary Mathew	369		Mr. Sam C James	904
19	Mrs. Achamma Koshy	279		Mr. Suraj Philip Jacob	12-133
	Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	1262		Miss. Anna Mariam Luke	1054
	Mrs. Ansu Abey	1270		Miss. Amy Joanna Sheba Philip	2-111
	Mr. Emily Sam Thomas	1045	26	Mrs. Annie Kurien	242
	Mr. K V Varghese Ampat	1206		Sanjai Itty	264
	Mr. A J Jacob	138		Mr. Chacko K V	12-122
	Mr. Mathew K M	855		Mr. Thomas K Thomas	110
	Mr. Benoy Mathew Tharian	276		Mr. Dave Eager	681
	Ms. Preeethi Aleyamma John	568		Mr. Thomas Alex	911
	Mr. Sujith David John	190		Mr. Sajit Wilson	2-114
	Ms. Sharon Sarah George	874		Mrs. Sheeba D Ambanat	1046
	Miss. Niya Mariam Biji	771		Mrs. Nimi Elizabeth Kurien	828
	Reuben Cherian Thomas	153		Miss. Mithra Annie Thompson	2-130
	Aaron Albin Jose	181		Ms. Meenu Mariam Finney	186
20	Rev. Saji Cherian Mammen	1-130			

27	Mr. Jacob T Itty	333	Mrs.Mabel Surej	1-135
	Mr. Namrit Varghese Thomas	241	Mr. Kurien D Kurien	1004
	Mr. Roy Matthew	880	Dr. Cheriyen Thomas	212
	Mrs. Mariamma Joseph	923	Mr. Mathew Abraham	284
	Mr. Thomas Kurien	1257	Miss. Elsa Sara Sonu	1240
	Ms. Suja Ann George	921	30 Mrs.Aniamma Reji	735
	Mr. Sushil Thomas Cheriyen	311	Mr. Mani M J	301
	Mr. Thomas Jijo Thomas	718	Very Rev. Matthew Matthew	340
	Ms. Sherine George	1219	Mr. Jacob Rajan E	345
28	Miss. Susanna Liza Kuruvila	1105	Mrs.Lucy John	568
	Dr. K I Kurien	408	Mr. Isaac Itty	905
	Mrs. Shobha Roy	338	Mr. Mani M J	305
	Mrs. Preethy Koshie	272	Mrs.Beena Thomas	1121
	Mrs.Rinku Jacob Punnen	633	Mrs.Annie Mathew	888
	Mr. Jithu Ninan Abraham	520	Ms. Angela Matthew	1-184
	Thomas Mathew	8-110	Ms. Rintu Sara Easo	507
	Miss. Anagha Sosamma George	590	Nevin Thomas Thomas	575
29	Roshan John Kurien	242	Ms. Rachel Anna George	1002
	Mrs.Mary Philip	427	Miss. Nathasha Anna Mohin	8-124

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Sept.	Husband	Wife	ID No
01	Mr. P Abraham	Mrs. Molly Abraham	235
01	Mr. George P George	Mrs. Mary George	1071
01	Mr. Paul N Jacob	Mrs. Flocy Mary Jacob	216
01	Mr. Renji Mathews Jacob	Mrs. Bianca Jones	868
01	Mr. Sujith David John	Mrs. Shyamala Sujith	190
02	Mr. Abraham George	Mrs. Valsa Abraham	529
02	Mr. J A Jacob	Mrs. Sulekha Jacob	12-132
02	W Cdr. Suresh Philip	Mrs. Aswathy Rebecca Philip	1057
02	Mr. Jijy Joseph	Mrs. Sandhya Joseph	1-113
03	Mr. Ninan Mathew	Mrs. Asha Ninan	1040
03	Mr. Jacob K Varghese	Mrs. Mercy Jacob	168
04	Mr. T V Jacob	Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	315
04	Mr. Shaji Thomas	Mrs. Mary Shiny	1-183
05	Prof. J D Isaac	Mrs. Valsa Isaac	562
05	Dr. Mohan Matthew	Mrs. Raneer Matthew	880
05	Mr. P K Luke	Mrs. K V Mariamma	1223
05	Dr. W K Joseph	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	1052
06	Mr. Thomas Koshy	Mrs. Susan Thomas	755
06	Mr. Manoj Kuruvilla	Mrs. Anju Manoj	889
06	Mr. Ashwin Abraham	Mrs. Ann Joshua	907
07	Mr. K I John	Mrs. Lizy John	563
07	Dr. Thomas Mathai	Mrs. Mariam Thomas	558
07	Mr. Paul M M	Mrs. Marykutty C Baby	912
08	Mr. C D Kurien	Mrs. Aleyamma Kurien	1004
08	Mr. Kevin Sunny Thomas	Mrs. Reshma Lopez	1-180
09	Mr. Aby Philip Thomas	Mrs. Ansu Abey	1270

09	Mr. P Jacob	Mrs. Mariyamma Jacob	1134
09	Mr. Vergheese Chacko	Mrs. Leelamma Vergheese	209
09	Mr. Mathew Kutty Joseph	Mrs. Susy Mathew	1116
09	Mr. K I Jacob	Mrs. Saramma George	124
09	Mr. Cherian M J	Mrs. Seema Cherian	306
09	Dr. Thomas George	Mrs. Nija Vergheese Thomas	241
09	Mr. Suneeth Mathew	Mrs. Vitty Elizabeth Mathew	326
10	Mr. A V Abraham	Mrs. Victoria Abraham	201
10	Mr. V S Samuel	Mrs. Rosamma Samuel	930
10	Mr. P J Joseph	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	1238
10	Mr. Mani Mathen	Mrs. Angel Mathen	928
10	Mr. Mathew T Kunjummen	Mrs. Susan Mathew	1130
10	Mr. Mesfin Z Abraham	Mrs. Asha C Cheriyan	349
11	Mr. Rohith Sharon George	Mrs. Nissy George	1073
11	Mr. Mathew K M	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew	855
11	Adv Dr. P P Varghese	Mrs. Mary Varghese	1213
11	Mr. John Pothen John	Mrs. Chinnamma John	148
11	Mr. Sonu Mammen Abraham	Mrs. Eva Berny Abraham	1240
12	Mr. Daniel Roy	Mrs. Rajamma Jacob	164
12	Mr. Paul Raj K	Mrs. Annamma Paul Raj	1131
12	Mr. Jacob George	Mrs. Keerthy Sara Koshy	277
12	Mr. Ajith Mathew Jacob	Mrs. Deepa Joy	353
12	Mr. Jacob Marshall Lee	Mrs. Annie Jacob	770
13	Mr. Y Thomas	Mrs. Chechamma Thomas	616
13	Brig. Oommen John	Mrs. Sheela Oommen	229
13	Mr. Thampi Joseph Chirayil	Mrs. Jaya Thampi Joseph	221
14	Prof. Christy James Jose	Mrs. Minimol D	970
15	Dr. Thomas C C	Mrs. Nobby Mary Thomas	645
15	Dr. Oommen Aju Jacob	Mrs. Merina Oommen	417
16	Lt Col. T Thomas	Mrs. Susy Thomas	234
16	Mr. N Sundararajan	Mrs. S Leela Rani	705
16	Mr. Alex Andrew Jacob	Mrs. Shally Susan Jacob	123
16	Mr. Rennie Philip Joseph	Mrs. Preetha Philip	622
16	Mr. John Jo Varghese	Mrs. Suby Jo Varghese	296
16	Dr. Roshan George Varghese	Mrs. Rohini Job	528
18	Mr. Joseph John	Mrs. Reni Mary Varghese	607
20	Mr. Jacob Roshan Mathew	Mrs. Shinu Mathew	348
21	Dr. Thomas Manuel	Dr. Susila A Abraham	885
24	Mr. K M George	Mrs. Marykutty George	685
24	Mr. Shaji T C	Mrs. Ranidath V	1065
25	Dr. John K Ponnat	Dr. Dolly John Ponnat	863
25	Mr. Koshy George	Mrs. Elizabeth Koshy	4-200
26	Mr. Byju Joseph	Mrs. Deepa Joseph	115
27	Mr. Philip Reggi Joseph	Mrs. Bini Philip	121
28	Mr. Taby Philip Thomas	Mrs. Janner Annie Taby	12-115
29	Mr. Mithun Thompson	Mrs. Louise Thompson	2-131
30	Mr. Dileep Mathew	Mrs. Bindhu Dileep	816



ECOLOGY SEMINAR

Greening the Blue" held on 4th August at the Centenary Hall





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MARRIED ON 20TH AUGUST 2015

SIGNS OF A MUSIC MINISTER (CHORISTER)

As we celebrate the first Sunday in September as Choir Sunday, it is hoped that some thoughts on the subject of Music Ministry will not be out of place.

- The willingness to serve in any position in a Church Music Ministry usually comes with a commitment on the part of the individual who serves in the Ministry
- The music minister serving in a church must learn to be responsible, first to God, and then to himself and to the ministry that he or she serves. One of the important things that comes with this responsibility is that it helps to create discipline.
- Any individual who does not want to be responsible should not make a commitment, because with the acceptance to serve, comes responsibility.

Signs that show that a Music Minister supports his / her Church

- 1) You are excited when it is time to go to church. The excitement at the prospect of going for rehearsals and subsequent worship services reflects a love and passion for the ministry.
- 2) You don't complain to others about your choir. There would never be perfect choirs or situations anywhere. Issues in choirs are best handled through dialogue and prayers.
- 3) You live the life that God's calling demands. The music ministry is a MINISTRY involved in the Worship of God.
- 4) You work hard at what you are called to do. The music ministry requires a certain degree of perfection.
- 5) You don't have a competitive attitude towards others of your team. It does not matter who does the job. God, and God alone, takes the glory.
- 6) You make a commitment to God and to yourself to put in your best.

Signs that show that a Music Minister is not supporting his / her Church

- 1) You show up late most of the time for rehearsals and worship services and give excuses. Consistent lateness is a sign of little or no regard for what is happening.
- 2) You show up for rehearsals or church services only when you have a role to perform. You do not want to have a supporting role.
- 3) Your service is not done as unto God, but as to men. Our service unto God must come from a conviction that God deserves the glory, and that He rewards diligently. The intention should not be to impress the vicars or Church leaders.

(Courtesy: *Church Music World*)

Jogan E. Mathew (ID 225)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION : A CELEBRATION OF MEMORIES

“...because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread”. 1Corinthians 10:17

Once there was a group of poultry businessmen who went to see the spiritual head of the city. They proposed a minor change in the recital of the Lord’s Prayer during the worship services. They suggested to the bishop a change in the supplication “give us our daily bread” to “give us our daily chicken”. They substantiated their argument by presenting the proof of the greater consumption of chicken products over the bread products. And for that very little change they offered 25 million dollars annually as their contribution to the church treasury. This in fact impressed the bishop and he took up this matter in the next liturgy committee. The committee asked him about the impact and damage of bringing this change, to which the bishop replied “...the damage and loss that we may have, if we bring this change....of course...the bread business industry may stop giving us that 10 million dollars annually”.....

The essence of the story humorously points to the politics of language and symbols that play a vital role in the domain of spirituality, specifically Christian spirituality. Our life is defined by metaphors and imageries. We have to interact, negotiate and intersect with the symbolic universe of meanings and realities. The new life styles and the things that we associate in everyday life precisely influence the ways in which we relate with God and with each other. The seen is a means to the unseen. Therefore the evident realities and markings are representatives of ideas and meanings. Every moment new ideas have been invented, introduced and implemented into the life situations and it is highly essential for us to deal with these contexts of being encamped by ideas and images. Holy Communion / Lord’s Supper/ sathya karmam are accepted and celebrated as acts of public proclamation of our faith in the life, ministry, passion, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the bread and wine symbolize more than what they consist and communicate.

Both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion (HC), as the Sacraments of the church, in their liturgical and social aspects, have symbolic and metaphoric realm of meanings. The matters and elements that involve within these activities of divine grace means more than that what they represent in terms of their essence. Water, bread and

wine are scientifically and fundamentally defined and described. Therefore they have limits and borders to signify something other than what they inherit. However, in the public performance of our indispensable unity with the body of Christ, all these external things refer to greater heights of meaning. All these elements, though human made and brought into the liturgical contexts of worship and prayer, exemplify something more-than-literal or real. Therefore, the idea or theology is important to understand the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Scriptures and our faith traditions enable us to comprehend the message of this symbolic action and to journey into the real experiences of the primal communities that received it as their means of salvation.

The Protestant faith traditions such as ours affirm and acknowledge Baptism and Holy Communion as the sacraments vital for our salvation because we accept the scriptural testimony of the early followers of Jesus Christ as both these were instituted and initiated by our Lord. Baptism of our Lord by John the Baptist as recorded in all the gospels presents the divine attestation of the Triune God. This is a typical occasion where we see the presence of the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit unite together in a symbolic fashion to reveal the will and grace of Divinity for humanity. Jesus takes this baptism from John only to identify himself with sinful humanity; otherwise it has not been intended for the embodiment of God's justice to go through the baptism of repentance. John himself proclaims publicly that Jesus is the Lamb of God who bears the sin of the world. Therefore it was mandatory for the Son of Man to identify himself with the sinful humanity and thereby take away the burden of sin by being nailed on the cross at Golgotha. This signifies the theological consistency and continuity of baptism and the passion of Christ. The imageries of baptism and the cup of wine (Mk 10:38, 39) are integrally related with the suffering of our Lord. Hence the celebration of the Holy Communion is a liturgical instigation to remember the baptismal vows to dissociate ourselves from the forces of evil and our willingness to associate with the will of God.

Eucharist, synonymous for the Lord's Supper, comes from a Greek verb meaning "to give thanks" as a response for a patron's benevolence. Anamnesis or a radical and subversive process of memorizing the past is central to this communal act of thanksgiving. Our Lord, when he invites his followers and disciples for the Passover meals on the night of betrayal and passion, commences it as a new beginning. When Jesus' community participates in this Passover meal,

they do it not as a simple remembrance of a foregone event of Exodus. The liberation of the people of Israel from Egyptian bondage and its rejuvenating memories create a definite context for the celebration of the Lord's Table, and at the same time serve as a symbolic premise for the new event / new covenant inaugurated with the sacrifice of the begotten Lamb of God for the sins of the whole world. This table becomes the place of Divine hospitality where everyone is received through the actions of grace. Our Lord himself instituted the Holy Table in order to make us remember his way of life on this earth. He constitutes it as an act of social memory / communal memory / collective memory. In fact, memories define us, the humanity. It is not a loose and unaccented recollection of whatever happened in the past. Memory is socially and spiritually processed recollections of our history and our faith legacy and therefore the content of the memory defines the present existence of the community that remembers. In the celebration of HC, we in our faith and practice remember Jesus Christ who the powers and principalities attempted to completely annihilate from the memories of history. The memories of the teachings of the crucified Christ are a threat for the current manifestations of the same evils that crucified our Lord. The Apostle Paul also receives and transmits this tradition of memory as a communal act to mend the divisions and rifts in the faith communities.

1 Corinthians 10 and 11 is set in the specific context of internal conflicts within the Christian community in the city of Corinth. A diversely stratified society was typical for the church at Corinth. The rich and powerful controlled the affairs of the church and hence the weak and poor were ignored or disregarded by the leadership. This discrimination was evident in the celebration of the Lord's Table. At this stage of the progression of the faith and Christian gospel, it was a full meal as culmination of the public worship. However, the weak and poor were not honored and Paul is now responding to this faith and social crisis. Any social crisis results in faith crisis. Therefore he proposes, in the context of the celebration of HC, to discern the body, both our body and the body of our Lord, in the church as preparation to participate in it. Therefore, Paul understands the celebration of HC as a public act of Christian unity and fellowship. Koinonia is not mere sharing, but it is practice of justice and equality. The sacrament of Holy Communion as a celebration of memories of our Lord radically inspires us to live the love and justice of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Joseph Samuel

K U T Seminary, Thiruvananthapuram.



Christ Church in 1900

A Precious Bottle Now Beyond Our Reach ...

The foundation stone for the erection of a Church for the exclusive use of the members of the Church of England, was laid on the 13th December 1858, by General Cullen, the then British Resident, in the midst of a large gathering of people, Christians and non - Christians; His Highness the First Prince Rama Varma (later he became Maharaja) was present on the occasion. A bottle with a parchment containing the date of erection, the names of the leading officials in the State and a full list of subscribers, European Christians headed by General Cullen, and native Christians headed by Mr. Christian David, was also deposited in the Foundation.

A Few of the many Remarkable People Who Lived over a Hundred Years Ago and were Buried In the Christ Church Cemetery

Not many people are aware of the existence of a small street named 'Luke's Lane' near GPO in the city or how the place got its name.

At the end of the street, there is an iron gate and a board with the name 'Cookies Holiday Inn'. This was the house of the great Vaidyan, **C. Luke** (1843 – 1894), an eye-specialist and a member of the Thayyil family of Thevalakkara. Luke, who served three kings starting from Ayilyam Thirunal to Sree Moolam Thirunal, died in 1894 and was buried in the Christ Church Cemetery. The old tombstone with the inscription 'Government Oculist' can be seen in the Church graveyard.

Devavaram Biddulph was a scholar, poet, researcher, writer and preacher. He has written many Christian Lyrics and some of them are being sung in Tamil Worship services throughout the world even today. He served as a Native Assistant to Rev Charles Mead (1792-1873) the Protestant Christian Apostle of South Travancore (Kanyakumari District). After his retirement from the Mission (Neyyoor Division of LMS), Devaram Biddulph settled at Trivandrum with Rev Charles Mead. For many years Devavram Biddulph was in charge of the Tamil Congregation of Christ Church, Trivandrum, and his Sunday Tamil sermons were the attraction of many people in those days. Devavaram

Biddulph died in Trivandrum on the 28th of December, 1874 and his body was interred in the Christ Church Cemetery, Trivandrum.

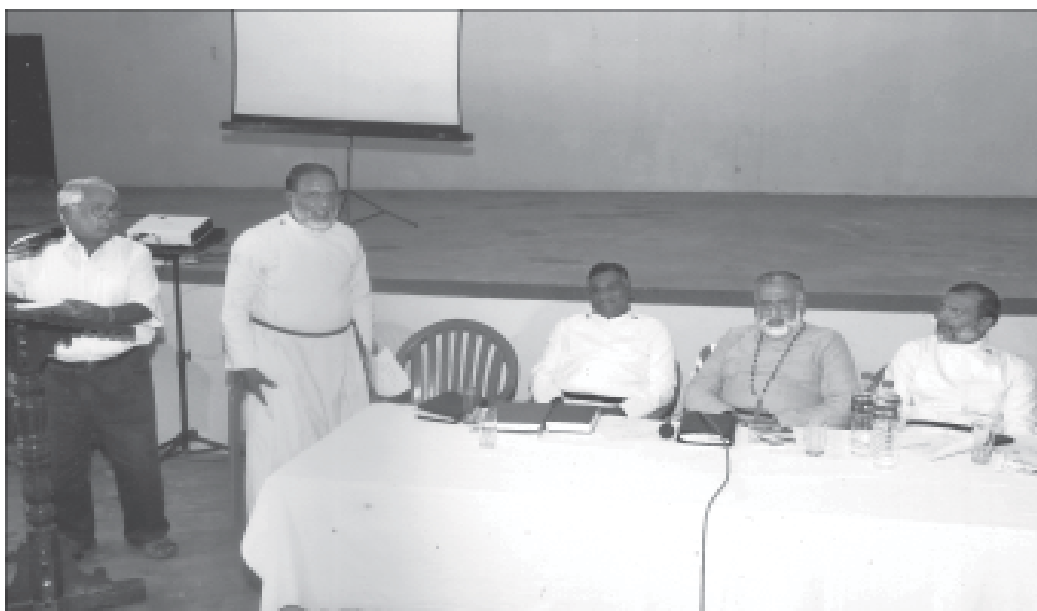
Joanna Carlotta Mead was one of the daughters of Rev Charles Mead, and his third wife, Lois Biddulph, the daughter of Devavaram Biddulph of Mylaudy. (Rev Charles Mead's first two wives had died young). Joanna was born at Trivandrum in 1863. She worked as Music Mistress at the Govt College for Girls, Trivandrum and she took active part in the Choir of the Christ Church, Trivandrum, and was the organist there for some time.

Joanna Carlotta Mead married **Mr C.M. Agur**, the son of Rev. C. Masillamani of Mylaudy, in 1900. Agur published his monumental work, *Church History of Travancore*, in 1903. But Agur died unexpectedly the next year, and his body was interred in the Christ Church Cemetery, Trivandrum.

After the death of her husband Joanna Carlotta Mead Agur lived a secluded life and no one knows the place and time of her death.

(Adapted from the blog, "Tales of Travancore" by Mr Babu Manoharan, an architect and history buff.)

Contributed by **Renju Cherian Philip** (ID 808)



Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Thomas K Oommen, released the book, *"Christianity in Keralam"* authored by Mr. John K. Jacob, a member of our Parish (ID 1288) on 25th July during the Diocesan Day celebrations at Kottayam. Our congratulations!

KID'S ZONE

Follow Me

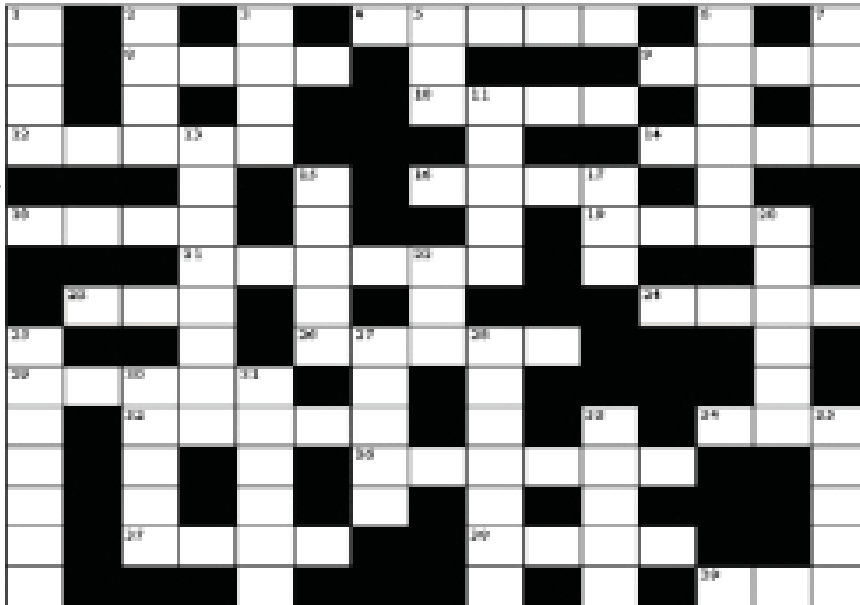
You've been called to an adventure: a life spent following Jesus! Are you ready?

Directions: Find these capitalized words and then memorize this "Follow Jesus" Bible verse.

The **ONE** who **LOVES** his **LIFE** will **LOSE** it, while the one who **HATES** his life **WILL KEEP** it for **ETERNAL** life. **WHOEVER SERVES** me must **FOLLOW** me; and **WHERE** I am, my **SERVANT** also will be. **MY FATHER** will **HONOR** the one who serves **ME**.
-- John 12: 25-26

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BIBLE CROSSWORD - 76



Drop your answers in the suggestion box
before 22nd September

ACROSS

4. Hebrews 9:22 informs us that without the shedding of this, there is no redemption
8. "Behold, the Lord's _____ is not shortened, that it cannot save."
9. Satan's home for all eternity
10. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not _____."
12. A city in Lycaonia, in Southern Asia Minor, where Paul preached on his first and second missionary tours
14. "And now abide faith, hope, _____, these three; but the greatest of these is _____."
16. A prophet of God who came from Tekoa; third of the twelve Minor Prophets
18. Patmos prisoner
19. "Greet each other with a holy _____" (Romans 16:16)
21. Sold into slavery by his jealous brothers
23. Red and Dead are each one of these
24. Animal to whom Jesus frequently was compared
26. In Matthew 4, he is seen tempting Christ
29. The gold used in Solomon's temple came from here
32. Man of whom it was said that He "walked with God"
34. "And God said to Noah, 'The _____ of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them.'"
36. Hebrew prophet who thought he was the only faithful servant of God left
37. "Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his _____ even as far as Sodom."
38. A town near Nazareth where Jesus restored a widow's son to life
39. Little, Screech and White are types of this Bible bird

DOWN

1. Lots of this on a beach
2. A desert area in the Sinai peninsula, where Hagar fled after Sarah treated her unkindly
3. "At the name of Jesus every _____ should bow."
5. The _____ of Moses
6. Evil spirit beings who sometimes inhabited people's bodies in N.T. times
7. Rachel said to Jacob. "Give me children, or _____ I die!"
11. One of a group of five cities, of which Sodom and Gomorrah are best-known
13. Youngest son of Jacob
15. He was born of a virgin
17. Look up to see this
20. He was known for his great strength
22. One of the sons of Ham
25. David's son who became king after he died
27. The place where the Philistines camped before the battle in which they captured the ark of the covenant
28. "_____ OF DAYS" Name used for God by the prophet Daniel
30. "I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole _____."
31. Caesar was their leader
33. Second king of Israel
35. The "Great Dragon" of the Book of Revelation

11th Death Anniversary

11th September 2015

In Fond Memory of



Mrs. Kunjamma Oommen

W/o Mr. A. P. Oommen
Arattukulangara (ID 337)

Remembered By:
Sorrowing Family Members