



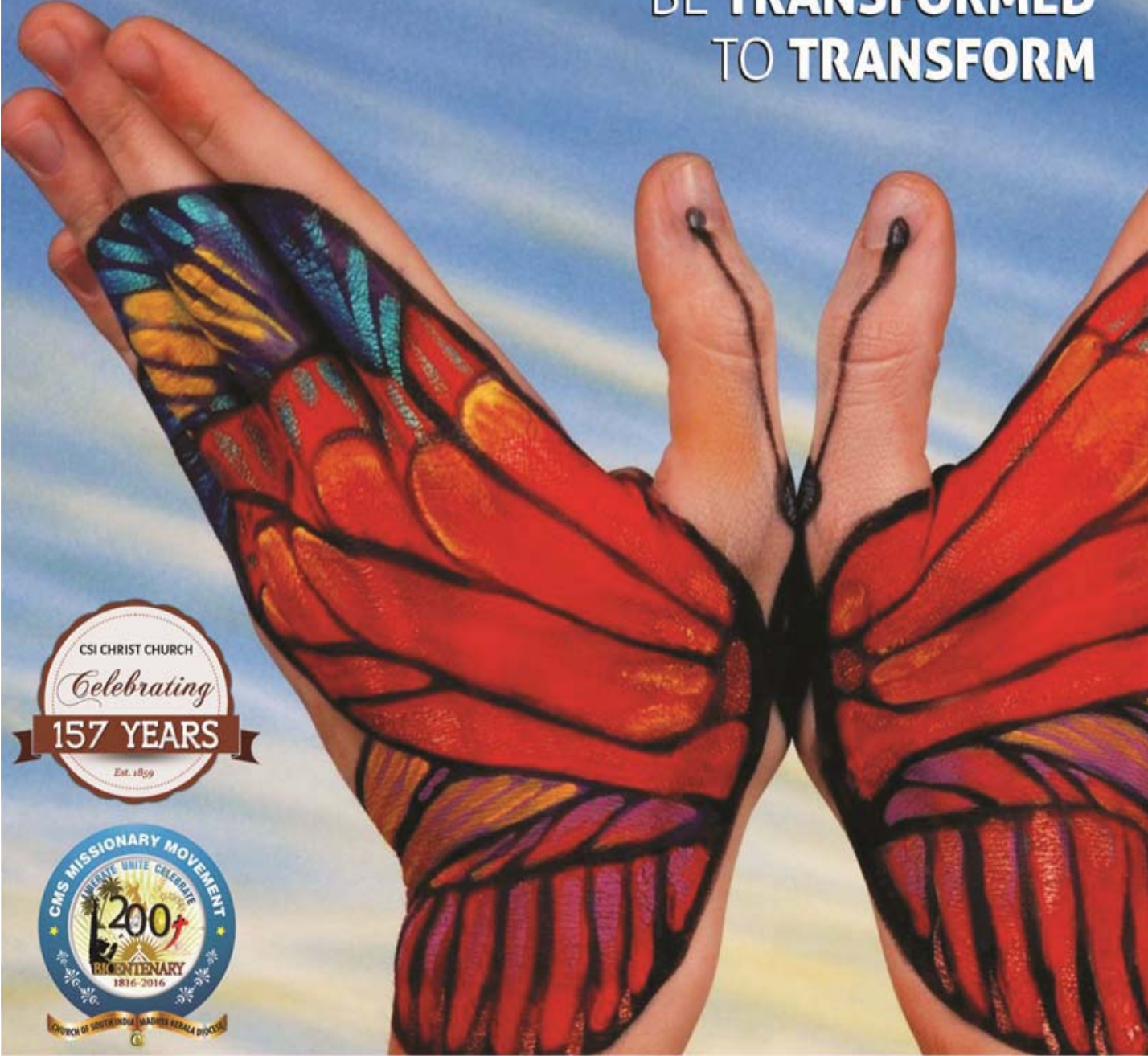
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And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. - Revelation 21:1a

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Vicar's Reflections

Bicentenary greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Bicentenary celebrations which were inaugurated on 13th October 2012 at Alapuzha will come to an end at the Valedictory function on November 11th to 13th 2016, at Kottayam. The modern Kerala is indebted to the CMS missionaries who laboured in Kerala from 1816. Because of the caste system and slavery, the Kerala society was static and there was no freedom to the lower castes of people to travel, education, and even to worship God.

The educational activities of the C.M.S. missionaries have their impact on the social, economic, religious, political, moral and cultural aspects of life in Kerala. The missionaries made use of education as a powerful instrument of social reform. They were mainly responsible for reducing the rigidity of the caste system and mitigating its evils. Owing to education and the consequent social changes “Untouchability and unapproachability” began to vanish from the land. Slavery which existed in Kerala in all its hideous forms was abolished by the efforts of the missionaries. Owing to the mounting pressure of the missionaries over 1,36,000 slaves in Travancore and 40,000 slaves in Cochin were liberated. The “depressed classes” got freedom of dress and other social privileges mainly due to the efforts of the missionaries and British Residents. The spread of Education caused the decline of joint family system and “marumakkathayam”. The status of women rose in society and early marriages became unpopular. The missionaries had a share in spreading western culture in Kerala.

The Missionary activity had its impact on the economic life of the state. The system of land tenure, inheritance rights, employment facilities etc-were affected by the activities of the missionaries. The depressed classes got property rights as well as the right to build good houses. Technical and industrial education enabled many people to enter government or other services. The missionary example inspired many natives to take interest in plantations and the scientific methods of cultivation.

The missionary activity had its impact on the social life of Kerala. The modern ideals of democracy and responsible government are the two major contributions of Western education. “The Mission Schools’ produced many eminent leaders who in course of time took active part in the freedom movement. The beginning of the Marthoma Church,

the emphasis on Bible reading and the importance of sermon at the Church services, the use of Western music and musical instrumental in the Syrian Churches, the marriage of the Syrian priests, the proper education of the clergy and the stress on evangelism etc, were the important religious changes brought about in the Syrian Church. The lofty religious ideals of the missionaries and the noble example of their schools helped to improve the level of morality in this land.

Let us remember and praise God for the remarkable contributions of the missionaries to this land and the church, at this time of the Bicentenary celebrations of the arrival of the C.M.S Missionaries in Kerala.

With regards and prayers,
Yours in His Service,

C. Y. Thomas Achen

കർത്താവിൽ പ്രിയരേ,

യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ നിസ്തുലനാമത്തിൽ ഏവർക്കും ദിശതാബ്ദി ആശംസകൾ നേരുന്നു.

2012 ഒക്ടോബർ 13-ാം തീയതി ആലപ്പുഴയിൽ ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ട, സി.എം.എസ്. മിഷനറി ആഗമനത്തിന്റെ ദിശതാബ്ദി 2016 നവംബർ 11 മുതൽ 13 വരെ കോട്ടയത്ത് വെച്ചു നടക്കുന്ന സമാപന ആഘോഷങ്ങളോടെ പര്യവസാനിക്കും. 1816 മുതൽ കേരളക്കരയിൽ സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ച സി.എം.എസ്. മിഷനറിമാരോട് ആധുനിക കേരളം കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ജാതിവ്യത്യാസങ്ങളാലും, അടിമത്വ വ്യവസ്ഥിതികളാലും നിശ്ചലമായിരുന്ന കേരള സമൂഹത്തിൽ, സഞ്ചാരസ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം എന്നു വേണ്ട ദൈവത്തെ ആരാധിക്കുന്നതിനു പോലും അവർണ്ണ ജനവിഭാഗങ്ങൾക്ക് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലൂന്നിയ മിഷനറിമാരുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം കേരളത്തിലെ സാംസ്കാരിക-രാഷ്ട്രീയ, ധാർമ്മിക-മത, സാമൂഹ്യ-സാമ്പത്തിക മണ്ഡലങ്ങളിൽ സ്വാധീനം ചെലുത്തി. സാമൂഹ്യ നവോത്ഥാനത്തിന് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെ ഒരു ശക്തമായ ആയുധമായി മിഷനറിമാർ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു. ജാതിവ്യവസ്ഥിതിയുടെ കാഠിന്യം കുറയ്ക്കുന്നതിനും അതിന്റെ ദോഷഫലങ്ങൾ മയപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനും മിഷനറിമാർക്ക് കഴിഞ്ഞു. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസാനന്തരമുണ്ടായ സാമൂഹ്യ പരിവർത്തനത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായി തീണ്ടലും തൊട്ടുകൂടായ്മയും മൺമറഞ്ഞു. മിഷനറിമാരുടെ ശ്രമഫലമായി കേരളത്തിൽ നിലവിലിരുന്ന അടിമത്വത്തിന്റെ ബീഭത്സമായ എല്ലാ രൂപങ്ങളും തച്ചുടയ്ക്കപ്പെട്ടു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ 136,000 അടിമകളും,

കൊച്ചിയിലെ 40,000 അടിമകളും സ്വതന്ത്രരാക്കപ്പെട്ടു. ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് റസിഡന്റുമാരുടെയും മിഷനറിമാരുടെയും പരിശ്രമത്താൽ അധഃസ്ഥിത വർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾക്ക് വസ്ത്രം ധരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യവും മറ്റു സാമൂഹ്യ അവകാശങ്ങളും ലഭ്യമായി. മരുമക്കത്തായവും കുട്ടുകുടുംബ വ്യവസ്ഥിതിയും അധഃപതിച്ചു. സമൂഹത്തിൽ സ്ത്രീകളുടെ അന്തസ്സ് ഉയർത്തുന്നതിനും, ശൈശവവിവാഹം നിർത്തലാക്കുന്നതിനും സാധിച്ചു. പാശ്ചാത്യസംസ്കാരം കേരളത്തിൽ പ്രചരിക്കുന്നതിന് മിഷനറിമാർ വഹിച്ച പങ്ക് നിഷേധിക്കാനാവില്ല.

കേരളത്തിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക രംഗത്തും മിഷനറിമാരുടെ സ്വാധീനം ദൃശ്യമാണ്. ഭൂമി കൈവശാവകാശം, പിൻതുടർച്ചാവകാശം, തൊഴിൽ സാധ്യതകൾ തുടങ്ങിയവ മിഷനറി പ്രവർത്തനഫലമായി ഉണ്ടായി. സ്വന്തമായി വീടുകൾ പണിയുന്നതിനും, വസ്തു വാങ്ങുന്നതിനുമുള്ള അവകാശങ്ങൾ അധഃസ്ഥിതവർഗ്ഗങ്ങൾക്ക് ലഭിച്ചു. സ്വകാര്യ-ഗവൺമെന്റ് സർവ്വീസുകളിൽ ഉദ്യോഗം ലഭിക്കുന്നതിന് സാങ്കേതിക-വ്യവസായിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം സഹായകമായി. മിഷനറിമാരെ അനുകരിച്ച് ശാസ്ത്രീയ രീതിയിലുള്ള കൃഷി സമ്പ്രദായം, നാണുവിള തോട്ടം എന്നിവയിൽ അനേകർക്ക് താല്പര്യമുണ്ടായി.

കേരളത്തിലെ സാമൂഹ്യരംഗത്തും മിഷനറി പ്രവർത്തനം സ്വാധീനം ചെലുത്തി. ആധുനിക ദർശനങ്ങളായ ജനാധിപത്യം ഉത്തരവാദിത്വ ഗവൺമെന്റും എന്നീ രണ്ടു ഭരണസംവിധാനങ്ങൾ പാശ്ചാത്യ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ സംഭാവനകളാണ്. സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യസമരത്തിനു നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയ പ്രഗത്ഭരായ അനേകം നേതാക്കളെ വാർത്തെടുത്തത് മിഷൻ സ്കൂളുകളായിരുന്നു. മാർത്തോമ്മ സഭയുടെ ഉത്ഭവം, വേദപുസ്തക വായനയുടെ പ്രാധാന്യം, ആരാധനാ മദ്ധ്യേയുള്ള പ്രസംഗം, പാശ്ചാത്യസംഗീതം, സംഗീതോപകരണങ്ങളുടെ ഉപയോഗം, പട്ടക്കാരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം - പട്ടക്കാരുടെ വിവാഹം, സുവിശേഷീകരണത്തിന് ശാക്തീകരണം തുടങ്ങിയവ സുറിയാനി സഭകളിൽ ഉണ്ടായ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട മാറ്റങ്ങളായിരുന്നു. മിഷനറിമാരുടെ ഉന്നതമായ ദർശനങ്ങളും അവരുടെ സ്കൂളുകളിലൂടെ ലഭിച്ച മഹത്തായ മാതൃകകളും, ഈ നാട്ടിലെ ധർമ്മീക നിലവാരം ഉയർത്തുന്നതിന് സഹായിച്ചു.

കേരളത്തിൽ സി.എം.എസ്. മിഷനറി ആഗമനത്തിന്റെ ദിശതാബ്ദി ആഘോഷ സമാപനത്തിന്റെ ഈ വേളയിൽ സഭയ്ക്കും സമൂഹത്തിനും മിഷനറിമാരിലൂടെ ലഭിച്ച അതിമഹത്തായ സംഭാവനകളെ ഓർത്ത് ദൈവത്തെ സ്മരിക്കാം.

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2016 ഒക്ടോബർ 8-ാം തീയതി കോട്ടയത്ത് വച്ച് നടത്തിയ ഇടവക കലാമേളയിൽ നമ്മുടെ സൺഡേ സ്കൂളിൽ നിന്നും 13 കുട്ടികൾ പങ്കെടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അവരിൽ താഴെപ്പറയുന്നവർ സമ്മാനങ്ങൾ കരസ്ഥമാക്കി.

- Group C 1. Amy Elizabeth Jacob (Bible Quiz) II Prize
and Bible Verse) English III Prize
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- Group D 1. Miriam Cherian (Bible Verse) English III Prize
- Group F 1. Joshua George Koshie (Solo Singing) II Prize

പങ്കെടുത്ത എല്ലാ കുട്ടികൾക്കും സഭയുടെ അനുഭവങ്ങൾ അറിയിക്കുന്നു.

Assistance to Students of Fort Girls Mission High School

നമ്മുടെ സഭ, ഫോർട്ട് ഗേൾസ് മിഷൻ ഹൈസ്കൂൾ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിനികൾക്ക് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള മെരിറ്റ് അവാർഡുകളും, മറ്റു സാമ്പത്തിക സഹായവും, സഭയിലെ Family Get-together ന്റെ പൊതുചടങ്ങിൽ വെച്ചായിരുന്നു ഇതുവരെ കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ ഈ വർഷം ഒക്ടോബർ 5-ാം തീയതി നടന്ന സ്കൂൾ യുവജനോത്സവത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടന ചടങ്ങിൽ വെച്ച് ഇവ കൊടുക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. പതിനൊന്നാം ക്ലാസിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന, എല്ലാ വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കും എ പ്ലസ് ലഭിച്ച 3 കുട്ടികൾക്ക്, 10,000 രൂപ വീതമുള്ള സ്കോളർഷിപ്പിന്റെ ആദ്യ ഗഡുവായ 5000 രൂപ നൽകി. കൂടാതെ, കുട്ടികൾക്ക് പോഷകാഹാരം ലഭ്യമാക്കുന്നതിനായി, മാസത്തോറും സ്കൂളിന് കൊടുത്തുവരാറുള്ള (ജൂൺ മുതൽ മാർച്ച് വരെ) ഒക്ടോബർ മാസത്തിലെ 10,000 രൂപയും നൽകുകയുണ്ടായി.

ഈ ചടങ്ങിൽ നമ്മുടെ ഇടവക വികാരി Rev. C.Y. Thomas അനുഗ്രഹപ്രഭാഷണവും, ശ്രീ. ഐപ്പ് കുരുവിള (സ്കൂൾ മാനേജർ), ശ്രീമതി. ഓമന എബ്രഹാം (ചർച്ച് സെക്രട്ടറി) എന്നിവർ ആശംസാ പ്രസംഗങ്ങളും നടത്തി. അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് വികാരി Rev. Dn. Alex Abraham ഉം സഭാംഗങ്ങളിൽ കുറച്ചുപേരും ചടങ്ങിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ചു.

Proficiency Prizes

ഈ വർഷത്തെ Proficiency Prizes-ന് അർഹരായവരുടെ പേരുകൾ ചുവടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു -

- Std. X (ICSE) 1. Neeraja Sara Mathew ID M-071

<u>CBSE</u>	1. Anakha Anna Joseph	ID A-128
	2. Kevin Mathew Tharian	ID B-020
	3. Irene Susan Jacob	ID J-025
<u>Std. XII (HSC)</u>	1. Sneha Mary George	ID G-063
<u>ISC</u>	1. Hridya Hanna Idicula	ID S-061
<u>CBSE</u>	1. Sherin Issac	ID I-009

സമ്മാനാർഹരായ കുട്ടികളെ അഭിനന്ദിക്കുന്നു. ഇവർക്കുള്ള ക്യാഷ് പ്രൈസും സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റും, നവംബർ 20-ാം തീയതി ഞായറാഴ്ച ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്, മലയാളം ആരാധനകൾ മദ്ധ്യേ വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

Harvest Festival 2016

പതിവുപോലെ ഈ വർഷവും ഡിസംബർ ആദ്യ ഞായറാഴ്ച 4-ാം തീയതി Harvest Festival നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്. Mr. Suku C. Oommen, Mrs. Laila Jacob, Mrs. Mary Mathew, Mr. Mesfin Zachariah Abraham, Mr. Renju Philip എന്നിവർ കൺവീനർമാരായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കും. വിശദവിവരങ്ങൾ തുടർന്നുള്ള ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിൽ നോട്ടീസ് വഴി അറിയിക്കുന്നതാണ്. എല്ലാ സഭാജനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനയും സഹകരണവും അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

Christ Churuch Parsonage II

Fern Hill Bethel-ൽ ഇടവക നമുക്ക് അനുവദിച്ച കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ പുനരുദ്ധാരണ പണികൾ പൂർത്തിയായി. നമ്മുടെ ബിഷപ്പ് Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen തിരുമേനി, ഒക്ടോബർ 30-ാം തീയതി വൈകുന്നേരം 7.30 ന് ഇത് അസിസ്റ്റന്റ് വികാരിയുടെ parsonage ആയി പ്രതിഷ്ഠിച്ചു.

ഓമന എബ്രഹാം (സെക്രട്ടറി)

Organizations Corner

Golden Age Fellowship

Picnic – The Golden Age Fellowship conducted a one-day picnic at Estuary Island, Poovar, on Tuesday, 18th October 2016, under the leadership of our Vicar, C.Y. Thomas Achen and Asst. Vicar, Alex Abraham Achen. A total of 54 people participated. The programme included a visit to the proposed Kovalam Port site, a boat ride from the Neyyar Water Lake to the Poovar Beach and back, Group Songs and Prayers. There were inspiring messages by C.Y. Thomas Achen.

Bi-centenary Valedictory Meeting at Kottayam on 12th November 2016 – All Fellowship members are requested to confirm their participation to the Member Finance, Mr. M.P. Raju, so that arrangements for the Kottayam trip can be finalised.



Dedication of Asst. Vicar's Parsonage at Fern Hill, Bethel by Rt. Rev Thomas K. Oommen



Sunday School Picnic at Alappuzha on 22nd October 2016

Sunday School

Sunday School Annual Camp : The 2016 Annual Camp was held at Zenana Fern Hill from 9th October to 11 October with stay. 71 Students and 14 Teachers / Parents attended the Camp. The Camp was inaugurated by Rev. C Y Thomas. Mr. Oommen John, Mr.Sujith Kumar, and Mr. Prince Joseph from Children Ministry were the leaders for the Camp. The sessions were based on the theme "BE TRANSFORMED TO TRANSFORM" (Romans 12:2). Campfire and Talent Night were conducted on 10th. The Dedication Session held on 11th was taken by Rev. C Y Thomas. 54 students took decisions and gave it in writing to Achen. Grace from Lord Jesus was there abundantly on the Camp. The camp was a memorable one for all.

Sunday school Picnic: A picnic-cum-study tour was conducted to Alappuzha CSI Christ Church on 22nd October. A team of 58 persons (29 Students, 27 Teachers / Parents, Rev. C Y Thomas Achen and Kochamma) visited the 200 year old Christ Church in Alappuzha town built by Reverend Thomas Norton, met Rev. Sumod Achen and family, and saw the Norton Bungalow. There was boating on the Punnamada Lake and visit to Alappuzha Beach. Rev. C Y Thomas Achen and Rev. Sumod Cherian Achen explained the history of Missionary arrival to Kerala and about the life and mission of Rev. Thomas Norton. The Picnic was very much informative and enjoyable to all who attended.

Obituary



Mrs. Sulekha Philip (ID No. J-046)
Pine 6A, SFS City Scrapers, PTP Nagar, Trivandrum
Died on 11th October 2016. Buried on 12th October 2016



Mr. K.I. Mathew (ID No. M-064)
Kalathil Alma Bhavan, CNRA 89, Christ Nagar,
Vazhayila, Kudappanakunnu P.O., Trivandrum
Died on 13th October 2016. Buried on 14th October 2016



Mr. K.I. Cherian (ID No. C-017)
Biji Villa, CRRA-E17, Chalakuzhy Road,
Pattom P.O., Trivandrum
Died on 9th October 2016.



Mrs. Liza George (ID No. L-009)
Singapore
Died on 8th September 2016.



Mrs. Susan Isaac (55) (ID No. R-018)
Kollamvarieth, Jawahar Nagar, Trivandrum
Died on 20th October 2016.

In Fond Memory of



Mary Reena Mathew

June 27, 1964 – November 1, 2008

Remembered By:
Dr. Mohan Mathew and Mrs. Ranee Mathew (ID No. M-101)

8th Death Anniversary

9th November 2016

In Loving Memory of



Dr. Dennis George

Chiramel Mulamootil
Peroorkada, Trivandrum

Date of Demise: 9th November 2008

Remembered By:
Mr. George Daniel and Family (ID No. G-010)

In Remembrance of Our Parents



Mr. K. I. Mathew

Called to his Eternal Home
On 13th October 2016

Mrs. K. M. Aleyamma

6th Death Anniversary
22nd November 2016

Kalathil Alma Bhavan
Christ Nagar, Vazhayila (ID No. M-064)

Remembered by :
Manu Isaac Mathew & Family (ID No. M-015)
Manju Annie Mathew & Family



In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Sulekha Philip (64)

31st July 1952 – 11th October 2016

Pine 6A
SFS Cityscapers, PTP Nagar,
Trivandrum (ID No. J-046)

Remembered by

Mr. J. A. Jacob (Husband),
Mrs. Susan Jacob (Daughter) and
Mr. Suraj Philip Jacob (Son) and Family



In Loving Memory of

Mr. Sambath C. Koshy (34)

10th December 1981 – 21st September 2016.

"Anusha", CVRA 31
Green Valley Vayal Road, Trivandrum

Remembered by

Mr. P. A. Thomas &
Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas (Grandparents),
Mrs. Shirley Mary Thomas (Mother),
Mrs. Aiswarya Sambath (Wife)
And Other Family Members (ID No. T-028)



In Loving Memory of

Mr. K.I. Cherian (76)

13th October 1939 – 9th October 2016

Biji Villa, CRRRA-E17,
Chalakupzhy Road,
Trivandrum (ID No. C-017)

Remembered by
Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian,
Mr. Biji Jacob Cherian and Family



In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Liza Mathew George (86)

18th August 1930 – 8th September 2016

Mangattu - Wattacherril
Singapore (ID No. L-009)

The funeral was held in
Singapore on 12th September.

Leaving behind:
Sunil, Gwen, Nicole & Cameron
Sudha, Alisha & Kiran; Sukku & Zuraidah

Almanac

02-11-2016	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
04-11-2016	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
06-11-2016	25th Sunday after Pentecost World Sunday School Day Be Transformed to Transform രൂപാന്തരീകരണത്തിനായി രൂപാന്തരപ്പെട്ടവർ OT : Judg. 13:1-14 Epistle : Eph. 6:1-4 Psalm 119:9-16 Gospel : Luke 1:57-66 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		
09-11-2016	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
11-11-2016	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
13-11-2016	26th Sunday after Pentecost Unity Sunday Vine and Branches ഐക്യ ഞായർ OT : Ezek. 37:15-23 Epistle : 1 Cor. 12:12-27 Psalm 133 Gospel : John 15:1-8 6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. H.E. (English) 9.45 a.m. Matins (Malayalam) 6.00 p.m. H.E. at Zenana Chapel		
16-11-2016	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
18-11-2016	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
20-11-2016	27th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday for the Girl Child Affirming the Worth of the Girl Child പെൺശിശുവിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യം അംഗീകരിക്കുക OT : Num. 27:1-11 Epistle : Acts. 21:7-14 Psalm 71:1-12 Gospel : Mark 5:35-43 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		
23-11-2016	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
25-11-2016	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
27-11-2016	Advent Sunday Celebrating the Promises of God ദൈവിക വാഗ്ദത്തങ്ങളുടെ ആഘോഷം OT : 1 Sam. 2:1-10 Epistle : Heb. 11:29-40 Psalm : 66 Gospel : Luke 1:39-45		

	6.15 a.m. Matins (Tamil) 7.15 a.m. Matins (English) 9.45 a.m. H.E. (Malayalam) 6.00 p.m. Evening Worship at Zenana Chapel		
30-11-2016	H.E. (English)	6.00 p.m.	Wednesday
02-12-2016	H.E. (Malayalam)	7.30 a.m.	Friday
04-12-2016	Harvest Festival & Annual Thanksgiving ആദ്യഫല സന്തോത്രാർപ്പണം OT : Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Epistle : 2 Cor. 9:6-15 Psalm : 65 Gospel : Luke 21:1-4 7.00 a.m. Combined Service		

Roster For Reading Lessons

ENGLISH

Date	First Lesson	Second Lesson
06-11-2016	Sunday School Day	
13-11-2016	Mr. Mohan A. Chandy	Mrs. Georgina Mathen
20-11-2016	Mr. John Kurien	Dr. (Mrs.) Indumathi Rajkumar
27-11-2016	Dr. Mohan Mathew	Mrs. Jessie Mathew
04-12-2016	Harvest Festival	

MALAYALAM

Date	First Lesson	Second Lesson
06-11-2016	Sunday School Day	
13-11-2016	Mr. George Mathew Vilayil	Mrs. Kunjumariamamma
20-11-2016	Mr. C.T. John	Mrs. Molly George
27-11-2016	Mr. M.M. John	Mrs. Jyothi Job
04-12-2016	Harvest Festival	

BICENTENARY THANKSGIVING AND 159TH CHURCH DEDICATION SUNDAY

A Special Thanksgiving Service to commemorate the 157th Church Dedication of our church and special Thanksgiving for the Diocesan Bicentenary celebrations is scheduled on Sunday the 13th November 2016 during all the services.

Vicar

Programme for November

- **All Sundays**
 Sunday School - 8 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 (Except 11th November)**
 Intercessory Prayer - 10 AM
- **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 (for Carol Service)
 – 5.00 P M
- **12th - Saturday**
 Bi-centenary Valedictory Rally at
 Kottayam
- **19th – Saturday**
 Revival Meeting - 10 AM
 Bible Study (Women's Fellowship)
 – 3.30 PM
- **25th - Friday**
 Visiting the Sick (Golden Age
 Fellowship) – 9 AM
- **26th - Saturday**
 House Visit (Women's Fellowship)
 – 10 AM
- **30th – Wednesday**
 Prison Visit (Women's Fellowship)
 2:30 PM

Area Prayer Meetings

Time	Area	Name	New ID	Page No.	Phone
06-11-2016 Sunday					
4.00 PM	Peroorkada	Mr. George Kuruvilla	G-009	354	2438899
4.30 PM	Nanthencode	Mrs. Molly Varghese	M-103	203	2314537
4.30 PM	Pattom-Plamoo.	Mrs. Saramma Philip	S-044	295	6051706
6.00 PM	Pongu-Sreeka	Dr. Cherian Jacob	C- 012	435	9495154263
13-11-2016 Sunday					
4.00 PM	Pattom-Plamoo.	Dr. P. George Easow	G- 060	409	2571657
4.00 PM	Peroorkada	Mrs. Daisy John Varghese	D-001	321	2433873
4.30 PM	Nanthencode	Mrs. Alice Thomas	A-076	224	2314661
18-11-2016 Friday					
4.30 PM	Nanthencode	Mr. Abraham John	A-014	213	2318429
20-11-2016 Sunday					
4.00 PM	Peroorkada	Mr. Lalan George	L-001	344	2433341
4.30 PM	Kesavadasa.	Mr. John P. John (Memorial Prayer)	J-089	35	2541390
27-11-2016 Sunday					
4.00 PM	Peroorkada	Mr. Mani Joseph	M-008	381	2733209
4.30 PM	Kesavadasa	Mr. James Cherian	J -057	67	2531185
4.30 PM	Pattom-Plamoo.	Mr. Cherian George	C-023	294	2444575

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ON 4TH DECEMBER 2016

Dear Parishioners,

Our Harvest Festival and Annual Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for the first Sunday in December, as in earlier years. The Service is scheduled to start at 7.00 AM on Sunday, the 4th December 2016 and the entire Christ Church Family is requested to participate and enjoy the fellowship during the day.

The Christ Church Committee has fixed a target of Rs. 30 Lakhs as this year's collections. The amount is to be used for the "Projects of the Parish" for 2016-17, which were approved by the last Annual General Body Meeting of the Church. Every earning member of the congregation is requested to contribute an amount equivalent to at least the "Tithe for the month of December" as their Annual Thanksgiving in the special covers provided, and also bring at least one article as the Harvest Festival offering to the Church.

Breakfast, Lunch and Tea will be provided at concessional rates. Members are requested to purchase the food coupons on Sunday 13th November and the two succeeding Sundays, and to refrain from postponing the purchase of coupons to 4th December, as far as possible. As we have to make arrangements to provide adequate and good food, all are requested to co-operate and purchase the coupons early, so that we are able to finalise the quantity of food required.

All the Church Organizations are requested to raise funds during the Harvest Festival by putting up stalls and to give the requirement for Stalls well in advance. Co-operation of Volunteers to efficiently arrange the various activities by the Festival Convenors is also solicited.

The detailed Brochure and Thanksgiving Covers will be distributed to every earning member of the congregation from 6th November 2016 with the help of our Area Prayer Groups and Church Staff.

We solicit your whole hearted support and fervent prayers in making this year's "Harvest Festival and Annual Thanksgiving Service" a grand success.

Rev. C.Y. Thomas
Vicar

Rev. Dn. Alex Abraham
Asst. Vicar

Suku C. Oommen, Renju Philip, Laila Jacob, Mary Mathew and
Mesfin Zachariah Abraham - Convenors

Contributions

DONATIONS

From 24 September to 21 October 2016

Food for the Needy

Mr. Rezy Cheru	2,000
Mr. George Bobby Koruth	500
Mr. Alex Andrew Jacob	1,000
Mr. Biju Jacob	500
Mr. Benjamin George	5,000
A Well-wisher	500
Ashwin & Nevin	1,000
Mr. Robin Roy	500
Mr. Philip Varghese	1,000
Mrs. Annamma Abraham	2,000
Mr. K Paulraj	1,000
Mr. George Cherian	1,500
Jincy George	1,500
Ruan Projoth	1,500
Mrs. Mary Mathew	3,000
Mrs. Annamma T George	1,000
Mrs. Annamma Thomas	2,000
Miss. Elsa Sara Sonu	1,000
Mr. Jibu D Solomon	2,000
Andrew Paul Solomon	1,000
Mr. Jacob Mathew	1,000
Mr.s & Mr. M Y Rao	2,000
Dr Saji David	1,000
Mrs. Achamma Thomas	2,000
Mr. K I John	1,500

Parakkal Mission

Mr. Roy Philip A	600
Mr. Thomas Kurien K	1,000
Mr. Roy Philip A	600
Mr. Jacob Thomas Davidson	500
Mrs. Annamma T George	400

Mysore Mission

Mrs. Annamma T George	400
Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000

Andhra Mission

Mr. Roy Philip A	600
Dr Saji David	2,000
Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000

Charkari Mission

Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
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Parakkal Orphanage

Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
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Home of Love -Boys / Girls

Dr Saji David	2,000
Dr Saji David	2,000

Malayora Mission

Dr. Saji David	3,000
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Church Maintenance Fund

Mr. C I Das	500
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City Mission Fund

Mr. C I Das	500
Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000

Projects - Zion Hall

Brig Oommen John	3,000
Mr. P C Varghese	500
Mr. Abraham Mathew	500
Mr. K V Chacko	1,000
Mr. M V Daniel	1,500
Mr. P C Chacko	2,500
Mrs. Annamma Abraham	1,000
Mr. George Bobby Koruth	1,000
Mr. Philip John Varghese	500
Mr. George Ninan	5,000
Mrs. Sosamma Varghese	2,000
Mr. P G George	1,000
Mr. Suresh George	500
Mrs. Mary kutty Abraham	500
Mr. George P George	500
Prof Jacob V John	500
Mrs. Asha Cherian	500
Mr. Suresh Babu	1,500
Mrs. Emily Thomas	500
Mr. K. M. George	1,500
Prof. George Thomas	1,000
Mr. P John Samuel	2,500
Mr. Roy P Philip	2,500
Mr. V C Kurien	25,000
Mr. M J Kuruvilla	5,000
Mr. K K Koshy	2,500
Mr. M Mani	1,000
Mr. Sudhir George Verghis	1,500
Dr Eisen Thomas Abraham	750
Mr. Benny Mathew Tharian	500
Mrs & Mr. Bony John Thomas	1,000
V Rev. Mathew Mathew	500
Lt Gen & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	1,250
Mr. Cherian George	2,500
Dr Kurien George	5,000
Mr. Danel B I	1,250
Mr. Pradeep Isaac	5,000
Mr. K I Mathews	500
Mr. Rajan P Eapen	500
Ms. Sugathambika R	250
Mr. Mathew K Abraham	1,000
Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
Mrs. Sophy Joseph	300
Dr Anna Varkey	1,000
Mr. Feby J Jacob	1,500
Mrs. Angel Mathen	500
Mr. Thomas Jacob	5,000
Mr. P A Thomas	1,250
Dr A M Mathew	250
Mr. Abraham Philip	15,000
Mr. Daniel Mathew	5,000
Mr. P K Mathew	500
Mr. M S Joseph	1,000
Mr. A S Thomas	2,500
Prof J D Issac	1,000
Mrs. Mariamma Joseph	1,000

Mr. John Andrews	5,000	Mr. Danel B I	1,250
Mr. C M Ninan	1,500	Mr. K I Mathews	500
Mr. Y John	500	Mr. Rajen P Eapen	500
Mr. John Mathew	500	Ms. Sugathambika R	250
Dr Thomas Varghese	5,500	Mr. Mathew K Abraham	1,000
Mr. T K Mathew	1,500	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
Mr. M T Eapen	5,000	Mrs. Annamma Abraham	2,000
Mr. Beju Joseph	25,000	Mrs. Sophy Joseph	500
Beryil Elizabeth Koshy & Renson	1,000	Dr Anna Varkey	1,000
Dr Saji David	5,000	Mr. Feby J Jacob	1,500
Mr. C T John	2,500	Mrs. Angel Mathen	500
Mrs. Molly Varghese and Mr. George Thomas	50,000	Mr. Thomas Jacob	5,000
Mrs. Elizabeth Mammen	50,000	Mr. P A Thomas	1,250
Mr. Jacob Thomas	25,000	Dr. A M Mathew	250
Mr. Abraham Mathew	2,000	Mr. Abraham Philip	15,000
Prof K V Thomas	10,000	Mr. Daniel Mathew	5,000
Mr. A V Abraham	1,000	Mr. Samuel John	1,500
Dr Oommen V Oommen	2,500	Mr. P K Mathew	500
Mr. C A Abraham	1,000	Mr. M S Joseph	1,000
Mr. John K J	1,000	Mr. A S Thomas	2,500
Mr. M K Varghese	1,000	Prof. J D Issac	1,000
Mr. Sunil C Behannan	1,000	Mrs. Mariamma Joseph	1,000
Mrs. Mary Thomas	5,000	Mr. C M Ninan	1,500
Dr. Thomas Abraham	10,000	Mr. Y John	500
Projects - Miss. Cox Cottage		Mr. John Mathew	500
Mr. Benjamin George	10,000	Dr. Thomas Varghese	5,500
Mr. K V Chacko	1,000	Mr. T K Mathew	1,500
Mr. M V Daniel	1,500	Mr. M T Eapen	5,000
Mr. P C Chacko	2,500	Mr. Beju Joseph	25,000
Mr. George Bobby Koruth	1,000	Rev. Dr Valsan Thambu	2,500
Mr. Philip John Varghese	500	Mr. C T John	2,500
Mr. John Andrews	5,000	Mr. Abraham Mathew	2,000
Mr. George Ninan	5,000	Dr. Oommen V Oommen	2,500
Mrs. Sosamma Varghese	2,000	Mr. C A Abraham	1,000
Mr. P G George	1,000	Mr. John K J	1,000
Mr. Suresh George	500	Mr. M K Varghese	1,000
Mrs. Mary kutty Abraham	500	Mr. Sunil C Behannan	1,000
Mr. George P George	500	Dr. Thomas Abraham	10,000
Prof Jacob V John	500	KUTS	
Mrs. Asha Cherian	500	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
Mr. Suresh Babu	1,500	EDUCATION HELP	
Mrs. Emily Thomas	500	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
Mr. K. M. George	1,500	MEDICAL HELP	
Prof. George Thomas	1,000	Mrs. Achamma Thomas	1,000
Mr. P John Samuel	2,500	Mr. K I John	1,500
Mr. Roy P Philip	2,500	Poor Patient Fund	
Mr. M J Kuruvilla	5,000	Mrs. Mary Thomas	1,000
Prof K V Thomas	10,000	Womens Fellowship	
Mr. K K Koshy	2,500	Mrs. Hepsy Das	500
Mr. M Mani	1,000	Thank Offertory	
Mr. Sudhir George Verghis	1,500	Mr. C I Das	500
Dr Eisen Thomas Abraham	750	Mrs. Hepsy Das	500
Mr. Benny Mathew Tharian	500	Asha Bhavan	
Mrs & Mr. Bony John Thomas	1,000	Dr. Thomas Varghese	1,000
V Rev. Mathew Mathew	500	Dr. Mohan John Mathew	2,000
Lt Gen & Mrs. Thomas Mathew	1,250	Mr. Abraham Koshie	1,000
Mr. Cherian George	2,500		
Dr Kurrien George	5,000		
Mrs. Caren Mariam Renzen	500		

For the Sunday School Children

LET MY LITTLE LIGHT SHINE

May 12, 1820 was a long awaited day in the history of medicine and health care. A star was born on that day to mark the beginning of a new understanding about caring for the sick and suffering. The girl with this unusual dream was Florence Nightingale.

She was born in a wealthy British family with a good social standing and was a very intelligent and beautiful girl. Her parents had made good plans for her position in society. But Florence thought differently and she realized her special calling from God, at the age of seventeen, to serve humanity.

The hospitals during those days were notorious for the crowded and unsanitary conditions, lack of proper medicines and drunken nurses who, through drink, sought relief from the horrible hospital smell. Faced with this extremely bad situation, Florence took up the most daring challenge to enter the profession and revamp it from the roots. She acquired the necessary education and training from Germany. Riches or comforts did not pull her backwards from her goal. During the Crimean war (1854-1856), she was the first lady to go and serve in a British military hospital in Turkey. There, too many soldiers were dying from their wounds and various diseases, with very little medicines, limited facilities and unhygienic conditions. Any ordinary girl would have run away at the sight. But for Florence there was no turning back. Step by step, she attended to the needs of the patients with meticulous care. Her night rounds in the hospital with a lamp in her hand near every bed, earned her the legendary title, "The Lady with the Lamp." Her tall, slender, graceful and radiant presence was felt like that of an angel by the wounded soldiers. She had little support from her co-workers, some of whom even challenged her authority, even though she had the Government order. She dedicated unbelievably long and hard working hours with only two hours of sleep, ignoring her own health, but saving many lives.

Queen Victoria of England recognized Florence's services by presenting a diamond brooch in 1855, with a personal inscription of admiration and gratitude. She established a nursing school, introduced important nursing procedures, assisted The Red Cross Society of

England and continued working to a very old age. King Edward VII bestowed on her the 'Order of Merit' in 1907.

Hard work had almost crippled her by the age of forty, but she continued working from her bed, preparing lengthy reports and notes, giving advice, and exerted pressure on the Government for nursing reforms. She did nothing for fame and always shunned fashionable society and media.

As a side note to my young readers, let me emphasize the importance of keeping notes and records of all your work. If Florence Nightingale had not documented her work properly, nursing reforms would not have taken place at that time in history. Also, fix your goal and strive to meet it without fail.

In spite of her health problems, God blessed her with a long life of nine decades until she was called Home in her sleep on a Saturday afternoon in August 13, 1910. She lived long enough to see her dreams being fulfilled. The standards of nursing were diligently reformed by the British Government. Importance and honour was accorded to the condemned profession. The lady did not perform any miracles to be canonized as a saint by the church but her services to humanity have few parallels in history.

That was a beautiful life with a burning compassion, the flame of which was never put out. Not everyone can become a Miss Nightingale by mere good wish. The goal demands extreme dedication, courage, determination and calling. According to her, faith was not something to be preached but practiced.

Isaiah prophesied about the coming of Jesus in verse 9:2 - "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned". In the Gospel of John 1:4-5, Jesus is introduced as the life that brought light to mankind, shining in the darkness and that the darkness never put it out. The devil dwells in darkness and wants everyone to remain in darkness. To resist the devil, we have to reflect the light of Jesus in the dark world of sin. During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that our light must shine before people so that they will see the good things that we do and praise our Heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16). Jesus illustrated this in the parable of the Good Samaritan. In Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:15-16, he advises the believers to shine among the corrupt and sinful people of the world like stars lighting up the sky, while they offer

the message of the life in Jesus Christ. Throughout history, several noble souls have radiated the message of love and sacrifice. In the recent past, Mother Teresa offered her life as a sacrifice for the poor and oppressed, orphans and widows, hungry and sick, homeless and outcast. In every person who needed help, she saw a suffering Jesus. Even though we may never be able to emulate the noble lives we have just glimpsed, we all can be messengers of light in our surroundings. Every act of ours must bring glory to God. Every profession that we may enter, demands great dedication. The people in governance must dedicate their full time and energy for the prosperity of the nation and the needs of the people, without corruption or selfish motives. Engineers must exert great effort to build the best infrastructure, equipment and process for the future demands of the country. Doctors must dedicate themselves as servants of God. Every man must be seen as an image of God, and by the very act of healing they are glorifying God. (Genesis 1:26-27). Teachers must be good role models in every way since they have to mould the young minds who have to grow into good citizens and determine the future of the nation. Even the street cleaner, by keeping the environment spick and span, has to play a great role in the general health of the people.

Instead of constantly complaining about the shortcomings of those in authority and those near and dear to us, let us do our best to make the world a better place for everyone and thus be good stewards of the light of the world. Draw wisdom from an old saying: "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness".

*Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness we must shine
You in your small corner and I in mine.*

Saki Koshy Abraham (ID S-004)

Baptism

Amy Anna Dani (ID No. D-003) D/o Dr. Dani Dius and Jyothy M.G. at Kandachamkulam, Variyath Lane, Thirumala P.O., Trivandrum. Baptised on 25th October 2016 (DOB 6th August 2016)

Be Transformed To Transform

The word transformation most often brings to our mind the transformation of the ugly pupa to the beautiful butterfly. We do not have a more fitting transformation to think about. However, we do not realise that we are fitting candidates for a greater transformation.

Genesis 1:26 says that we are created in the image of God (*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."*). However, we have fallen and lost our image conforming to the ways of this world. Most of us know that we should change, but we are not able to. We have habits that we would like to change, but we stick on and cling on to our habits. Romans 12:2 reminds us *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"*. Colossians 5:12 commands us *"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry."*

We often forget that God is waiting for us to change. God, like the father who waits for the prodigal son, waits for us to change and turn to him. In Revelations 3:20 we read *"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."* The Lord of all Creations longs for our change and wants to come and be with us, but we wouldn't change!

Let us listen to His voice and change. Let us plead along with the psalmist *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."* (Psalm 51:10). If we are willing to change, God promises to transform us. Ezekiel 18:31 says *"Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit"* and Ezekiel 36:26 says *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."* 2 Corinthians 5:17 promises *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* Just like the butterfly that comes out of the pupa, let us get rid of our past and be transformed as a new creation in Christ.

What would such transformation bring in us? Christ urges in Matthew 16:24 *"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"*. Then, we would no longer gossip. We would no longer be jealous. We would no longer try to gather all attention. We would no longer try to please everyone and adjust to the whims and fancies of those around us. We would no longer be selfish and self centred. We would no longer run after this world, but we would focus on Christ and be conformed to His Cross. The world would no

longer see us as one among them, but would see us as someone different. Then we would be able to bring about a transformation in those around us as well conforming to the teaching of Christ in Matthew 5:16 *“let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Life of Apostle Paul tells us of such a transformation. He was transformed from a religious fanatic to an ardent soldier for Christ. Once he was conformed to this world. In his own words that we find in Acts 26 we read *“that I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee... I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.”*

He was then transformed and became a reason for the transformation of many. In Philippians 3:7-12 we find this *“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, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”*

In the more recent past, the life of the CMS missionaries, who came all the way from their homeland to our tiny state, show the depth of their transformation. Most of those missionaries spent their entire life to share and shine the light of the Lord on us. Their transformation could be compared to the transformation of a candle, which burns itself down giving us light. During this time, when we celebrate the arrival of the CMS missionaries, let us make sure that our lives are focused on Christ and we shine the light of Christ. Let us stop living conforming to this world, but let us *“press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us”* Let us be transformed to transform.

Vinod Thomas (ID V-036)

THE FIG TREE IN THE VINEYARD

And He (Jesus) told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit in it, but did not find any. (Luke 13:6)

Fig trees are very common in Palestine. But a fig tree in a vineyard is rare! Grapevines grow in vineyards whereas Fig trees are often found in open places or on road sides. It is a useful fruit tree. While returning from Bethany the next day after the triumphal entry, Jesus sought a fruit in a fig tree as he was hungry. Maybe it was a tree by the wayside. The tree was rich in foliage, but no fruit. In the gospel of Luke we read of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, climbing on a Sycamore tree, which is another name for the fig tree, found in the lowland of Judah. That tree too was on the roadside.

The Prophet Isaiah gives the picture of a well-attended vineyard (Is. 5). It was on a fertile hill. The land was dug deep, cleared of stones and choicest vines were planted. Isaiah also gives the description of another vineyard (Is.27). It is a pleasant vineyard of the Lord. The Lord Himself is its keeper. Every moment it is watered. Night and day the Lord guards it. Thorns and briars are gathered and burned. In both these cases the vineyards are painstakingly kept and pleasantly enjoyed.

The fig tree mentioned in the parable is one which gets the opportunity to be planted in this kind of a vineyard. It is enjoying all the privileges provided for the vines. It gets more attention than an average fig tree. To the world around, the tree is very attractive, is rich with foliage. But when the Master comes and looks for the timely yield, He does not see any fruit. Really sad!

The fig tree planted in the vineyard is a true picture of our life on earth. How much blessings do we enjoy? Blessings that are denied to many are given to us. A rich Christian heritage, Church and institutions to give us correct guidance, strong believing parents and elders to nurture us in the knowledge of Christ. While there are millions on earth who have never heard even the name JESUS, week after week we attend worship services and the Word of God is preached unto us day in and day out. Is it not right for the Master to expect an abundant yield?

When we see the nature around us we realise the universe responding to the touch of the Creator. Heavens declare the glory of God! The firmament proclaims His handiwork! We are the handwork of our Heavenly Father. Everything required for human existence was created before any human being ever came into existence. Adam and Eve were set in a rich garden. We are abundantly blessed to have such a caring Heavenly Father. How often He must have passed by us (me) seeking for the timely yield! Could I bring joy to His heart by living up to His expectation, bearing the fruits of the Spirit? Would He have ever thought of cutting me down, as there is no yield? In His words, why should it use up the ground? (Lk.13.7)

*I am satisfied, I am satisfied,
I am satisfied with Jesus
But the question comes to me, as I think of Calvary!
Is my Master satisfied with me?*

Mrs. Elizabeth Mathew, Malloothra (ID No. M-076)

Birthdays - November 2016

01	Mrs. Achamma George	G-019	Mr. P G George	G-035
	Mrs. Gracemma Mathew	P-010	Mr. Joseph Philip	J-153
	Mrs. Liny Jacob	J-017	Dr. Valsamma Jacob	B-006
	Mrs. Minimol D	C-027	Mr. James P Chacko	J-058
	Mr. Sujit Jacob Oommen	O-008	04 Mrs. Kathryn Blessen George	B-045
	Master. Joshua Thomas	J-065	Mr. Kurien Eapen Thomas	K-038
	Miss. Esther Anish	A-094	Mrs. Leelamma Punnen	P-042
	Miss. Sarah Anish	A-094	Mr. Abraham A V	A-008
	Mr. Chandy Thomas	C-007	Ms. Tinu Thankam George	G-013
	Mrs. Swapna Chandy	C-007	Master. Erik Robert Mathew	P-002
02	Mr. Jeryn Philip Koshy	O-001	05 Mrs. Achamma George	S-117
	Mr. John Moses David	J-123	Mr. Manu Dius	A-115
	Mr. A V Mathew	M-072	Mrs. Sophy Cherian	S-077
	Mr. D Alexander	A-064	Mr. Dileep Mathew	D-024
	Mr. George K George	G-072	Mrs. Jyothi Ipe	S-096
	Mr. Cherian George	C-023	Mr. Roshan Thomas	R-057
	Mr. Stephen E G	S-089	Mr. Rohit Joseph Isaac	J-154
	Mrs. Gibi Sajith	S-010	Miss. Hannia Mary Eapen	E-002
	Mr. Nishant Thomas Mathew	T-034	06 Mr. Rijul Reji	R-037
	Mr. Pradeep James Joseph	P-032	Mrs. Hepsy Das Mathew	D-013
	Mrs. Mahima Samuel	S-112	Mr. Shibu Mathen	S-062
03	Mr. Milan Thomas	V-037	Dr. Joshna Mathew	R-050
	Ms. Neeba Baby George	B-004	Mr. Tony Cherian Thomas	T-018

	Mr. Leon Thomas Eapen	E-005	12	Mr. David Mathew	D-017
07	Ms. Aswini Mariam David	D-017		Mrs. Suja Thomas	T-012
	Mr. K M Mathen	M-054		Mr. M T Eapen	E-005
	Mrs. Roshni Merin Thomas	C-030		Mrs. Sandhya George Verghese	D-026
	Mr. V J Thomas	T-072		Mr. Jim Joseph	J-076
	Dr. Oommen Aju Jacob	O-008		Master. Karun Stanley Jones	C-028
	Mr. Saji Sam George	S-004		Miss. Kripa Ivy Jones	C-028
	Mrs. Reeba Mathews	M-108		Dr. Celia Alex	A-058
	Mr. Vinu George	G-066	13	Mr. J Suresh Babu	S-117
08	Miss. Jolin Joji John	J-137		Mr. Nithin C Paul	C-014
	Ms. Michalle Elma Winny	W-005		Mrs. Lizzy Stephen	T-063
	Mr. T V Cherian	C-018		Mr. K V Cherian	C-020
	Mr. George Kuruvilla	G-009		Mr. A S John	J-126
	Ms. Shoba Susan Pramod	G-062		Master. Sajin John Mathunny	M-092
	Mr. George Mathew	M-069	14	Mr. Prajith John	J-132
	Mr. Mathew Thomas	M-079		Mr. James David Solomon	J-056
	Miss. Astha Mary John	J-097		Mr. M K Philip	P-012
09	Mrs. Preetha Isaac	I-011		Mrs. Rani Abraham	S-049
	Mrs. Mary Kuruvilla	M-038		Mrs. Beena Thomas	R-016
	Mr. Thomas John	T-015		Mrs. Reetu Rachel Varghese	J-070
	Mr. P S Joseph	J-167		Ms. Shilpa Elizabeth Jacob	R-013
	Dr. Kristin Indumathi	E-008		Mrs. Bibuna Mathew	V-046
	Mrs. Susan Thomas	T-035		Miss. Rachel Mathew	M-087
	Mrs. Jaya Varghese John	V-008		Miss. Alina Sara Jacob	B-027
	Mrs. Reshma Susan Varghese	A-120		Master. Ashwin Varghese Luke	B-036
	Mrs. Salina Rai	M-055		Master. Aswin Abraham Thomas	A-024
	Miss. Sherin A Thomas	A-087	15	Lt Gen. Thomas Mathew	T-034
	Master. John Manuel Cherian	C-015		Mr. Baby Cherian Thomas P	B-003
	Miss. Ann Liza George	G-067		Dr. Serah Koshi	S-032
	Miss. Ruth Elsa Eapen	R-041		Mr. Aaron Abraham Philip	P-014
10	Mrs. Jessie Winny	W-005		Master. Nikshep Ninan Varghese	B-032
	Mr. Paul Mathew	P-006		Mrs. Aleyamma John	A-072
	Mrs. Annamma Cherian	A-103	16	Dr. Anna Valson	V-001
	Mr. George P George	G-066		Mrs. Elizabeth Chandy	T-022
	Mrs. Rachel Philip	R-002		Mr. Thomas Samuel P	T-060
	Mrs. Rajamma Jacob	D-010		Mrs. Babitha Saira Mathew	R-043
	Mrs. Rachel Thomas	T-019		Mrs. Louise Thompson	M-028
	Mrs. Manju Mathew	M-029		Mrs. Nisha Lijo	L-013
	Mr. Thomas Korah	T-048		Miss. Sneha Mary Varghese	S-007
	Mr. Ajosh Cherian	A-052		Master. Jonathan Joji John	J-137
	Ms. Priya Peggy Romal	R-054	17	Mrs. Chinamma Eapen	C-025
	Mr. Jacob John	W-002		Ms. Meril Rachel John	J-123
11	Mr. John Philip	P-021		Mrs. Sosamma K S	J-088
	Mrs. Sheeba Panakal	A-089		Mrs. Lizy John	J-120
	Mrs. Merin Elizabeth Thomas	T-061		Mr. K V Varughese	V-025
	Mr. Jacob George	J-034		Mrs. Mariam Chandy	C-004
	Ms. Athira Elizabeth Kurian	K-027		Dr. V P Philip	P-018
	Ms. Mariah Serene Jacob	J-039		Mr. Thomas Manoj John	T-021
	Miss. Joyna Elin Jacob	J-025		Mr. Biju Thomas John	J-101
	Master. Abel Philip Cherian	R-043		Mrs. Grasha Benny	B-017

18	Mr. Abraham Joseph	A-045	Mr. Issac Xavier D	I-009
	Mrs. Deepa Joy	A-046	Mr. Sajeev S J	S-002
	Mr. Job J	J-080	Ms. Reneeta Sarah Isaac	J-154
	Mrs. Daisy Mani	D-002	Master. Dan K George	S-001
	Mrs. Elizabeth Zachariah	E-016	26 Mrs. Rebecca Thomas	S-106
	Dr. Abby Varkey Kurien	A-001	Mrs. Ponni Joy	J-171
	Miss. Nia Anna Abraham	S-108	Rev. Varghese Enathickal V	V-009
19	Ms. Dimple A Philip	P-018	Mrs. Manjith Babu	R-014
	Mrs. Elizabeth Soundararajan	P-044	Ms. Reshma Raichel Jose	J-142
	Mrs. Jisha Sony	S-076	27 Mr. Y George	G-004
	Mr. Daniel George	D-004	Mr. Dilip George Varghese	D-026
	Mrs. Manju George Koruthu	G-047	Mrs. Simy Annie Jojy	J-140
	Dr. Arun Joseph	A-128	Mrs. Annie Varghese	R-038
	Mr. Byju Joseph	B-049	Mrs. Reena Abraham	J-124
	Mr. Riju P Joseph	R-052	Mr. Manjit G J	M-010
20	Mrs. Aniamma Varghese	A-115	Mr. Bibin George	G-048
	Dr. Nancy John	J-120	Mr. Jesh Koshy Jesty	J-067
	Mr. Saju John Mathews	S-013	28 Mrs. Jerly Mathew	M-056
	Mr. Suresh Varghese	S-121	Mr. Martin James Cumberland	M-027
21	Mr. P V Kuruvilla	K-043	Mrs. Aruna Anbunathan	J-169
	Mrs. Pennamma Mathew	M-075	Mrs. Susamma Kuruvilla	K-045
	Mr. Santhosh Thomas Matthew	M-076	Mr. Jacob C	J-051
	Mrs. Shiny Koshy	J-091	Mrs. Achamma Benjamin	A-042
	Mr. Deepak George	G-010	Col. Shashi Thomas	S-058
	Mrs. Nirmala Prabakaran	P-001	28 Mr. Jacob George	G-045
	Ms. Rebecca Lincoln	L-008	Mrs. Ann Koshy Varghese	K-013
	Master. Alen Binoy Stephen	B-033	Mr. Nishant George Stephen	S-088
22	Mrs. Deenamma Varghese	V-013	Miss. Merin Kurien	K-039
	Mr. James Cherian	J-057	29 Dr. Mohan John Mathew	M-098
	Mr. John Samuel P	J-098	Mrs. Giby George	T-062
	Mr. K T Chacko	C-003	Mrs. Nisha Mary Thomas	K-008
	Ms. Neena Elizebeth Rajan	R-011	Mrs. Nell Merlin Thomas	J-169
	Master. Rohan Varghese Thomas	O-007	Mr. Vineeth Kurian Mathew	V-031
23	Dr. Thomas Mathai	T-043	Mrs. Reshma Susan Rajan	J-053
	Mr. M M John	J-110	Dr. Dhanya Elsa James	V-042
	Mr. Johnson David	J-133	Mr. Samuel John	S-073
	Mr. John Mathew	J-093	Master. Aaron Varkey Zachariah	Z-002
	Mrs. Anju Manoj	M-013	Master. Chris Kurien Prem	P-037
	Mrs. Bindhu Dileep	D-024	Miss. Navya Sarah John	B-040
	Mr. Joe Varghese Varghese	V-024	Miss. Neha Anna Eapen	A-126
	Miss. Gnana Sharon Timna V	V-041	30 Master. Alen Mathew	M-074
24	Mr. Robin Abraham Koshy	R-005	Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas	T-039
	Mr. Jacob Koshy	J-032	Mr. James Philip Koshy	J-187
	Dr. Rebekka Thomas	R-028	Mrs. Leelamma Raju	R-020
	Mrs. Gigy Elzy John	J-132	Mr. Eapen Kurien	E-004
	Mrs. M Vasantha Priya	D-027	Mrs. Lucy Mathew	M-086
	Mrs. Merin Raju	R-073	Mr. Varghese Kurian	V-015
	Miss. Rhima Susan Zacharias	M-095	Mr. John R Thomas	M-020
	Miss. Rachel Mary Koshy	J-071	Master. Joel B Thomas	B-034
25	Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese	A-069		
	Mrs. Valsamma Johnson	J-133		

Wedding Anniversaries - November 2016

01	A S John (Mr & Mrs)	J-126
	Titus Mathew (Mr & Mrs)	T-070
04	John Philip (Mr & Dr)	J-113
	John Jacob Eapen (Mr & Mrs)	J-086
	Kurian C Abraham (Mr & Mrs)	K-028
05	Thomas Samuel P (Mr & Mrs)	T-060
	Kiran Jacob Koshy (Mr & Mrs)	K-007
06	M P Raju (Mr & Mrs)	R-019
	Dinesh M Mani (Mr & Mrs)	D-028
08	Lalji Daniel (Mr & Mrs)	L-002
10	Abraham George (Mr & Mrs)	A-022
	Abraham John (Mr & Mrs)	A-007
	Sushil Thomas (Mr & Mrs)	S-124
	Subin Thomas (Dr & Mrs)	S-090
11	Varghese Koshy (Mr & Mrs)	V-003
	Jacob Mammen (Mr & Mrs)	J-031
	P Ajit George (Mr & Dr)	A-047
12	N M Abraham (Mr & Mrs)	A-009
13	Paul Mathew (Mr & Mrs)	P-006
14	George M Chandy (Dr & Dr)	G-039
	Gijo Chandy (Mr & Mrs)	G-080
	Thomas Stephen (Mr & Mrs)	T-063
	Anoop T Mathew (Mr & Mrs)	A-119
15	Joshy Oommen (Mr & Mrs)	J-170
16	Rajan P Eapen (Mr & Mrs)	R-008
	Jacob John (Mr & Mrs)	J-022
	Abraham Suresh Thomas (Cdr & Mrs)	A-024
17	M K Varghese (Mr & Mrs)	V-018
	Prem Varkey Varghese (Mr & Mrs)	P-039
18	George Daniel (Mr & Mrs)	G-010
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	John P Samuel (Mr & Mrs)	J-092
19	Binu Kurien (Mr & Mrs)	B-042
	Ajay Mathews Cheriyan (Mr & Mrs)	A-134
20	Reji V Mathew (Mr & Mrs)	R-036
	E Jobi (Mr & Mrs)	J-081
21	Joseph P Isaac (Mr & Mrs)	J-154
	Lalan George (Mr & Mrs)	L-001
	George Joseph (Mr & Mrs)	G-026

22	Roy Matthew Jacob (Mr & Mrs)	R-068
	Stephen James Cumberland (Mr & Mrs)	S-135
23	Jacob Samuel (Mr & Mrs)	J-041
	Girish Philip Punnen (Mr & Mrs)	G-083
	Jibu Philip Koshy (Mr & Mrs)	J-071
24	John M J (Mr & Mrs)	J-087
	K V Kurien (Dr & Mrs)	K-034
	Baby E I (Mr & Mrs)	B-002
	Rakesh Jayaprakash (Mr & Mrs)	R-021
25	C A Pothan (Mr & Mrs)	P-029
	Vinod Kumar E (Mr & Mrs)	V-034
26	T George Behanan (Mr & Mrs)	G-049
	George Joseph (Rev Dr & Mrs)	G-022
	Deepak Jacob Joseph (Mr & Mrs)	D-020
27	Chase John Koshy (Mr & Mrs)	C-008
	Mammen Joseph (Mr & Mrs)	M-004
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	Varkey John E (Mr & Mrs)	V-021
	Reni Simon (Mr & Dr)	R-071
28	Suresh E (Mr & Mrs)	S-118
	Benjamin Philip (Mr & Mrs)	B-016
	M Y Rao (Mr & Mrs)	R-023
	Pradeep Soundararajan (Mr & Mrs)	P-044
	Roy Simon (Mr & Mrs)	R-058
	Cherian George (Mr & Mrs)	C-023
	Binu N Sam (Mr & Mrs)	B-039
29	Reji Joseph (Mr & Mrs)	R-034
	A J Jacob (Mr & Mrs)	J-026
	Mammen V Thomas (Mr & Mrs)	M-003
	Saju George (Mr & Mrs)	S-012
	Eapen T Joseph (Mr & Mrs)	E-002
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