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Thought for the year 2019: Year of Spirituality

"Religion/ Faith that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world (James. 1:27)

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Service Schedule

Date	Sanpada 07.00 am	Panvel 11.00 am
01.Sept.19	H.C	H.C
08.Sept.19	H.C	Matins
15.Sept.19	Matins	H.C
22.Sept.19	H.C (English)	H.C (English)
29.Sept.19	H.C	H.C
06.Oct. 19	H.C	H.C
13.Oct.19	H.C	Matins
20.Oct.19	Matins	H.C
27.Oct.19	H.C (English)	H.C (English)

Organizations

Sunday School	On every Sunday	09.00- 10.00 am
Youth Movement	On every Second and Fourth Sunday	09.00- 10.00 am
Choristor's Association	Choir Practice on every Saturday	06.00-08.00 pm
Women's Fellowship	On every second Saturday	04.30- 6.00 pm
Atmaya Fellowship	On every Tuesday	07.30-09.00 am

Cottage Prayer

Date	Residence	Time
01.Sept.19	Mr. Sajan J George, Nerul	05.00 pm
03.Sept.19	Rev. Aby K Thomas, Ulwe	07.00 pm
08.Sept.19	Mr. John Joseph, Kopar Khairane	05.00 pm
15.Sept.19	Mr. Mathew's Philip, Kharghar	05.00 pm
22.Sept.19	Mr. Bobby Varghese Itty, Nerul	05.00 pm
28.Sept.19	Mrs. Rachel John, Panvel	07.30 pm
06.Oct.19	Mr. Monzy Tharian, Sanpada	05.00 pm
13.Oct.19	Mr. Bose K Thomas, Nerul	05.00 pm
19.Oct.19	Mr. David James, Kharghar	07.30 pm
20.Oct.19	Mr. John Issac, Vashi	05.00 pm
27.Oct.19	Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan, Sanpada	05.00 pm

Friday Prayer

Date	Place	Time
06.Sept.19	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
27.Sept.19	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am
04.Oct.19	Panvel Worship Centre	07.30 pm
25.Oct.19	Sanpada Jubilee Church	10.00 am

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From the Presbyterian's Desk

Dear People of God

Have you ever felt discouraged? Have you felt so discouraged that you were ready to quit? That kind of discouragement manifests itself in many ways. Maybe you get discouraged over the repetitiveness of your work at home, or at your workplace. "Discouragement is a common feeling that prompts many people to ask, What can I do when I am so discouraged, I feel like giving up?" Take Elijah, the prophet of God, for instance. In 1 Kings 18 Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal in a showdown on Mount Carmel concerning who was the greatest, God or Baal. In an amazing show of power, God proved his reality and strength. Elijah had faced the prophets of Baal and had unmistakably destroyed them- both spiritually and physically. Then God sent a rain that broke the drought in the land. Ahab, king of Israel, told his wife, Jezebel, who was largely responsible for the introduction of Baal worship into the land, what had happened. She threatened the life of Elijah. Elijah became discouraged and ran. He ran south to Beersheba, where he left his servant. Then he went a day's journey farther into the wilderness, sat down under a juniper tree, and asked God to take his life. But in that time of great discouragement, when the prophet wanted to give up, he was met by God, ministered by God, and motivated by God. His experience can give us some help and assurance when we get discouraged. **1. The Cause of discouragement:** thinking about self, not about God. The cause of Elijah's discouragement was that he was thinking about himself, not about God. Even after the great show of God's power on Mount Carmel, Elijah was concerned with Jezebel's threat. Elijah did not know his future. After what he had done for God, he expected recognition and position; instead, he received a threat against his life. **2. The Cure for discouragement:** trusting in God, not in self. Elijah went to Mount Horeb to find God. He found God in the 'still small voice' (1 Kings. 19:12). Elijah received a new understanding of God. He had looked for God only in the evidences of power, but God came to him instead in a 'gentle whisper'. 1 Kings. 19: 15- 16 outlines the tasks that God assigned Elijah. Discouragement is overcome by doing something for God's honour. Let us be encouraged by God. Hope in God is the solution for not being discouraged.

May God Bless You and Our Church
Ora et Labora- Pray and Labour

Rev. Aby K Thomas
Presbyter-in-charge
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Diocesan News

Stewardship Sunday

The Bombay Diocese is observing Stewardship Sunday on 9th September 2019. Stewardship Sunday is a good opportunity for us to remind ourselves that God has entrusted to our care several resources, for which we are accountable to Him. The theme of this year's Stewardship Sunday is 'Towards Self Reliant Church'. Our laity people will lead the service on this day. Stewardship Sunday cover offertory would be collected the same day.

Contribution towards Relief Work for Kolhapur and Sangli

Floods have hit the districts of Kolhapur and Sangli hard with the city of Sangli completely marooned. Several water-supply schemes have become dysfunctional and crops and houses have been damaged. As many as 223 villages in Kolhapur have been affected. 18 have been completely marooned. About 28,897 persons are affected out of which 8,923 people were shifted. As you all aware of the floods in Kolhapur and Sangli district, as large scale of loss of life and property have taken place in these areas, the Bombay Diocese would like to provide financial and material assistance to the flood affected people through our Kolhapur Diocese. Therefore, kindly help in this regard. For more details kindly contact our Church Secretary or the Vicar.

New Deputy Moderator

Rt. Rev. Bijay Kumar Nayak has been elected as the new Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India. He is currently serving as the Bishop in the Diocese of Phulbani, Odissa. The Phulbani Diocese has its headquarters at Kandhamal. This Diocese largely consists of Adivasis and Dalits. Bishop Bijay lead the diocese with strong conviction and courage during the Anti-Christian violence in the year 2008. His speech, 'God and Prayer are our strength' at the CNI Synod was the manifestation of Christian faith. When Bishop Bijay became the Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India, it is an appreciation for the Phulbani Diocese and their people. We pray and wish that let God strengthen him in his new office.

IN MEMORIAM

27.09.2017	Sub. Maj. John Thomas	61 years	Panvel
09.10.2017	Mrs. Deenamma Tharian	78 years	Sanpada
18.10.2010	Mrs. Kunjamma James	84 years	Kharghar

Thanks

This issue of Jubilee Voice is sponsored by Mrs. Rachel John, Panvel in loving memory of her dear husband, Late. Subedar Major. John Thomas who expired on 27th September 2017 aged 61 years. He had 30 years of service in the Indian Army as a Cypher Officer in different signal units like Mhow, Rajasthan, Srinagar, Siliguri, Ambala, Meerut Cantonment, Sharifabad in Kargil, Goa and Colaba. Thanks to the Lord for his life and contribution towards the nation and the church. Thanks to Mrs. Rachel John for the sponsorship.

Previous Month's Highlights

Union Welcome Meeting: Mumbai-Pune Union welcome meeting for the newly joined presbyters was held on 13th of July, 2019, Sunday, at CNI St. Christopher's Malayalam Church, Kalyan. On behalf of our church, the office bearers attended this program. The meeting decided to restrict expenses with regard to Union Retreats and Kalamela such that the contribution per church does not exceed Rs.12,000/-. If the expenses are likely to increase sponsors should be found by the host church to meet the extra expenses. The committee also suggested that any one who requires premarital counselling has to approach their respective home diocese.

Sunday School Retreat: Our Sunday School Teachers and Students retreat was held on 13th July 2019, at Sanpada. Mr. Abhijit Mathew Yohannan and Mrs. Ancy Mathew from 'Children's Bible Ministry', lead the retreat, revolving around the theme 'God's Love'. Eighteen Sunday school students and teachers from Sanpada and Panvel attended the program. The retreat was a great blessing considering the involvement of our teachers and children in singing, Bible games and devotion. I congratulate our Sunday School teachers, especially, Mrs. Siby Bobby, the Sunday School Superintendent.

Laity Sunday: Churches in Mumbai-Pune Union observed the Laity Sunday on 04th August 2019, Sunday. Atmaya Fellowship members lead the service and they sang a special song. Mrs. Sosamma Kuruvila of Chembur Church brought the Word of God. Thanks to all Atmaya Fellowship members for their leadership in the church.

Union Youth Retreat: Union Youth Retreat and Kalamela was held at St. John's Marthoma Church, Mira Road, under the leadership of our CNI St. James Church, Borivili. Miss. Sharon John got the second prize for solo singing. Our youth got first prize for the quartet and second prize for group song. Pune church bagged the championship this year. I congratulate all our youth members, especially, M/s Sudheip, Sharon and Jisby for their leadership.

Upcoming Programmes

Choir Sunday: September 01, 2019, is observed as Choir Sunday. Our choir members will lead the service. The church considerably value the richness the choir brings to the church's worship experience and pray that may the choir sing spiritually and let then have a sense what they sing, and see that their heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually. 'Sing in Christ and Sing for Christ', is the theme this year.

Union Sunday School Retreat and Kalamela: Mumbai-Pune Union Sunday School Retreat and Kalamela is scheduled to be held on 02nd September 2019, Monday. CNI St. Mary the Virgin Malayalam Church, Parel is hosting the event. Christos Marthoma Church, Mulund would be the venue. Requesting our Sunday School teachers and students attention in this regard.

Pulpit Change Sunday: Mumbai-Pune Union set apart 29th September as Pulpit Change Sunday. Presbyters of all our Malayalam churches are interchangeably assigned churches, for Holy Communion service on this day. Rev. Sam N. Joshua, Presbyterian-in-charge of Kalyan Church will be leading our services at Sanpada and Panvel.

Union Women's Fellowship Conference: Mumbai- Pune Union Women's Fellowship Retreat and Kalamela will be held on 02nd October 2019, at CNI St. Paul's Church, Vakkola. The theme this year is, 'The Role of a Radiant Woman in Society, Church and Family in the Postmodern Era'. I request the women's fellowship leaders to plan in advance for the event.

Youth Sunday: 06th October, 2019, will be observed as Youth Sunday. Youth members will lead the service. The church needs Youth to be reminded that the faith in God, and practices of the church are passed on to the next generation through them. Therefore the church wishes that this year's Youth Sunday is a day for the spiritual formation of the youth. 'Youth and Relevant Spirituality of Hope' is the theme this year.

Other Notes

Annual General Body Meeting: Our AGM would have been over when you read this. Our AGM was planned to be held on 25th August, 2019, Sunday, 05.00 pm, at the Jubilee Malayalam Church, Sanpada. Thanks to all of you for your presence and participation in the AGM. The important decisions of the AGM will be informed later in detail.

Senior Citizen's Sunday: September, 29, 2019 will be observed as the Senior Citizen Sunday. 'Caring and Accepting the Elderly', would be the theme. Let us respect and accept the elderly people. The church wishes and pray, that let the 'elderly people look back and thank, look forward and trust, look around and serve, and look inward and transform'. Let us take care of our elders.

Reformation Sunday: The worldwide church will observe, September 27, 2019, as Reformation Sunday, marking the occasion on 31, October, 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, which renews the church, her traditions, teachings, history, theology, ministry and mission now and then.

National Youth Conference: The second NYC is decided to be held from 25-27, October, 2019 at CHAI Training Centre, Hyderabad. Dear youth members register your names before 30th September 2019.

Prayer Requests

1. Rev. N. C. David, C.B.D Belapur (For Good health)
2. Mr. George Cherian, Kolkata (For Good Health)
3. Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi (For Good Health)
4. Mr. Bino Oommen, Kharghar (For Good Health)
5. John Samuel, Koparkhairane (For Good Health)
6. Mr. Issac T.C, Panvel (For Good Health)
7. Mr. Solomon Samuel, Kharghar (For Good Health)
8. Mrs. Lillian Stephens, Vashi (For Good Health)
9. M/o Mr. Sudeep Philips, Kozhikode (Undergoing Dialysis)
10. Dr. Mrs. Usha Joshua, w/o Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli (Recovering after Treatment for Cancer)
11. Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village

Church Calendar

September. 01 - Choir Sunday
 September. 21 - St. Mathew's Day
 September. 27 - C.S.I Formation Day
 September. 28 - St. Simon Day
 September 29 - St. Michael and All the Angels
 October. 18 - St. Luke's Day
 October. 27 - Reformation Sunday

Leadership Quotes

1. "Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others." Robert Louis Stevenson
2. To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart." Eleanor Roosevelt
3. "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." William Arthur Ward
4. "Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." George Patton
5. "Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flow charts. It is about one life influencing another." John C. Max.

Sunday Scripture Lessons for September & October 2019

2019 September 01, Sunday
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Choir Sunday
Sing in Christ and Sing for Christ

Zephaniah. 3: 14- 20
Colossians 3: 12- 17

Psalm.05
Luke. 2: 22- 39

2019 September 08, Sunday
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel. 3: 16- 21
Acts of the Apostle. 20: 17-38

Psalm. 125
Luke. 12: 41- 48

2019 September 15, Sunday
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
God has told us to be Free

Numbers. 14: 1- 10
Galatians. 4: 1- 11

Psalm. 106: 1- 27
Luke. 13: 10- 17

2019 September 22, Sunday
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Our Response to the Call of God

1 Samuel. 15: 10- 23
Acts of the Apostles. 13: 42- 52

Psalm. 18: 25- 30
Luke. 14: 15- 24

2019 September 29, Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Senior Citizen's Sunday
Caring and Accepting the Elderly

Genesis. 46: 28- 34: 47: 1- 10
1 Timothy. 5: 1- 10

Psalm. 21
Luke. 2: 25-35

2019 October 06, Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Sunday
Youth and Relevant Spirituality of Hope

Isaiah. 42: 1-9
2 Timothy. 1: 6- 14

Psalm. 16
Luke. 15: 20- 32

2019 October 13, Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Discernment and Devotion for the Service of God

2 Kings. 5: 19- 27
1 Timothy. 6: 6- 19

Psalm. 40
Luke. 16: 1- 12

2019 October 20, Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
True Compassion is Based on Justice

Amos. 8: 4- 10
1 John. 3: 11- 22

Psalm. 82
Luke. 16: 19- 31

2019 October 27, Sunday
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Remember with Gratitude the Reformers and Reformation

2 Kings. 23: 10- 25
Romans. 11: 1- 6

Psalm. 81
Luke 11: 33- 54

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory – Sanpada

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson
01.09.19	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex	Miss. Betsy Mathews	Miss. Aneeta Rose Paul
08.09.19	Mr. S. J. Winford	Mrs. Bindu Alex	Mr. Tharian George
15.09.19	Mr. Biju George	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Mr. Jim Joseph Kurien
22.09.19	Mr. T. G. Kurien	Mrs. Shely Abraham	Mr. Akash Joseph John
29.09.19	Mr. C. G. Thomas	Mrs. Annamma John	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph
06.10.19	Mr. Sudheip Samuel Alex	Miss. Sarah B. George	Miss. Aleena Mariam Philip
13.10.19	Mr. Bose K Thomas	Mrs. Ashish E. George	Mr. W. K. David
20.10.19	Mr. Biju C. Alex	Mrs. Nirmala John	Mr. Kevin Ninan Mathew
27.10.19	Mr. P. K. Abraham	Mrs. Marina Chandy	Mrs. Shobha Shaji

Date	Peace	Elements
01.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. Rijo George Cherian	Mr. & Mrs. Sanjeeth Edwin
08.09.19	Mrs. & Mrs. T.G. Kurien	Mr. & Mrs. John Issac
22.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sanjay Joseph David	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C Alex
29.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. K. O. John	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George
06.10.19	Mr & Mrs. Dr. & Mrs. Jowin William	Mr. & Mrs. Susheil Mani Alex
13.10.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sajjan J. George	Mr. & Mrs. Roy Koshy Philip
20.10.19	Adv. & Mrs. Chandy Kurien	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip
27.10.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sudeep Rupin Philips	Mr. & Mrs. Monzy Tharian Varghese

Date	Offertory	Offertory
01.09.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Tanish Monzy Tharian
08.09.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Josh Mathew George
15.09.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Ryan Philip Mathew
22.09.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Grace Abraham
29.09.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Vian Chandy Alex
06.10.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Alex Monzy Tharian
13.10.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Miss. Niya Geetha Josey
20.10.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Zephan Jacob David
27.10.19	Mr. Reuben Kurien	Mast. Aman Shaji

Scripture Reading, Peace, Elements & Offertory –Panvel

Date	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson
01.09.19	Mr. Sam Thomas	Mrs. Mariam Simon	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok
08.09.19	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Shiny Sam	Mast. Joel Issac John
15.09.19	Mr. David James	Mrs. Teena Josey	Miss. Soffy John
22.09.19	Mr. K. K. Johnson	Mr. Elvin Isaac Jacob	Miss. Pearl Pise
29.09.19	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mrs. Shiny Sam
06.10.19	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Liji Babu	Miss. Leah Johnson
13.10.19	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Mr. Elvin Issac Jacob
20.10.19	Mr. Sabu Varghese	Mrs. Dency Binil	Mrs. Bindhu Mary Kuriakose
27.10.19	Mr. Jeffy John Sam	Mrs. Raji James	Miss. Soffy John

Date	Peace	Elements
01.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. David James	Mr. Ashok Abraham
15.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Mr. David James
22.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Mr. Vipin Varghese
29.09.19	Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Mr. K. K. Johnson
06.10.19	Mr. & Mrs. K. K. Johnson	Mr. Sam Thomas
20.10.19	Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Abraham	Mr. K. Babu
27.10.19	Mr. & Mrs. Binil Mathai	Mr. Sabu Varghese

Date	Offertory	Offertory
01.09.19	Miss. Aksa Susan Ashok	Miss. Anaina Babu
08.09.19	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok
15.09.19	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok	Miss. Hephziba David
22.09.19	Miss. Pearl Pise	Mast. Reyhan Paul Simon
29.09.19	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok
06.10.19	Miss. Anaina Babu	Miss. Hephziba David
13.10.19	Miss. Pearl Pise	Mast. Kevin Johnson
20.10.19	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Miss. Ruby Maria Pise
27.10.19	Mast. Ansel Abraham Ashok	Miss. Nova Merlin Aby

WEDDING ANNIVERSERIES- SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2019 Anniversary Greetings

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

Date	Name	Place	Contact
02-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel John	Sanpada	974 66552562
05-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Jibin Abraham	Kamothe	99697 16707
08-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Sony A. Kurien	Sanpada	98952 89096
08.Sept	Mr. & Mrs. P. I. Mathew	Kharghar	98216 47398
15-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Biju George	Kopar Khairane	98203 73589
30-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Kurian	Nerul	98690 38440

Teacher's Day

In India, 5th September is celebrated as Teachers' Day as a mark of tribute to the contribution made by teachers to the society. 5th September is the birth anniversary of a great teacher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a staunch believer of education, and was a well-known diplomat, scholar, the President of India and above all, a teacher. When some of his students and friends approached him and requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, he said, "instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege, if 5th September is observed as Teachers' day". From then onwards, the 5th of September has been observed as Teachers Day, in India. He said, 'a good teacher is like candle it consumes itself to light the way for others. Ideal teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross them having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own'.

HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY- 05th September

BIRTHDAYS- SEPTEMBER 2019

Birthday Wishes

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah. 29:11)

Date	Name	Place	Contact
02-Sept	Miss. Nehemia Mariam Aby	Ulwe	97443 49381
04-Sept	Mr. George Cherian	Kolkata	98319 74846
05-Sept	Mr. T. G. Kurien	Nerul	98690 38440
06-Sept	Miss. Aneeta Ann John	Kopar Khairane	96191 31201
06-Sept	Mrs. Sara Oommen	Kharghar	99309 96868
06-Sept	Mr. Jeffy John Sam	Kamothe	98696 85678
07-Sept	Mr. Thariyan George	Kopar Khairane	98202 36219
07-Sept	Mrs. Jibi Binu Thomas	Airoli	99870 14204
08-Sept	Miss. Dr. Manna E. Winford	Kharghar	91599 12986
09-Sept	Mr. John Sunny	Nerul	98216 74928
09-Sept	Mr. Varun Cherian	Vashi	95942 01907
10-Sept	Mr. Uday Ninan	Vashi	92233 54039
12-Sept	Mast. Alex Monzy Tharian	Sanpada	96196 08750
13-Sept	Mast. Libin M. Yesudas	Nhava	97693 16680
13-Sept	Mast. Ethan Anish	CBD Belapur	98472 29295
14-Sept	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	CBD Belapur	81089 06337
20-Sept	Mr. Biju C Alex	Nerul	98202 75579
22-Sept	Mr. Varghese K Itty	Nerul	22 2770 9503
23-Sept	Mr. Solomon S. Samuel	Kharghar	98193 69402
23-Sept	Mr. Jiju George Sam	Kamothe	98696 85678
26-Sept	Rev. N. C. David	CBD Belapur	98338 29535
26-Sept	Mrs. Lulu Yesudas	Nhava	97693 16680
27-Sept	Mr. Binny Johnson	Taloja	96191 95358
29-Sept	Dr. Sagar D Parab	Powai	77386 46325
30-Sept	Miss. Leah Johnson	Kharghar	98202 48239

BIRTHDAYS- OCTOBER 2019

Birthday Wishes

“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” (Zeph.3:17)

Date	Name	Place	Contact
01-Oct	Mr. Joju John K	Sanpada	971 65364318
02- Oct	Mr. Malcom J Stephens	Kokar Khairane	99204 99099
02-Oct	Mrs. Sonia Thomas	Taloja	96191 95358
03-Oct	Mast. Tanish Monzy Tharian	Palm Beach	96196 08750
05-Oct	Dr. Jowin Jacob	Vashi	97309 48858
06-Oct	Mr. Bose K Thomas	Nerul	95943 71717
06.Oct	Mrs. Dr. Sheena A. Mammen	Vashi	78376 70015
08-Oct	Mr. Vishal Mark Stephen	Vashi	99204 99099
12-Oct	Mr. Jibin Abraham	Kamothe	99697 16707
13-Oct	Mr. Rijo George Cherian	Panvel	95944 26024
17-Oct	Miss. Jimy John	Vashi	98928 10922
18-Oct	Mr. P. M. Thomas	Kamothe	97699 55698
18-Oct	Mr. Johnson Gabriel	Taloja	98190 94637
18-Oct	Miss. Jiana Binu Thomas	Airoli	98212 14024
22-Oct	Mrs. Aleyamma John	Sanpada	98207 42205
23-Oct	Miss. Biji Babu	Old Panvel	98693 75542
23-Oct	Mr. Josey Oommen	Ulwe	97680 10570
23-Oct	Miss Norah Mariam Josey	Ulwe	97680 10570
28-Oct	Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Sanpada	98202 32483
29-Oct	Miss. Riya Ann John	Nerul	98927 14453
29-Oct	Mr. P. K. Abraham	Vashi	99690 12274
30-Oct	Mrs. Animol Joseph	Sanpada	88283 41851

“The Importance of Church Choir”

Mr. Thomas R George, Chembur

The Church Choir has an indispensable role in Church Worship. Choirs played an important role in the worship of the Christian church, particularly with the advent of polyphonic (multi-layered, more complex) music.

The choir has a variety of responsibilities. Their primary role is to support and enhance the congregation in singing worship songs. As such, the choir becomes an important leader in worship, guiding the gathered assembly in prayer and praise through song. Choir leaders will want to help the whole congregation to develop a clear understanding of the choir's role in the worship and its importance to lead the worship of those assembled. In order to fulfill this calling, all choirs, no matter how large or small, no matter how limited or great their skill, will strive for excellence in all that they do.

Among the many reasons the choir is vital to the life of any church, consider these three:

- The choir is an **opportunity** for involvement. A church's ministry is only as effective as the people in its congregation who choose to get involved.. I've often heard the choir referred to as “the church within the church.” When you join a choir, you're not just singing notes together, you're doing life and ministry together.
- The choir is an **extension** of the pulpit. There are so many fantastic songs that have been written for the Church and many that have yet to be written. But not all songs are necessarily suitable for corporate worship. There are songs that teach, encourage, compel, and call to action, and the choir is a marvelous mouthpiece for such things. By presenting these kinds of songs, the choir takes on a pastoral role, and it brings a rich dynamic to the theme or message of that particular service. This is especially effective in services with a missional focus or special services like those during Holy Week or the Christmas season.
- The choir is a **reflection** of heaven. The prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse into God's throne room with angels singing together, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3). John paints a similar picture in the book of Revelation. There is a heavenly choir that sings God's praises for all eternity. When we see our friends and family in the choir loft singing in harmony of voice and spirit, I believe we are momentarily transported (even if only in our minds) to the throne room of heaven. Furthermore, we often see a wide array of ages, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds on display in the choir. This, too, is a reflection of heaven – God's people, of every age and every race, worshipping together as one body.

Above all, the well-rehearsed choir will breathe life into the text as it sings with clear understanding and insight into the words and their meaning. The texts can shape the faith of those who worship.

Our choirs can provide indispensable leadership for worship if we encourage them and adequately equip them for the task. Choirs that are enthusiastic, understand their role, and approach their task with a sense of reverence will, in turn, lead others to a profound conviction that through the songs of worship, we encounter the Holy God.

“Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love” UMH 432

Following

African independence movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s, a number of Western missionaries encouraged the composition of Christian song in African idioms. Thomas S. Colvin (1925-2000) was one of these missionaries. Colvin was a pastoral missionary for the Church of Scotland in Ghana from 1958-1964 and Nyasaland (now Malawi) from 1954-'58 and 1964-'74. Trained as an engineer before studying theology at Trinity College in Glasgow, he was an active member of the ecumenical Iona Community for nearly 50 years. Colvin nurtured new African congregational songs by adapting local melodies and writing new texts appropriate for African Christians and, as it turns out, Christians around the world. “Jesu, Jesu” is Colvin’s most popular hymn. The melody is adapted from a Ghanaian folk song he heard during his years of service in that country. (The United Methodist Church-Discipleship Ministry).

The Elder and the Younger

October 06 respectively, let us look what Peter writes to us, for the elders and youngsters in the church. Now, as an elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, Peter exhorts the elders, (ofcourse the elders means the leaders) **(1) Tend the flock of God, (2) Exercise the oversight, (3) Be examples to the flock.** Therefore the responsibility of the elders within the church continues even today. When we observe the nature and scope of the current church, these responsibilities are considered to be the safeguard of the church, wherein the youngsters are being trained in Christian disciplines and church practices. Peter gives a challenge to the elders to be the good models before the youngsters. It's not alone tending and overseeing important, but a model life is also imperative for the elders. In the same way, Peter advises that, youngsters must accept **(1) The authority of the elders, (2) Cloth yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, (3) Cast all anxiety on Jesus, (4) Discipline yourselves, keep alert.** If the youth is not ready to accept the authority of the elders, they won't learn anything, and of course a due respect may fade away. Humility and respectfulness has to be imbibed in us when we are in youth ages. And it is also important that we should -

cast all our worries, tensions, confusions, anxieties in Jesus, and He cares about you. And if we lost such trust in God, we give up. At last Peter remarks that, the youngsters must discipline themselves. Just think how much the word 'discipline' is important in a world where the words like indiscipline, non-orderliness, disobedience, unruliness, naughty, and rebelliousness always matters and celebrates. Therefore, both the elder and the younger have a definite role in the church. Let us find and follow that.

Crossword

The Book of Genesis
Chapters 3 and 4

Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen. 4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen. 3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen. 4:12)

Children fill the puzzles and give it to Sunday school teachers, next Sunday, 01/Sept. This is for primary students.

Women's Corner

Bible Quiz- Acts of the Apostles (Ch.1-12)

1. The word Apostle means?
2. Christ was on earth after His resurrection for how long?
3. The Day of Pentecost came _____day(s) after the resurrection of Jesus.
4. The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2) came _____day(s) after Jesus went back to heaven.
5. The word tongue, as used in Acts 2, means what?
6. To "call upon the name of the Lord" means?
7. "Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God" means Jesus is?
8. "Christ" means?
9. "Lord" means?
10. A definition of a prophet is
11. We know David was a prophet because
12. The sin that Ananias and Sapphira committed was
13. In Acts 5 the man who stood up in the council and talked the Jews out of slaying the apostles was
14. There were _____men appointed to serve tables in Acts 6
15. Herod killed _____with the sword.
16. T or F. The Jews were looking for a kingdom because of OT prophecy.
17. T or F. A witness is one qualified and officially appointed to testify.
18. T or F. Witnesses can have many successors, who are also witnesses, generations later.
19. T or F. The Jews were not guilty for crucifying Jesus because the Romans did the actual work of crucifying.
20. T or F. An alms is a donation.
21. T or F. The Sadducees believed in the resurrection.
22. T or F. The Sanhedrin court tried to get the apostles to keep on preaching.
23. T or F. The "Grecians" or "Hellenists" were those Jews born in Judea
24. T or F. When you "go to" Jerusalem, you go up; when you go from Jerusalem you "go down."
25. Who had the keys of the kingdom and preached the first sermon?
26. Who was the head of the Sanhedrin council?
27. _____wrote the book of Acts.
28. The book of Acts has how many chapters?
29. The disciples were first called "Christians" where?
30. How many people are said to have been saved in Acts chapter 2?

Kindly give your answers in writing next Sunday, 01/Sep, after the service. The winners of the last contest are Mrs. Shiny Sabu, Kamothe and Mrs. Dency Binil, Ulwe. Congrats.

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For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
 (1 Cor.5:1)



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