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**JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH [C.N.I.]**  
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### Programmes

- September 7:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.  
**(Stewardship Sunday)**
- September 9:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Jubilee Church.
- September 13:** Women's Fellowship Meeting in Sanpada Jubilee Church at 4:30pm
- September. 14:** HC service in Sanpada at 11.30 am
- September 14:** Youth Meeting in the house of Ms. Neha Varghese at 5:30pm.
- September 21:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- September 26:** Cottage Prayer in the house of Mr. Binny Johnson, Kalamboli, at 8pm
- September 28:** Matins service in Sanpada at 7am and Joint Holy Communion Service of the Union of Malayalam Churches in Vakola at 10:30am.
- October 2:** Union Women's Fellowship Retreat in Borivalli at 9am.
- October 5:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7am and Panvel at 11am.

### Motto for the year 2014

**"Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature" (Romans 13: 14)**

## Message from the Presbyter

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

Christian life is a faith journey and not a settled life. We compare our faith journey often to that of Abraham, one of the patriarchs in the Bible. Abraham was the one, who started off to a place where God was guiding him leaving behind his father and large company of his people. In those times, it was foolish to travel in small groups as they could fall prey to the attacks of other people. Still, Abraham took up the journey and people followed him without knowing the exact destination.

It was said that Abraham knowing God could no longer bear the practices of the religion around him. He tried to gain converts to his idea of God, but in the already established religious set up he could not do much influence. This made Abraham to receive a call from God: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing" (Gen 12: 1,2). He started off listening to God and those people who believed in his words also followed him.

Abraham might have faced lot of criticisms and opposition from the people of his time to start off such a journey. Settled life is good for making money, position and power. In a journey, one will have to face lot of struggles. They have to find their means of survival and also protect themselves from enemies. Abraham had all these challenges but still he obeyed God. In the obedience to God we find greatness of Abraham, which made him to be called 'father of believers'. What shaped Abraham to be what he is today for us, also was moulded by the uncertainties of a nomadic life. The problems he faced helped him to strengthen his faith in God though at times he stumbled. Today, three of the Semitic religions of the world trace their roots to Abraham.

Jesus told to the Jews: "Truly, truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I am" (John 8: 58). Who has got the courage like Jesus to challenge a community by confronting them with their key personality? But Jesus had told this to make his point clear that He was greater than their national father, Abraham. Thus, in Jesus started a new turning point in the divine economy of life.

Today Jesus is the giver of the Spirit of God and thus he could fulfill what God had started in Abraham. Through Jesus, God could attract a large number of people to Himself. His followers are scattered all over the world. And our role in this divine plan will be in listening to the call of God in Jesus and fulfill the plan of God by making Him known to the world. In a religiously pluralistic society like today let us be aware of the means and methods to convey the message of Jesus to them.

Let us commit ourselves to the will of God and through our church life fulfill the plan of God. May we never be settled unless we fill the earth with the knowledge of God. Amen.

With love and prayers,

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**News & Notes**

**Previous Month Highlights**

**Union Youth Retreat and Competitions:** Union Youth Retreat was celebrated on August 15, the day of Indian Independence. The day started with flag hoisting by Borivali and Vasai church vicar, Rev. Sam N. Joshua. Rev. Reni Philip, the vicar of Vakola Church prayed for the entire nation and Rev. Varghese Enathickal led the youth in an Independence Day pledge, which was a responsive affirmation of their role in the building up of the nation.

The opening session was led by Mr. Malcolm Stephen, who divided the youth into 4 groups naming: Spark, Force, Energy and Power. He made a very interesting presentation on the theme: Transpower your life: Be a Transpowered Christian. He used various illustrations to prove his points and it challenged the entire youth. On his deliberation, he discussed on the various issues of spirituality, Christian mindset and practical steps to grow our faith in Christ. He exhorted everyone to use their potentials and be partakers in the everyday world scenario by becoming Spark, Energy, Force and Power in the given environment. He advised them not to blame anyone or society for the way in which the situations are. God has chosen us to be agents of change using and developing our God-given talents of influence.

In the afternoon, youth from 7 churches got busy with talent competitions. It was the first time in the history of CNI Malayalam Churches in Mumbai that a talent competition is held for 7 churches altogether. People participated with full vigor and enthusiasm. Parel Church stood first with overall 180 points. Vakola stood second with 80 points and Vasai got 70 points. Congratulations to all the participants and winners of various competitions. A special word of appreciation is recorded for Jubilee Malayalam Church youth for the excellent way of organizing the events. Since our youth were involved with the organization of the events, they did not participate in competitions.

**AGM:** Our AGM was conducted after the worship service on August 24. It started at 6:45pm and ended at 9:45pm. This year we did not have sufficient quorum to start the meeting. It is important that all our church members show good interest in the governance of the church. Unless and until people come forward we cannot move ahead in our church life. Women involvement and participation is being proclaimed vehemently in all public spheres. Our women should come forward to take up leadership in church. This is the first time that vacant positions from ladies side is given to the church committee to decide, which is not a good sign of development. People also must come forward to attend AGM and should show interest to know how the church progresses, what are the needs of our church, how we can improve our church system and its working. Few individuals took part in the discussion and I appreciate them for their valuable contributions. I hope and pray that everyone will come forward and move ahead in unity in taking the church to a new height, especially when we are registered as a Trust and have various avenues to work as a legally registered body in the society.

**AGM has elected following members into the Pastorate Committee:**

1. Mr. Bose K Thomas
2. Mr. Moncy Thariyan
3. Mr. Ashok Abhraham
4. Mr. David James
5. Mr. T G Kurian

**Office Bearers:**

Mr. Biju C Alex – Secretary

Mr. T G Kurian – Treasurer

**BDC Members:**

Mr. Thomas George

Mr. Monzy Thariyan

**Sunday school Retreat and Competitions:** Sunday school retreat and competitions were held on August 24, in Mulund Missionary Memorial Chapel. Retreat was conducted by Mr. Jayan Varghese of CEF, Mumbai. Songs and stories were exciting and challenging. In competitions, our children performed well, scored 70 points and stood overall second just after Mulund worshipping centre (80). I congratulate all our children who participated in these competitions especially Eethan Jacob George, who got 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Solo singing and story telling from the beginners and Dan Koshy George, who got 1<sup>st</sup> in Solo singing from the juniors. Bible quiz participants Akash Joseph John, Aneeta Rose Paul and Dan Koshy George, who got second prize, deserve our appreciation.

**Present Month Programs**

**Stewardship Sunday:** Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The whole idea behind stewardship Sunday is to educate and equip God's people to be good stewards of His household. A special donation will be collected on that day in the Diocesan offertory envelope, which will be used for the needy people, who approach the diocese for various help. All are requested to use the envelope for stewardship Sunday offertory.

**Atmaya Fellowship Meetings:** Atmaya Fellowship meetings will be held on September 9 and 23 at 7:30pm in Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

**Spiritual Revival Meetings:** Spiritual Revival Meetings will be held from September 15-21. On all week days, meeting will be arranged in Church from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. Mr. John Samadhanam, who came last year for the initial days, will be preaching from the word of God from Monday to Thursday. **Dr. George Cherian**, a famous evangelist and the founder of **Navajeevodayam Mission** will be preaching on Friday and through out the whole night prayer starting on Saturday night at 10pm, which will extend up to Sunday morning 6am. He will also preach on September 21, Sunday, during the worship service.

**Women's Fellowship Meetings:** Women's fellowship meeting will be held on September 13, Saturday, at 4:30pm in Jubilee Church, Sanpada. **Special Notice:** All members of Women's fellowship both from Sanpada and Panvel, are requested to make note of Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Union Women's Fellowship retreat in Borivalli. Make all efforts to attend this retreat in full strength/Capacity.

**Youth Meeting:** Youth meeting will be held on September 14, Sunday, in the house of Ms. Neha Varghese at 5pm. Address: A-303, Vedashree CHS, Plot E-30, Sector-3, Kharghar. Mob: 7208400930.

**Fellowship Lunch:** This year fellowship lunch is on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014. During this day the Holy Communion Service will be at 11.30 AM. And there is no service at Panvel.

**Cottage Prayer:** At the house of Mr. **Binny Johnson** on September 26, **Saturday**, at **8:00pm**. **Address:** 804, B-wing, E-V Homes, Kalamboli, Sector-12, Navi-Mumbai. **Phone: 9619195358**.

**Union Service at Vakola:** This year's union service of all the CNI Malayalam churches in Mumbai will be held in Vakola on September 28 at 10:30am. This is a time that we all get a chance to meet and worship together with the other members of our sister churches once in a year. All church members are requested to make use of this opportunity of fellowship.

**Tithe Offering Day:** Tithe will be collected on every second Sunday (September 14). You are requested to offer your tithe contribution in the church offertory envelope.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
2. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
3. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) for good health.
4. Mrs. Suja Thomas Thyparambil (9820866250) for healing from arthritis.
5. Father of Rev. Reni Philip, Vakola church vicar.
6. Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi (for strength and faith to face the upcoming surgery)
7. Spiritual Revival Meeting: Dr. George Cherian and Bro. John Samadhanam

**Newly Married:** We congratulate Mr. Rijo George Cherian, who got married on 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2014, in Kolkota at St. Thomas CSI Malayalam Congregation. We welcome the married couples,

Rijo and Gitu, to Jubilee Malayalam Church fellowship. May God bless their family life and guide them as one happy and good family.

**Newly Baptized:** Daughter of Mr. Joju John and Mrs. Annie Joju, Angelina Joju John, got baptized on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 in Jubilee Malayalam Church. We pray that God may help the child to receive adequate nurturing in Christian growth and give strength to parents to fulfill their responsibilities.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014**

7<sup>th</sup> September: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Stewardship Sunday)

Theme: No Sacrifice is too great for those who seek the Kingdom of God

Genesis 12: 1-7

Psalm 119: 65-72

Philippians 3: 4b-11

Matthew 13: 44-52

14<sup>th</sup> September: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Mission Sunday)

Theme: Mission: Social responsibility of the Church

Amos 2: 4-8

Psalm 82

James 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 31-46

21<sup>st</sup> September: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (International Day of Peace)

Theme: Peace and conflict resolution

Genesis 13: 2-12

Psalm 16

Acts 6: 1-6

Matthew 20: 1-16

28<sup>th</sup> September: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Union Joint Service at Vakola)

Theme: The reward of persevering in faith.

Genesis 32: 22-30

Psalm 34: 3-9

Hebrews 11: 1-6

Matthew 15: 21-28

5<sup>th</sup> October: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The way of the Cross

Isaiah 53: 1-11

Psalm 88: 13-18

1 Corinthians 4: 7-14

Matthew 16: 13-24

### **SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
07.09.14	Mr. John Samuel	Mrs. Annamma Joseph	Mrs. Leena Elsa Oommen
14.09.14	Mr. Thariyan George	Mrs. Jibi Binu Thomas	Mrs. Sara Oommen
21.09.14	Mr. Biju George	Mrs. Bindu Alex	Mr. Rijo Cherian
28.09.14	Mr. K O John	Mrs. Susha John	Ms. Feba Mathews
05.10.14	Mr. Abraham Paulose	Dr. Roselet Winford	Ms. Jisby Ann Bose

### **PEACE**

07.09.14	Mr. & Mrs. T G Kurian
14.09.14	Mr. & Mrs. P I Mathew

21.09.14 Mr. & Mrs. Uday Ninan  
05.10.14 Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip

### **INTERCESSION**

07.09.14 Adv. Chandy Kurian  
14.09.14 Mrs. Annamma Mathew  
Tharian  
21.09.14 Mr. George Joesph  
28.09.14 Mr. T G Kurian  
John  
05.10.14 Mr. Biju George

### **OFFERTORY**

Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Anneeta Ann John  
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Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Akash Joseph  
Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Aleesha Ann Philip

### **SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
07.09.14	Mr. K. K. Johnson	Mrs. Rachel John	Ms. Biji Babu
21.09.14	Mr. A. C. Jacob	Mrs. Liji Babu	Mast. Jeffy John Sam
05.10.14	Mr. Binny Johnson	Mrs. Saramma Isaac	Mast. Jiju George Sam

### **INTERCESSION**

07.09.14 Mrs. Susan Samuel  
21.09.14 Mr. Solomon Samgift Samuel  
05.10.14 Mrs. Shiney Sam

### **PEACE**

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. W. K. David  
Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese

## **An unforgettable experience**

*- Binu G. Thomas*

She came across as someone who's happy, content with life and living the way the Almighty wanted us all to. No ill-deeds, no past regrets, satisfied with the present and a hope within to continue the same in the days to come. She gets up in the morning full of praise and thanksgiving. She completes her daily chores so that she can start serving others. She does her work diligently and with complete responsibility. In more ways than one, she's like just you and me, sans petty tensions. And yes, there's one more difference. She has something we don't. She has AIDS.

The "She" I am referring to can be anyone and use of gender is just for illustration.

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July, some of the Youth Fellowship members had the privilege to meet and interact with people suffering from AIDS in a care center. They welcomed us, sang Christian songs with us, taught us new songs and shared their experiences. We had lunch together. We took group pictures before leaving. They humbly asked us to share the pictures with them the next time we visit them. What took us by surprise was their humility and a zest for life. Among the inmates, some of them were rejected by their families as they felt the victim has brought disrepute to their family. Some of them didn't have anyone outside to look forward to. Everyone had their own problems in the past and are living with it and will probably live with them forever.

But a brave face and an attitude to live every day as it comes has made them stronger. Imagine their problems –an ailment that's life threatening, virtually banned and ignored by the same society they were a part of, challenge to have nutritional food every time where millions in our country die of

hunger, easily susceptible to contagious diseases due to lower levels of immunity. Difficult to imagine, right?

The learning class amongst us wants to earn degrees – graduation and post-graduation – so that they get a better career along with a better pay package. The working class amongst us yearn for the double-digit salary hikes every year, so that we can look forward to "living happily". We work hard, extra hours a day to optimize our monthly intake so that we can probably buy that elusive dream house in this city. The inmates suffering from AIDS don't have a job to look forward to, no career, no pay, don't even have a house – their families have abandoned them – yet they are more composed than most of us! Why? Probably, they haven't forgotten to thank the LORD almighty during these testing times, something very few of us do.

We as a society are responsible for the plight of AIDS victims. We look at them with disdain. We chose to ignore their problems. Despite being "educated", we are unable to be sensitive towards them. We fall prey to "reputation in society" so much that we conveniently distance ourselves from our dear ones who has unfortunately been infected by AIDS. It's only human to help someone in need / pain. But when it comes to AIDS, we chose an alternate path. This is not what God expects from us. He introduced the Good Samaritan to us through the Holy Bible. Is it really difficult for us to do the same? The victims need our support, emotional and financial, and an acceptance in the society. That's the least we can do.

All said and done, it was simply an unforgettable experience for youth members. We entered the AIDS center wanting to know more about them, their lives and the problems they face every day. We left the center with renewed hope and faith. Renewed hope to emerge victorious despite any form of trial bestowed upon us. Renewed faith in our LORD almighty to live the life he has given us and to be a living testimonial to one and all.

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
02-Sep	Mrs. Leena Elsa Oommen	Kharghar
05-Sep	Mr. T.G. Kurian	Nerul
05-Sep	Mast. Johan Ninan Oommen	Kharghar
06-Sep	Ms. Aneeta Ann John	Juhu Gaon
06-Sep	Mrs. Sara Oommen	Kharghar
06-Sep	Mast. Jeffy John Sam	Kamothe
07-Sep	Mr. Thariyan George	Koparkhairne
07-Sep	Mrs. Jibi Binu Thomas	Airoli
08-Sep	Ms. Manna Elizabeth Winford	Kharghar



09-Sep	Mr. John Sunny	Nerul
09-Sep	Mr. Varun Cherian	Vashi
10-Sep	Mr. Uday Ninan	Koparkhairne
12-Sep	Mast. Alex Monzy Tharian	Palm Beach
13-Sep	Mast. Libin M. Yesudas	Nhava
14-Sep	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	CBD
15-Sep	Mr. George Eapen	Kharghar
20-Sep	Mr. Biju C. Alex	Nerul
23-Sep	Mr. Solomon Samgift Samuel	Kharghar
23-Sep	Mast. Jiju George Sam	Kamothe
26-Sep	Mast Haben Kurian George	Kharghar
26-Sep	Mrs. Lulu Yesudas	Nhava
27-Sep	Mr. Binny Johnson	Kalamboli
30-Sep	Miss. Leah Johnson	Kharghar
<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
02-Sep	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel John	Sanpada
08-Sep	Mr. & Mrs. P.I. Mathew	Kharghar
15-Sep	Mr. & Mrs. Biju George	Koparkhairne

<b>Church Calendar 2014</b>	
Stewardship Sunday	September 7
Spiritual Revival Week	Sept 15-21
Joint Holy Communion Service of 7 Churches (Vakola)	September 28
Union Women's Fellowship Retreat (Borivali)	October 2
Union Carol Service (Vasai)	December 28

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