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## *Jubilee Voice*

Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



*Parish Messenger*

### *Thought for the month*

**Remember: "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."**

**Luke 2:10**

## JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH

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### Programmes

**December 01:** Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Sanpada Church

**December 6:** HC service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

**December 08:** Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Sanpada Church

**December 13:** Combined HC service in Sanpada at 7am.(Family Sunday)

**December 13:** Christmas carol service at 6.30pm at Jubilee Church Sanpada.

**December 14-20:** House to house carol rounds from 7pm to 10pm.

**December 20:** HC service in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11 am respectively.

**December 25:** HC Service in Sanpada at 5.30am and in Panvel at 11am(Christmas Service)

**December 27:** HC service in English in Sanpada at 7am and in Panvel at 11am respectively.

**December 29:** Atmaya Meeting at 7.30 pm in Sanpada Church

**December 31:** Watch Night service and Holy Communion Service at 10.30 pm at First floor of Jubilee Sanpada Church.

**Motto for the year 2015**

**“Be Holy because, I the LORD your God, am Holy” (Leviticus 19: 2)**

### **Message from the Presbyter**

**Dear Beloved- in- Christ,**

“Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

***“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” Galatians 4:4,5***

There are two Greek words for time: one is **chronos**, which denotes linear time, from which we get the word “**chronology**”, the other is **kairos**, which denotes the ‘**right time**’ or ‘**perfect time**’. Jesus came in **kairos** time, the time that God had prepared. How God had prepared the perfect time for the birth of Jesus, is given below;

- There was universal peace and stability in the world-the PaxRomana or “Peace of Rome” that began with the reign of Augustus in 27 BC.
- There was a lingua franca, a common universal language, Greek, which made it possible for the gospel to be preached everywhere in the Greeco-Roman world.
- There was a deep spiritual hunger for a faith that could give meaning and hope to life.
- There was a growing and widespread belief in one God, partly because of the Diaspora, the dispersion of Jews who left Palestine following the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. Wherever the Jews settled, they witnessed to their faith in a single, supreme, sovereign God.

In the ‘fullness of time’- a 100 year period between the beginning of Augustus’ reign in 27BC and the start of the Jewish War in AD 66-God entered human history by coming to earth in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus’ Birth narration gives us some of the insights in our lives also. God had designed the birth of Jesus in a different manner. **The Virgin Birth** paved the way for the unique creation of God. God adopts each one’s birth in a different way. **Incarnation**: God is becoming incarnate

or embodied in human flesh(Jn 1:14)-the merger of the divine and the human. The story of the virgin birth-or virginal conception is about the incarnation of God in Jesus, not about the virgin birth of Jesus. The incarnation distinguishes Christianity from Judaism, Islam and other religions that believe, like Christianity, that God is infinite, eternal and transcendent;only Christianity believes that God also became incarnate in a human being, namely Jesus of Nazareth. God selected the parents of Jesus in a different way. The selection of his birthplace is also different. The design and plan of each creation is different from others. What is this difference? The answer is that God wants us to be different in this world, which is his special creation,in order to do his special ministry and special mission. The birth of Jesus was a different one inorder to do the mission of Cross and to reveal the redemptive nature of God. Are we sure about our different tastes, nature, behaviorand creation? Are we aware that these differences, which God has given, have certain purposes in life?

In 1818 on Christmas eve, Joseph Mohr, the young priest of village church in Obendorf in Austria, composed a special song for Christmas night service. It was a song of six stanzas. Franz Gruber, the organist set it to music, and both of them sang it on Joseph Mohr's guitar. The stanzas began with the words- 'StilleNacht, HeiligeNacht (Silent Night, Holy Night). That Song, subsequently, became a much-loved Christmas carol throughout the world. The inspiration for the young priest to compose this song was the sight of a young mother in his village parish who was sitting in front of her hut with her newborn infant, shivering in the cold. As she was poor, she had very little protection from the cold. This sight was so touching that the young priest identified Mary and Jesus in the manger with this poor woman and child. The hope and peace in this world is that Jesus the Immanuel is with us irrespective of caste, creed, colour and class.

God uses many, to spread the good news. The role of Joseph is to accept the title of being father of Jesus. The role of Mary is to receive the Divine Grace and give birth to Jesus the Christ. The role of the angels is to bring the good news of salvation to humans. The role of the star is to bring the wise men to Jesus. The role of the wise men is to see the Christ, the king of Jews and to give him gifts. The role of shepherds is to receive the great joy of gospel and to spread it to others. But what is our role today?

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a Blessed New year.

May God Bless you.

With love and prayers.

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**Times of stress into times of blessings**

Now days it has become obvious most of us are leading a stressful life. Stress of work, family responsibilities, diseases etc. Moreover, we all crib about, how difficult our life's are.

This is the time we should switch our focus on David's living! David's example shows us how to turn times of stress into times of blessings by considering God's faithfulness in comparison with our fleeting problems. When all seems dark, one truth still shines bright: When God is for us; those against us will never succeed. This was David's attitude!

David was in the midst of immense tribulations. Saul's persecution, his own son Absalom trying to kill him, all this unfavourable situations were scorching David, instead of getting discouraged and being dismayed, he looked onto to the living God! His faith was firm as a rock, he believed that only God can take him out of this dreadful situation, no military force, no swords can save him, but it is only the Almighty God can deliver him and give him victory! Similarly we should understand, even in our deepest sorrow, God cares! Jesus reminded us further of how much God understands us- even the hairs on our head are all numbered! Wow what an encouraging verse we have!

When you feel so discouraged that you are sure no one understands, remember that God knows every problem and sees every tear.

Regards,  
Bijitta

## **News & Notes**

### **Previous Month Highlight**

#### **World Sunday school Sunday**

World Sunday School Sunday was observed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Sunday School Children and teachers were leading the service and children sang a few songs during the worship service.

#### **VBS**

From 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of November, VBS was conducted in a blessed manner at Jubilee church under the leadership of Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi and English churches. Very few children from our Church attended the VBS. It was happy to see many children who came from outside the churches. Thanks to all who have contributed towards the VBS.

#### **Unity Sunday(CSI-CNI-Marthoma)**

Unity Sunday was conducted in a splendid manner. Attractive worship services were held and the choir of both the churches led the worship services very well. Special thanks to Rev. Gigy Thomas and Rev. N.C. David for making this day a blessed one. Thanks to all those who have attended both the services and also contributed for the breakfast.

#### **Annual Genral Body Meeting B.D.C- (CNI)**

Rev. Binju Varughese Kuruvilla, Mr. Thomas George and Mr. Monzy Tharian had attended the meeting. The BDC Councilors recorded the important points and decisions in the BDC and noted below:-

**FORTY FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOMBAY DIOCESAN COUNCIL – CNI**  
**Venue: HUME HIGH SCHOOL, BYCULLA, MUMBAI – 400008**  
**Date: 20-Nov-2015 and 21-Nov-2015**

BDC is celebrating its Centenary year (1915-2015) & the strength of Bombay Diocese is as follows:-

- No of Pastorates & congregations - 70
- No of ordained Pastors – Full Time: 43.... Honorary : 12

- No of Total Members - Male: 45000 .... Female : 32000

**Following is a brief of BDC Meeting:-**

- 1) It is decided that every Pastorate should contribute 3 lakhs to 3.5 lakhs as the minimum assessment per year, irrespective of their share to BDC.
- 2) BDC bye-laws for registration are principally approved as this was circulated to all churches in 2013 for review. If there is any suggestion the church representatives can visit BDC office for discussion before 30-Nov-2015
- 3) All Churches need to be registered as per the guidelines and template to be provided by BDC. Churches already registered may review the existing constitution, bye-laws and amend it to incorporate the guidelines to be provided by BDC by January 2016. .
- 4) Bishop expects the Youth to actively participate in Church activities and participate in Inter Diocesan Meetings .He felt that youth participation is very poor.
- 5) Pastors should issue Marriage / Baptism / Confirmation certificates immediately after solemnizing the ceremony.
- 6) 18 Churches has not contributed to Clergy Retirement Fund. It is mandatory for Churches to pay the amount. The treasurer should ensure it's paid on time.
- 7) Diocesan Missionary Movement / Children Ministry
  - a. Mumbai Diocesan Missionary Movement has released magazine MDMM PADA's VOICE & has various active missions.
  - b. BDC – IGM joint venture for the development of Karjat Mission. This is planned to be a boarding school for Children of missionaries, Children of poor clergy and local villagers. There will be Health centre, Chapel and a Retreat centre.
  - c. Mumbai Diocesan Children Ministry has released Special Anniversary Issue.
- 8) Pastors' family get together is arranged on 16th December at Hume School.
- 9) 22-Dec to 3-Jan----- BDC office will be closed on account of X'mas/New year holidays.
- 10) C.N.I. Day and the Centenary Celebration shall be held on 29th of November at 4.00 p.m. at St.Mary's Church Parel & the Chief Guest for the same shall be C.S.I Deputy Moderator Rt.Rev.Thomas K Ommen Bishop.
- 11) Action will be taken against Pastorate who has not conducted AGM. Bishop was also not happy in the absenteeism of Diocesan Council Members in the Council Meeting.
- 12) Our following members are nominated to BDC Committees:-

- a. Thomas George - Finance Committee.
- b. Mrs.Sinu Ashok – Stewardship Committee

**Harvest Festival and Parish Day**

Harvest Festival and 11<sup>th</sup> Parish Day was observed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. This year also, we have honoured senior citizens who have completed 80yrs, Mr. Verghese Itty K, Mrs. Saramma Itty and 65yrs, Mr. John Samuel, Mr. Johnson Gabriel. Special gifts were given to Sarah B. George, Jiju George Sam, Sayona A.Joseph for attaining 80% and above in their 10<sup>th</sup> and plus two exams. Prizes to all the Sports day winners was also distributed. Very Rev. P.O. Ninan was the chief guest. Rev. N.C. David & Rev. Dileep Davidson Mark were also present to lead the service. Guests were honoured during the service. From the HF cover collection, Auction, Fish pickle donation and sale, and food coupon sales, we have received an amount of Rs. 9,51,900.00.

Summary of these are given below. Of these, auction and some of the fish pickle sales, money need to be received. 2016 March 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day, kept for all pending amount to be received in favour of harvest festival. Those who could not put harvest cover offering on November 1<sup>st</sup> can offer their HF cover collection in any of the coming Sundays.

<b>HF 2015- Breakup as on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015</b>	<b>Amount in Rs.</b>
Cover Collection	3,84,300.00
FP Donation	45,000.00
Fish Pickle	1,56,800.00
Auction	3,40,400.00
Food Sale	25,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,51,900.00</b>

**Present Month Programs**

**Sunday School**

Annual exam will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Atmaya Fellowship Meeting:** Atmaya fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in Church. Bible study is based on the Book of Daniel.

**Youth Meeting:**

Youth meeting will be held on all Sundays soon after the service at 9 am. Variety programs and Bible study will be there. Parents shall encourage the youths to attend the meetings.

**Family Sunday**

Family Sunday will be celebrated on Dec 13 at 7am. Rev. Baiju Eapen , Orissa Missionary will be delivering the message. Let us be seated as families on that day. It shall be a joint service for Sanpada and Panvel members.

### **Christmas Carol Service:**

Carol service will be held on December 13 in Jubilee Church, Sanpada, at 6.30 pm. Orissa Missionary Rev. Baiju Eapen will be the guest speaker.

### **House to House Christmas Carol Rounds:**

House to house Christmas carol rounds will be from 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December. Choir will lead the house to house carol rounds. The fund collected will be utilized for the sound system in our church. More details will be announced in Church.

### **Christmas Service:**

Christmas service will begin at 5.30 am in Sanpada and at 11am in Panvel on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **Year Ending/New Year Service:**

Year ending or the New Year Service will be on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.30pm.

### **Notice**

Presbyter-in-charge will be leaving to Kerala on December 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon and will be coming back on 30<sup>th</sup> December. Rev. N.C. David Achen will be taking the services in Sanpada and Panvel in his absence. The Church can contact Rev. Dileep Davidson Mark of Chembur Church for any pastoral related needs and issues.

### **Calendar 2016**

Those who want to sponsor the pages of the Calendar shall inform the Vicar immediately

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Bishop Prakash D. Patole for his speedy recovery.
2. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
3. Mr. John Thomas -9867886398 (for good health)
4. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
5. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355). She is undergoing dialysis.
6. Pray for the wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
7. Mrs. Mariam G. Thomas, (for good health)
8. Mr. Shyam Gorath& family, our missionary in Akhloli Village



## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR DECEMBER 2015

6<sup>th</sup> December: 3 Sunday before Christmas (Advent 2)

Theme: The Old Testament is fulfilled in Christ.

Deuteronomy 18:9-19

Ps. 119:97-104

Acts 3:18-26

Luke 24:44-48

13<sup>th</sup> December: 2 Sunday before Christmas (Advent 3) Family Sunday

Theme: Family life

Zechariah 8:3-6

Ps.128

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 15:11-24

20<sup>th</sup> December: Sunday before Christmas (Advent 4)

Theme: At Christmas we welcome Jesus who is like us in every way, apart from sin.

Isaiah 49:1-6

Ps. 132

Hebrews 2:10-18

Luke 1:39-49

25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

Theme: The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh

Micah 5:2-4

Ps. 98

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:1-16

27<sup>th</sup>December: Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Deliverance from the Bondage of Sin

Exodus 14:1-14

Ps.37:1-12

Romans 8:1-11

John 8:31-38

31<sup>st</sup> December: Year Ending and New Year Service

Theme: Come to the Lord and Rejoice

Isaiah 1:1-20

Ps.89:1-18

Acts 16:19-34

Luke 19:1-10

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson
06.12.15	Mr. Thomas George	Mrs. Annamma John	Mrs. Lorraine Sharon Oommen
13.12.15	Mr. Mathews Philip	Mrs. Shyni Sabu	Mr. A.C. Jacob
20.12.15	Mr. Abraham Paulose	Mrs. Suja Bose	Ms. Sayona A Joseph
25.12.15	Mr. M.George Joseph	Mrs. Susha John	Mr. Bobby P Cherian
27.12.15	Mr. Susheel Mani Alex	Ms.Neha Varghese	Ms. Grace Abraham

DATE	PEACE	ELEMENTS
06.12.15	Adv. & Mrs. Chandy Kurian	Mr. & Mrs. Jacob William

13.12.15	Mr & Mrs. Sam Thomas	Dr. & Mrs. Varghese Cherian
20.12.15	. Mr. & Mrs. Bino Oommen	Mr. & Mrs. Thariyan George
25.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. David James	Mr. & Mrs. Monzy Tharian
27.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Mathai	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Jeevan Stephens

#### OFFERTORY

06.12.15	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. SanayaShaji
13.12.15	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Josh Mathew George
20.12.15	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Aakash Joseph John
25.12.15	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Sara George
27.12.15	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Nimitha Liz Alex

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson
06.12.15	Mr. W K David	Mrs. Susan Samuel	Mrs. Sinu Ashok
20.12.15	Mr. Simon Philip	Mrs. Sheena Johnson	Mast. Edwin James Jacob
25.12.15	Mr. Sam Thomas	Mrs. Ligi Babu	Mr. Binny Johnson
27.12.15	Mr. Gabriel Johnson	Mrs. Bindu John	Ms. Dinsy Jacob

DATE	PEACE
06.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. K K Johnson
20.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Samuel
25.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. T C Issac
27.12.15	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.

### BIRTHDAY

1-Dec	Mrs. Susan Samuel	Kharghar
4-Dec	Mrs. Lorraine Sharon Oommen	Nerul
4-Dec	Ms. SanayaShaji	Vashi
5-Dec	Mr. Jacob William	Vashi
5-Dec	Mast. Kennith Feryl Philips	Nerul
6-Dec	Ms. Sayona A Joseph	Nerul
6-Dec	Mast. Josh Mathew George	Nerul
7-Dec	Mr. Bino Oommen	Kharghar
8-Dec	Dr. Varghese Cherian	Vashi

8-Dec	Mrs. Rajee David	Kharghar
10-Dec	Mr. Abraham Seth Mathan	Vashi
12-Dec	Mr. Mathews Philip	Kharghar
12-Dec	Mrs. Mary Joseph	Vashi
13-Dec	Mr. A C Jacob	Panvel
15-Dec	Mr. Ansel Abraham Ashok	Old Panvel
16-Dec	Mr. Aakash Joseph John	Vashi
20-Dec	Mr. Justin John	Sanpada
21-Dec	Mrs. Anita Samuel	Sanpada
	Mr. Mannoor George Joseph	Nerul
22-Dec	Mast. Hayden Thomas George	Kharghar
23-Dec	Mr. Vishal John Mathew	Kalamboli
25-Dec	Mrs. Ligi Babu	Old Panvel
29-Dec	Ms. Lavina V. John	Vashi

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

18-Dec	Dr. & Mrs. Sagar D. Parab	chembur
26-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. John Isaac	Panvel
27-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. David James	Kharghar
27-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Babu K.	Old Panvel
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. George Eapen	Kharghar
29-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Mathai	Nerul
30-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Jeevan Stephens	KoparKhairane
31-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Isaac	Panvel
31-Dec	Mr. & Mrs. Mithun C. Roy	Nerul

### Children's Corner

### **The Test of your Bible Knowledge (Below 15 years shall participate)**

1. Which strong man's birth was foretold to his father, Manoah?
2. Which "wild donkey of a man's" birth was foretold to his mother, Hagar?
3. Which creature, described in the book of Job, has a tail "like a cedar"?
4. Which Israeli leader could, only see the land of Canaan from a distance?
5. Which nationality man did Apostle Philip find in the chariot reading book of Isaiah?
6. Which nationality woman did Samson seek for his wife?
7. Which major prophet had a son named Shear Jashub?
8. Which wandering preacher was imprisoned for challenging the marriage of King Herod?
9. Which Prisoner gained, freedom from Pontius Pilate as Jesus was sentenced to crucifixion?
10. Which insects are mentioned in the book of James as a destroyer of clothing?

The first sent answers to the above questions shall get the prize. The answers shall be given with references. The answers shall email to the presbyter by mentioning your name and age. The email id is given below:

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### **Important events in Christian History**

	Year	Event
26.	A.D. 664	Synod of Whitby
27.	A.D. 716	Boniface Sets Out as Missionary
28.	A.D. 731	THE VENERABLE BEDE COMPLETES HIS ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH NATION
29.	A.D. 732	THE BATTLE OF TOURS
30.	A.D.800	CHARLEMAGNE CROWNED EMPEROR
31.	A.D.863	CYRIL AND METHODIUS EVANGELIZE SLAVS
32.	A.D.909	MONASTERY ESTABLISHED AT CLUNY
33.	A.D.988	CONVERSION OF VLADIMIR, PRINCE OF RUSSIA
34.	A.D.1054	THE EAST-WEST SCHISM
35.	A.D.1093	ANSELM BECOMES ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
36.	A.D.1095	POPE URBAN II LAUNCHES THE FIRST CRUSADE
37.	A.D.1115	BERNARD FOUNDS THE MONASTERY AT CLAIRVAUX

38. A.D.1105 UNIVERSITIES OF PARIS AND OXFORD FOUNDED  
 39. A.D.1173 PETER WALDO FOUNDS THE WALDENSIANS  
 40. A.D.1206 FRANCIS OF ASSISI RENOUNCES WEALTH

To be continued in next newsletter .....

<b>October 2015 Receipts &amp; Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Birthday Thanks	8,600	Allowance to Priest	25,000
Offertory	23,775	Gift to Visiting Priest	1,000
Subscription	7,900	Misc Expenses	450
Charity Collection	2,000	Rent	1,462
Fish Pickle Donation	45,000	Sunday School Exp	800
Parsonage Maint	2,000	Tea Expenses	3,140
Spl Thanks	2,100	Union Churches	10,697
Sunday School Collection	610		
Tithe Collection	31,750		
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,735</b>		<b>42,549</b>
Missionary Fund	49,500	Missionary Fund Payment	36,000
Car Fund	79,000		
Parsonage Fund	150,000		
<b>Total Fund Collection</b>	<b>278,500</b>	<b>Total Fund Payment</b>	<b>36,000</b>

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