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THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

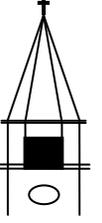
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Dear Family of God at St. Mary's,

Last month, in our monthly newsletter, I had made a mention about praying for rain for our city, state and country. God has been gracious and has blessed us with showers. Let us continue to pray for sufficient rain in the days to come. With the recent incident of the low intensity serial bomb blasts in our city, we are reminded of the terrible German Bakery tragedy. Let us pray earnestly that our city remains a peaceful place with peace-loving people for which it has always been known. Let us not only pray but also do our part as good citizens being alert and concerned about the welfare of others along with ourselves. Our prayer and care will make a difference not only for us but for others too. Jeremiah the prophet, writing to the exiles in Babylon and mentioning what God had instructed, said, "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city.... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper" (Jer. 29:7).

Let us not only pray for our city but also for our country as we always do in our worship services during the intercession. Let us also take the opportunity to join together on Independence Day to give thanks to God for the freedom we enjoy. On August 15th we shall have a special worship service with Holy Communion at 7.30 am. in the church and thereafter the flag-hoisting in the premises of our church. I encourage as many of us as possible to come for this occasion to pray for our country as we meditate on the theme 'Thanksgiving for freedom that can only be preserved by discipline and self-sacrifice.'

Last month on 3rd July we had the 187th Anniversary celebration of our church. During the worship service we blessed and began using a new abridged edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Some in the congregation have queries regarding The Lord's Supper Order of Service that has been printed in the booklet. I would like to clarify and explain here what has been done and by it I hope that all your doubts on the matter will be laid to rest. In this issue of our monthly newsletter the Preface of the booklet has been printed so that you can go through what I have mentioned about this new edition. Also next time when we use this Order, please take a look at the second page of the booklet where the following is mentioned: Common Worship: Services and prayers for the Church of England, material from which is included in this service, is copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000. With this and reading the Preface we need to realise that the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer is the property of the Church of England. Any revisions/changes made by them must also be followed by any body who uses the same elsewhere. The Book of Common Prayer is now a smaller part of a larger collection of services and prayers called Common Worship of the Church of England. Among the services of the Book of Common Prayer there are two orders of The Lord's Supper service, Order One which is quite similar to the CNI and Order Two which we are used to in our church. Both these orders have the contemporary and traditional versions. The one that I referred to and reproduced for our church is Order Two in the traditional version, which we are used to, from the latest edition of Common Worship's Book of Common Prayer. However, even in Order Two in traditional language the Church of England's Archbishops' Council have made certain revisions. They are as follows:

- There are no Old Testament and Psalm readings but allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council for them to be done and so it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- The sermon could precede the Creed at the discretion of the priest.

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- There is no mention of a specific prayer after the collection of offertory and therefore it has not been printed.
- There is another prayer of intercession, other than the one we are used to, but the allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council for any other prayer of intercession to be used and so it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- The Prayer of Humble Access appears before The Prayer of Consecration but allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council to have it elsewhere and so it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- There are changes in the wordings of The Prayer of Consecration and Prayer of Oblation making them simpler and shorter. The Prayer of Oblation appears as a prayer after Communion but allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council for it to follow immediately after the Prayer of Consecration and so it has been printed accordingly and has been marked with (a).. The second paragraph of the Prayer of Oblation is to be said by the priest alone but since we are used to saying it together, it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- The Lord's Prayer appears after the Giving of Communion but allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council for it to follow after the Prayer of Oblation and so it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- The Peace is not mentioned but allowance has been given by the Archbishops' Council for it to follow after the Lord's Prayer and before the Agnus Dei and so it has been adapted and has been marked with (a).
- The word 'Holy Ghost' has been used instead of 'Holy Spirit' as given in Order Two in traditional language except in places where they appear as 'Holy Spirit'.

I will be glad to let any in the congregation have a look at the copy of the Common Worship book and to see for yourself that what I have mentioned here is true. I hope you will appreciate that I have tried to be as sensitive as possible to the feelings of the congregation with regard to our use of the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer by keeping to reproducing Order Two instead of Order One and making sure it remains in traditional language. However, since the liturgy is the property of the Church of England and must be reproduced exactly, unless allowances given, therefore as much as we would like to have it as before we must be willing to adopt the revisions. Also I would like to mention here that the changes made are done after much theological thought and discussion by qualified people keeping in mind that corrections need to be made to errors that may have been done in the past to the liturgy, e.g. the Gloria should correctly be in the beginning of the service rather than at the end because our worship begins by glorifying God and the Creed should correctly be before the sermon rather than after it because it is a response to hearing the word of God. Therefore, with matters relating to worship and liturgy it is the clergy who are best suited to make decisions for changes as they are specialists just as others are in their respective fields.

We who are part of the CNI should thank God for the Anglican clergy such as Bishop Christopher Robinson, those at the Brotherhood of the Ascended Christ in Delhi and others at the time of discussions for the union of the CNI. They were people far ahead of their times in the forefront of the formation of the union, even against the wishes of many Anglican lay-people. They were visionaries for the Church in India and their contribution to the liturgy of the CNI was years ahead of even the Church of England then to which they belonged. We can praise God that the CNI liturgy is one of the best which includes the latest theological revisions decided in liturgical circles around the world.

May all our worship not be an end in itself but a means by which we can drawn closer to God, be made stronger in faith in him and more Christ-like in our relationships with all others. May we be good citizens of heaven, our eternal dwelling place, along with being good citizens of our country here on earth. God bless you this coming month.

Revd. Sumesh Jacob
Presbyter-in-charge

Wishing all our Church members and fellow Indians a very Happy Independence Day!!!

May God continue to bless our great country!!!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joshua Angre, Seema Sathe, Brandon Turner.
- 2 Sharad Tribhuvan, Rohit Sachdev.
- 3 Dheera Das, Shravani Eduljee, Manjusha Londhe, Annettejarvis Parmar, Angela Veeraswamy.
- 4 Ratnaprabha (Apte) Awale.
- 5 Sangita Gaikwad, Deepak Rawani, Anshul Benjamin.
- 6 Angel Rosy Joseph, Navin Williams.
- 7 William John.
- 8 Sameer Charles, Leonard Raj, Daniel Suryawanshi.
- 9 YashHiwale.
- 10 Ashish Jacob, Deepika Jadhav, Taramati Pathak, Annie George.
- 11 Shanoli Kadam, Jonita Abhane, Audrey Phillips.
- 12 Rohan Dhillon, Franklin D.S.J., Henry Soggee, Pennal Solomon, Anny Gaikwad, Sonali(Jadhav) Wasnikar.
- 13 Sangeeta John.
- 14 RoshiniSathe, Ritesh Ranshoor.
- 16 SanjeevBhatty.
- 18 Alistair Freese, Michelle Freese, AaryamanMasih.
- 19 Seema Khilare, AaravKashinath, Lorraine Crawford, Cynthia Lee.
- 21 Bikash Jena, Ritesh Shaw, Shalini (Devappa) Aruldas.
- 23 Sushila Londhe, Rakshit Ohol.
- 24 Mrs. D.S.Yardi.
- 25 Nancy David, KavitaGaikwad, AshwinGaikwad, Natasha Pise, Shokeidh Billimoria.
- 26 Ruth Kale, Gregory Lobo.
- 27 Cynthia Gangale, Lynette Ledlie, Aditya Phillips, Snehalata Salvi, Kalyani Raj, Shobha Raj.
- 28 Carol Mckenzie, Lydia Nicholas, Hemendra Salve, Ramachandran Ramdas.
- 29 Deepti Jadhav, Shilpa Sagalgile, Chandralekha Waghmare.
- 30 Ranjit Manjrekar, Sybil Vastrad.
- 31SanjivKadam, Praful Patole, Benjamin Sagalgile.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Anahita John, Deepali (Santram) Prasad.

Wish you all a Very Happy Birthday! May God Bless you!!!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Ajay & MadhuriSathe.
 - 17 George & Mary Smith.
 - 22 William &S angeeta John.
 - 27 Dinesh & Kunda Anchan.
 - 28 Sagar &Pratibha Shinde, Vilas & NayanaSalvi.
 - 29 Benjamin & Nanma Sagalgile
- A very happy Anniversary to you all!!!***

Special Days of the Church Calendar in August 2012

- 1 August - ***Peter's Deliverance from Prison***
- 4 August - Dominic, Monk & Evangelist (1221)
- 6 August - **The Transfiguration of Christ**
- 7 August - ***The Holy Name of Jesus***
- 12 August - Clare of Assisi, Nun (1253)
- 15 August - **Independence Day**
- 20 August- Bernard of Clairvaux, Monk & Theologian (1153)
- 24 August - **Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr**
- 28 August - Augustine of Hippo, Convert & Bishop & Theologian (430)
- 31 August -John Bunyan, Devotional Writer (1688)

Organ Restoration

A big **'THANK YOU'** to all who have donated so generously towards the Organ Restoration Fund. Every donation received brings us closer to our target of 30 lakhs and the reality of getting the Pipe Organ of our Church completely restored!

Please hand it your donations in cash, or cheques drawn in favour of **'St. Mary's Church'**, indicating that it is for the Organ Restoration Fund or send it directly to **Indian Bank, Savings Bank A/c No:6042968286.**

YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE

1. You are who you are for a reason
You are part of an intricate plan
You are a precious and perfect unique design
Called God's special woman or man!
2. You look like you look for a a reason
Our God made no mistake
He knit you together within the womb
You are just what he wanted to make.
3. The parents you had were the ones he chose
And no matter how you may feel
They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind
And they bear the Master's seal.
4. No, that trauma you faced was not easy
And God wept that it hurt you so
But it was allowed to shape your heart
So that into his likeness you'd grow.
5. You are who you are for a reason
You have been formed by the Master's rod
You are who you are, beloved,
Because there is a God!

By: Rusell Kelfer

Contributed by: Shashikumar Jadhav

Sunday Worship Services Schedule for July 2012

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 5 th August <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The life-giving power of God.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Ezekiel 47.1-9,12</i> Psalm: 43 2 nd Reading: <i>Acts 20.7-12</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 5.21-43</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service (Holy Communion) Conducting and Preaching by the Clergy.	
Sunday, 12 th August <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The varied reception given to God's messengers.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Ezekiel 33.30-32</i> Psalm: <i>81.8-16</i> 2 nd Reading: <i>Acts 17.1-9</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 6.1-6</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 19 th August <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>God multiplies the gift of the generous giver.</i>	Old Testament: <i>1 Kings 17.8-16</i> Psalm: 112 Epistle: <i>2 Corinthians 9.6-12</i> Gospel: <i>John 6.1-14</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 26 th August <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Jesus is the bread of life.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Exodus 16.2-7,13-15</i> Psalm: <i>105.37-45</i> Epistle: <i>Hebrews 3.1-6</i> Gospel: <i>John 6.24-35</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	

THE LAND I CALL MY HOME INDIA

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| <p>1. India as a country was open to all,
Who knew that?
This politeness of hers, Would lead to her downfall!</p> | <p>2. She was in her own home; A silent lamenter
And her children suffered all the way,
Just because the British were superior.</p> |
| <p>3. Be it all the corrupt officials,
Who enjoyed unbridled power?
She remembers those long 150 years of British rule,
And still has her scars! And still has her scars !</p> | <p>4. Now all you PEOPLE
SO CLOSE TO HER HEART
Rise up on your feet
For a new era to start</p> |
| <p>5. Let the spirit of patriotism
Flow through your veins
Now leave your old jail self
And throw away your dusty iron chains</p> | <p>6. Go ahead and prove yourself
To the world outside
That India's children
Still have in them the potential and pride!</p> |

Congratulations on our 63rd Independence Day!!!

By: Mallika Salve

CAREER COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Over a period spanning 4 Saturdays, 9 children of St. Mary's Church pastorate were involved in a career counseling course conducted by Mrs. Sunita Dey of ICS International Education Services. The program was arranged by St. Mary's Church Stewardship Sub-Committee.

Starting on June 09 2012, Mrs. Dey conducted an interactive session with a power point presentation, primarily for giving an insight into courses and careers available to children from the school stage to post graduate level. The session was attended by 12 children of the parish along with their parents and invitees. The next session was held on June 23 2012 involving Aptitude Tests for 9 children with academic achievements that ranged from Class IX to post graduate level. For each batch of children, the tests were different. The test, besides being one for gauging appropriate courses and careers for the children, also helped in ascertaining the personality of the candidate. Emphasis was on "Careers by Choice not by Chance."

On July 07 2012 a one-to-one individual counseling session was conducted by Mrs. Dey based on the aptitude tests which the children had submitted. The outcome of the session was one of exhilaration for the children as they were made aware of the various choices of courses and careers based on their aptitude. They had hitherto been focused on the choices which their parents had prompted or they themselves had chosen. Based on their personality traits and aptitudes, a whole new vista of choices has been opened up for the children. The aptitude test were then sent to ICS International Head Office at Lucknow for final evaluation. On July 28 2012, Mrs. Dey handed over the evaluated reports of the candidates along with a CD to each. The CD provides information and guidelines on courses and careers and additionally provides the website details of ICS International from which all information that a candidate may require on the subject is available. Mrs. Dey will be available to all the candidates for any assistance they may require for a whole year. At the winding up session, children and their parents expressed their appreciation of the career counseling program and how much of benefit it has been.

St. Mary's Stewardship Sub-Committee intends to conduct the career counseling program annually in association with ICS International Education Services.

A few of the young people and their parents who took part in the program expressed the following:

Mrs. Nita Moses, mother of Joel Moses, said that the counseling sessions were much more than what had been expected. Her son, Joel, was thrilled that his choice of Psychology and Social Services had been endorsed by the Counselor.

Rebecca Jason was delighted to have discovered her creative side and that she said that she would maintain a portfolio of her sketches and photography. Her mother **Mrs. Shanti Jason** was amazed at the options her daughter could choose from, besides medicine which Rebecca is interested in.

Mrs. Rashmi Paul said that she was delighted at the in-depth analysis of her son, Rohan's, personality and academic aptitudes that were revealed.

Mrs. Pamela Nicholas was very pleased at the report her daughter, Lydia, had got as a prime candidate for doing Masters in Social Service/Welfare and the suitability of her personality for the course.

Sherya Hirawale said that she has started on her portfolio of art work which is already quite impressive after the Counselor guided and encouraged her regarding it.

Everyone hears what you say; Friends listen to what you say; Best friends listen to what you don't say.

When you're with someone you trust in, never needing to pretend,
Someone who helps you know yourself, you know you're with a friend.

Happy Friendship Day!

Preface of the new Book of Common Prayer (Abridged) booklet of

St. Mary's Church (CNI), Camp, Pune

A prayer book is a tool primarily for corporate worship and is based on Scripture. After the Bible, a prayer book is of great value for the spiritual nurture of a Christian. The Book of Common Prayer has a great legacy from the time Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, put it together first in 1549 as a product of the English Reformation and it has come through a journey of revisions, the last major revision being done in 1662. Since then it has been the official prayer book of the Church of England, although in the year 2000 the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England produced an alternative book called Common Worship, which is now more widely used, allowing changes to the language of worship to suite contemporary needs while taking care to remain faithful to their worship tradition and it contains services and prayers for Anglican worshippers of the 21st Century. Therefore, part of the Common Worship is the Book of Common Prayer called 'Order Two' and it is this in traditional language with its latest revisions that have been reproduced here for the use of our church.

We too at St. Mary's Church, Camp, Pune have journeyed through change. We are now part of the Church of North India (CNI) due to the Anglican Communion in this part of the world joining into union with other Protestant denominations in 1970. The CNI has its own prayer book called the Book of Worship which draws from the rich faith-traditions of all the six uniting church bodies. However, since our church cherishes its Anglican background, we from time to time like to use the Book of Common Prayer apart from the CNI Book of Worship, which is followed more often.

The Late Revd. Dinanath S. Pathak, former Presbyterian-in-charge of this church had taken the effort to bring out an abridged edition of the Book of Common Prayer in 1993 because by then the ISPCK, the original publishers, had taken it out of print. I thought of continuing in this work by bringing out almost twenty years later a new abridged edition of the Book of Common Prayer which is suited for use for our church at the present time. This edition has omitted the Lectionary of the previous edition and those orders and services apart from the Morning and Evening Prayer and The Lord's Supper, as we now follow those that are in the CNI Book of Worship.

The designing of the orders of the services are done in a way that is easy to read and follow with the additional prayers placed at the end instead of them appearing within the order. The sentences typed in italic font are notes of instruction and suggestions for the minister and congregation to follow; the sentences in the normal font are the parts to be said or sung by the minister, unless otherwise mentioned; and the sentences in bold font are the portions to be said or sung by the congregation in response. There are certain places that are marked with '(a)' which indicate that there has been an adaptation done from the original to suite our context. The parts of sentences marked within '[]' indicate they may be omitted during the service.

This project of bringing out a new edition of the Book of Common Prayer was sponsored by a member family of our church and I am grateful to them for their generosity and encouragement. I am also grateful to Mr. Abhishek Jadhav of Print Art Enterprises, another member of our church, for all the effort put in for designing and printing. I also thank the Pastorate Committee of our church for their support for this work. May the Lord who is worthy of all our worship and even more, add his blessings to this new abridged 2012 edition of the Book of Common Prayer for the spiritual nurture of worshippers here at St. Mary's. Soli Deo Gloria—to God alone be the glory!

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3rd July, 2012
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