



# THE CHURCHMAN

**THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

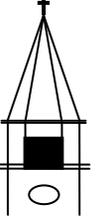
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Dear Family of God at St. Mary's,

With a heavy heart I begin this month's address. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we lost our beloved Revd. D.S. Pathak, former Presbyter-in-charge of our congregation. Revd. Pathak suffered from a stroke on December 24<sup>th</sup> last year and was in hospital since then. As in the words of the hymn 'God sent his Son/Because he lives', he fought his final war with pain and suffering for more than a month and then death gave way for his victory to see the light of God's glory and to know with all certainty that Jesus lives. This is our faith, that although our hearts may ache and the loss of our loved ones is felt real yet we do not grieve as those who have no hope. This is what the Apostle Paul was informing the churches at Thessalonica and Corinth and this is the word of living hope from the Lord and so we can give thanks to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-15; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58). Let us give thanks to God for the life of Revd. Pathak and praise him that his servant has now been promoted to Glory.

This month we shall observe February 12<sup>th</sup> at the 8 am. worship service Healing Ministry Sunday and pray for this ministry of the Church carried out especially by Christian doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, health administrators and chaplains/pastors ministering to the sick and suffering. This ministry comes from our Lord Jesus who during his earthly ministry went around the towns and villages and healed those people who sought him with all kinds of diseases and sickness. Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI), the health-arm of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), is a fellowship of Christian healthcare professionals and we shall specially pray for its work among the network of its individuals and institutions, mission hospitals and health centres. We shall also have a retiring collection to contribute generously our finances for CMAI's Healing Ministry in our country so that ultimately the sick and suffering are blessed.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday with which the Season of Lent (the 40-day period till Easter, excluding Sundays) begins. We shall have a worship service at 8 am. and at 6.30pm. that day. Please do try and join on this day either in the morning or evening as we meditate on the aspect of 'repentance' in our faith with the theme being 'God calls everyone urgently to repent.' The symbolic use of ash on this day, as done in Biblical times, represents the heart of true repentance and mourning for our own short-comings and sinfulness. Let us pray for ourselves and come prepared for this worship service so that the Season of Lent this year may not be just another year's observance but meaningful to us in our relationship with our Lord and with each other.

Let us uphold the bereaved family of Revd. D.S. Pathak, especially his wife Mrs. Vatsala Pathak and pray for them for comfort in the present and hope and strength to face the days ahead without him. Let us also prepare ourselves in prayer through this month for the coming Season of the Church and ask the Lord to grant us wisdom and grace to use aright the time that is left to us here on earth. Let us together ask God to acknowledge and repent of our sins so that we may be strengthened to follow the steps of his Son Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, in the way that leads to the fullness of eternal life. God bless you this month.

Revd. Sumesh Jacob

*Presbyter-in-charge*

### BIRTHDAYS

1. Preeti Shinde; Leteishia Henderson; Agnes Nerella;
2. Alice Unni; Aarti Philip; Tasha Williams
3. Sharon Lazarus; KeziaDaulat
4. AmitPatro; BrynelleKunju, Millind James;
5. G.Meghnath; SmitaFarande; Anahita John; Mallika Salve
6. KhushiBanijawadkar, Trevor Fernandes; Karan Barnabas;
7. Niloufer Morris; Joyce Jacob
8. Corrine Singh, Sandeep Patole, NaimeshShah;Abhishek Jadhav; Smitila Barnabas;
9. Pratibha Gangle; Aarush Shelke
10. Unmil Pathak, Sophia Jentley; Vaishali Gangale
11. Alan Anchan; Jai Gangale; Kenneth Vastrad
12. Chrisella Morris, Gary Simon; Rahul Simon;
13. Renuka Bhalerao; Nitin Prabhune; Marcus Weltzien; SampadaChopade; Dr. Vishwajit Salvi; Sheeba Devraj; Ritesh Gangale; Jubina Tharakan; Blossom Hackett
15. Edward Wood; Sandra G. Wood; Seema Ravade; Meghali Uzagare
16. Nalini A. Jadhav; Bradley Loos; Barbara O'Connor
17. Grace Dahitule; Dr. (Mrs.) Neela Onawale; Arnab Pathak; E. Francis Singh; Janice Lahori; Shaina Joel; Yogit Joshua Shinde
18. Ratnakar Patole; Manoj Patole; Usha Prabhune; Anosh Rogers; NischalPardhe; Prashant Bhonsle; Diana Chatterjee; Nitin Panhalkar
19. Raunaq Banijawadkar; Trisha Eduljee; Varun Borge; Cmdr. K.K.C Menon; Allyssa Kamble
20. Kiran Kotak;
21. Jasmine Anchan; Ashish Kale; Sunita Gophane; Charlotte Lariviere
22. Anil Sathe; Keira James
23. Shali IJohar; Gopalan Unni; Mervin Joel; Sneha Karkaria; Priyanka Kale; Reshma Jadhav;
24. Onema Kashyap; Rachana Angre
25. Leora Mani; Taranya Morris
26. Kenneth Dason, M. Mathews; Heather Wilson;
27. Rosemary Heysmond; Susan Eipe; Sheena Singh
28. Alfred Unni; Kevin Lingam
29. Tanmay Vibhute

***Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday!  
May God Bless you all abundantly!***

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4. Rashmi & Manas Patro
5. Sheeba & Daniel Devraj
6. Belinda & Col. Richard Route
7. Melanie & Karl Lobo
8. Vanita & Vijay Salvi
9. Nirmala & Sampat Raj; Nikita & Abhishek Prasad; Abhay&ArunaShelke
10. Sangita & Ravindra Gaikwad; Kalpana & Stephen Herbert
11. Christine & Tobias Weltzein
13. Priya & Navin Williams
14. Reena & AshwinGaikwad
16. Vineeta & Deepak Rawani; Priyanka & Ruben Kale
17. Vandana & Rajesh Borge
19. Rachel & Naimesh Shah
20. Pamela & Edward R. Wood; Sandra & Chris Fernandes
21. Sarah & Nireshwalya Laxmikant; Merlin & Shawn Fernandes
22. Joan & Stephen Fernandes; Priscilla & AkshaySonawane
23. Ashwini & Paul Lokku
24. Donna & Christopher Harris

***Wish you all a Long & Happy Married Life!  
God Bless you!***

### **WEDDING!**

**Kevin Harry Joel** and **Susan Jacob** were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's Church, on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

May God shower His blessings on this couple as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

### ***I've Learned -***

That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?  
That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.  
That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

## Worship Services Schedule for February 2012

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Ninth Sunday before Easter</i> (Septuagesima)	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The world is full of signs which point to the goodness and providence of God.</i>	OT: <i>Genesis 9.8-17</i> Psalm: <i>Psalms 65.9-13</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 17.22-31</i> Gospel: <i>Matthew 6.25-34</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service – Holy Communion & Revd. Puia (Preacher) Topic: <i>What about those who have never heard about salvation?</i>	
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Eighth Sunday before Easter</i> (Sexagesima)	8 am. The Lord's Supper Service – Healing Ministry Sunday Theme: <i>Transforming lives.</i>	
	11 am. Contemporary Service – Wanowrie Bible Study Group (Praise) & Mr. Ashish Das Gupta (Preacher) Topic: <i>Why do we come to church?</i>	
	6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Strife and violence are the result of human sinfulness, from which Christ came to save us.</i>	OT: <i>Judges 9.1-6</i> Psalm: <i>Psalms 55.4-14</i> Epistle: <i>Ephesians 2.14-18</i> Gospel: <i>Matthew 26.47-56</i>
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Seventh Sunday before Easter</i> (Quinquagesima)	8 am. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>God has sent his Son to give us healing both in body and soul.</i>	OT: <i>Isaiah 57.15-18</i> Psalm: <i>Psalms 30.1-5, 11-12</i> Epistle: <i>1 Timothy 1.12-17</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 2.13-17</i>
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Sixth Sunday before Easter</i> (Lent 1)	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The contrast between the failure of Adam and the obedience of Jesus, whose victory we are called to share.</i>	OT: <i>Genesis 3.1-8</i> Psalm: <i>Psalms 143.1-10</i> Epistle: <i>Romans 5.12-19</i> Gospel: <i>Matthew 4.1-11</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service – Youth Fellowship (praise) & Mr. Anandkumar Peter (Preacher) Topic: <i>The Passion of Christ.</i>	

### OBITUARY

Rev. Dinanath Pathak closed his eyes to be with the Lord on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012. Rev. Pathak was the son of the first Anglican Bishop of Nagpur and had the privilege of being ordained a Deacon by his father. He completed his theological studies and graduated from the renowned Serampore College, West Bengal. He was ordained in the Anglican Church of India and became a part of the Church of North India when the Anglican Church joined the Church Union in 1970. He was very proud of the fact that he was present for the Inauguration Service of the CNI at All Saints' Church, Nagpur. He conducted his ministerial responsibilities, serving in Chandrapur, Nagpur, Nasik and Pune. He came to Pune as the Director of the Christi Sahitya Prasarak (Christian Literature Distributors), the Publication wing of the Anglican Church in India. He carried out his pastoral ministries in Marathi, Hindi and English.

In his long tenure of 54 years of ordained ministry he served as Presbyter in charge of All Saints' Church, Khadki, The Church of the Holy Name, Panch Howd and St. Mary's Church, Camp. An accomplished organist, he not only brought to life the pipe organ at St. Mary's Church, but has also compiled two Hymnals viz – My Hymnal and 150 Favorite Hymns and Choruses – a supplement to the Traditional English Hymnals. He was the main translator of the CNI Book of Worship into Marathi and has also helped the Bible Society of India in his capacity as translator for the Marathi Study Bible and the Marathi Common Language Version.

Rev. Pathak's legacy lives on in his wife, Vatsala, his three sons, Anant, Hemant and Jayant and their respective families. May we continue to uphold this family and all their relatives in prayer!

## CHURCH JUMBLE SALE

The much awaited Church Jumble Sale & Fete will be held on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012** from **10 am** onwards (immediately after the Morning Worship Service). There will be plenty of stalls selling eats and a number of interesting games, in addition to the stalls selling the Jumble!!!! We look forward to your presence and participation!!!!

Your **donations** in the form of old clothes, books, shoes, and other useful articles which although not useful to you, can be used by others as well as **soft-drink bottles** in any ml size are requested.

Donations in **cash/cheque** can be placed in the Church Offertory Envelopes. Kindly tick the Donation box and mention "For Jumble Sale" and put it in the Offering Bag during the worship services.

## NARAYAN VAMAN TILAK

Born in 1857 in a very orthodox Brahmin family at Kasargaon in the erstwhile Bombay Presidency, Narayan Vaman Tilak was educated in the Hindu texts through the deep influence of his mother. However after her death when he was just 11 Narayan left his home in search of "the truth". His agnostic tendencies made him experiment with several philosophical ideas until an unknown European gentleman gave him a Sanskrit New Testament during a train journey. What started as a cursory reading of the text ended with it having a lasting impression on Tilak. He found the answers to all his queries in the Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt.5-7). Soon thereafter he was baptised in Bombay on February 10<sup>th</sup> 1895. His wife Laxmibai whom he had married when they were 18 & 11 was bitterly opposed to his new found faith and even contemplated suicide. However after 5 years of his baptism she too became convinced and accepted Christ, and served alongside her husband.

From the time of his baptism he preached extensively and severely opposed the Hindu caste system. His most valuable contribution however remains the nearly 400 beautiful and meaningful hymns & *bhajans* that he penned. Tilak died in 1919 but his songs live on and form the majority in any Marathi hymnal. The Church of North India recognises the tremendous contribution made by Tilak and Feb.10<sup>th</sup>, the date of his baptism, is commemorated in his memory.

*Contributed by Dr. Nitin Joseph*

## To An Aged Parent

Thank you for staying a-bed till my husband and the children are off. I know you wake early and ache to be in the kitchen.

Thank you for being a good sport when I have shopping to do and forget that old legs grow trembly.

Thank you for smiling when I forget reluctant digestions and serve husked foods ... for your brave smiles when we don't talk loudly and you can't follow the conversation... for forgiving me when I grow impatient with your clinging hand.

Thank you for the times you wait in the car with the children... for not shrieking when the poor dog seeks refuge in your lap!

Thank you for gentleness that somehow helps me to get my days in proper perspective ... for the kindly touches that slow me when I'm rushing.

Thank you for reminding me that while my road is busy and full, yours is empty and you can see the ending.

Thank you for so much that you give me – to live up to.