



THE CHURCHMAN

THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

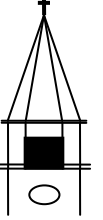
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Dear Family of God at St. Mary's,

The holidays are mostly now over and I hope you were able to have some quality time with family and friends away from the daily routine of life. Let us thank the Lord for all the happiness we have enjoyed in the past holidays and for him keeping us safe.

With Pentecost celebrated on the last Sunday of the past month, we now enter into the long Church Season of Pentecost which will continue till the end of November this year. From Advent of last year till Pentecost now, we traced the events of Jesus' earthly life from the promise of his coming and its fulfillment till his own promise of sending the Holy Spirit and its fulfillment. This is the first half of the Christian Calendar. In the second half from now on we will focus on the difference all of this makes in our daily lives. For it *does* make a difference to you and me and the difference is the Holy Spirit.

During this Season of Pentecost our church Bible Study group at Wanowrie is going through a series of study on the Holy Spirit (his Person; his names and descriptions; his work; his activity in the Christian, his Fruit; and his Gifts). I hope to make each of these studies into a sermon once a month on Sundays so that more will benefit and that as a congregation we will understand the Holy Spirit better and thus open ourselves more to experience him and his working in and through our lives.

The Sunday after Pentecost, the first Sunday of this month falling on 3rd June, is observed as Trinity Sunday when we once again affirm our understanding and faith in the Triune God whom we believe and worship. With the revealing of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Scripture and in our journey of faith individually and as a church (especially in the first half of the Christian Calendar observed), we have this mystery unique to Christianity that God is One yet Three, Three yet One. On 24th June, the last Sunday of this month, we will observe the Festival of John the Baptist, giving thanks to God for this faithful forerunner of Christ. In our Contemporary Worship services on Sundays we continue following the theme 'The Purpose Driven Life' and we shall cover three topics this month. Please take a look at the detailed schedule of Sunday worship services given inside.

We were supposed to bring out the updated and new Directory of Members of our church on Pentecost Day but it was not possible as the work involved is tedious and long-drawn. The Stewardship Sub-committee of our church is working hard on it and our aim is to definitely release it on our Church Anniversary Day on 3rd July this year. Please pray for the team as they are into the final phase of the making of the new directory.

As we get back to our daily routine with renewed vigour after the holidays or after a short summer break, may we go about our daily lives and work more faithfully and enthusiastically. Similarly, let us enter this year's Season of Pentecost with renewed spiritual fervour to know him more closely and deeply and to grow in faith in our loving and faithful Lord (the liturgical colour 'green' symbolizes this). As a result may we make him known to others more through our lives in word and deed; to be his faithful witnesses by the enabling of the Holy Spirit in serving him and being a blessing to others. God bless you this coming month.

Revd. Sumesh Jacob

Presbyter-in-charge

Corrigendum – In the May issue of the Churchman it had been erroneously stated that the Church office telephone number had been changed to 020-64013534. This is not the changed number, but an additional number. The earlier number viz 020-26361207 is still in use. You may therefore contact the Church office on to 020-64013534 or 020-26361207. The error is regretted.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 John Lall;
- 2 James Nicodemus; Ritesh Ranshoor
- 3 Ajay Tribhuvan; Rahul John Phillips; Deepti Adhav; Shanti Jason;
- 4 Brig. William G. Meprath; Prashansa Shantappa; Pritish Choudhari; Karen Johnson; Olivia Route
- 5 Moses Devappa; Leena Sagayanathan; Amit Chandanshiv
- 6 Rajesh J. David; Vijaya J. Nicodemus; Nilima Joseph; Rachel Kale
- 7 Hesper Marshall; Manisha Billimoria; Dennis Sagayanathan; Utkarsh Waghmare; Augustine Parmar
- 8 Jolly Forrester; Rev. Dr. Theodore Joseph, Sushil Salvi; Jayden Kenneth
- 9 Galahad Morris; Mohini Barla; Ritesh Ohol; Usha Franklin; Kevin Tharakan; Barkha Lena North
- 10 Alice Forrester; Prashant Sathe
- 11 Nandini Charles; Madhav Mehta; Arnold D. Samuel; Santosh David
- 12 Aditya Kale
- 13 Seema Sherry Abraham; Mary R. Chavan; Gail Marshall; Jean Wilson; Neon Hackett
- 14 John Matthew; Clement Franklin; Stanley Paul; Ronen Johnson
- 15 Anil Bhatt; Surupadeva Shikhamany; S. Basil Bernard ; Anju S. Suryavanshi; Sam Franklin; Jacob Moses
- 16 Anant Pathak; Stephen Herbert; Air Mshl. Adi Rustumji Gandhi; Komal David
- 17 Saji Peter Mathew; Andrew Johnson; Sharad Gangale; Archana Shinde; Deborsy Dutt; Aneesa Sathe
- 18 Sanaya Karkaria
- 19 Prashant Chavan;
- 20 Caroline Hoskeri; Vishal Barnabas; Ravi Karan P.S.; Eshita Gaikwad
- 21 Ronen Chatterjee; Peter Smith; Sheela Joseph; Jyotsna Santra; Kranti Ranshoor
- 22 Jeanne Nicholls; Pranjali Shinde; Dipali Das
- 23 Anita Rogers; Dr. Nitin Joseph; Sandip Masih
- 24 Theo Lazarus; Daniel B. Loos; Grace Mankad; Reuel Mankad; Neil Jason
- 25 Paul Lokku; Nancy Joshi
- 26 Sunita Chakranarayan; Trupti Basu; Ashok Choudhari; Hannah Miranda
- 27 Shiloh David; Vatsala D. Pathak; Emmanuel David; Neha Ishmail
- 28 Yashpal Suryawanshi; Namita Joseph; Preethy John
- 29 Colin Massey; Beena Mathews; Archana Sathe
- 30 Sumi R. Williams; Anita Mathews

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Sunita & Bikash Jena; Eva & Vinod Pawar; Sabita & Arun Tate; Jean & Michael Wilson;
- 5 Manisha & Rev. Mark Billimoria Sneh & Kelly Karkaria
- 6 Smita & Anil Farande Audrey & Terence Phillips
- 7 Renuka & Air Marshal Shashi Ramdas; Maya & Prabhat Andrew Sagar & Kavita Gaikwad
- 12 Elma & Anil Sathe Kranti & Ritesh Ranshoor
- 14 Anne & Surupadeva Shikhamony Rini & Rono Jacob
- 18 Sheela & Maj. P.L. Simon Angela & Maj. Gen. D. Rajan Seema & Shery Abraham
- 21 Heather & Wg. Cdr. Michael Wilson Mohini & Sushil Ingale Hannah & Clifford Miranda
- 23 Hesper & Wg. Cdr. Walter Marshall
- 26 Leena John & Majid Shaikh
- 27 Sugirtha & S. Sudarshan
- 29 Selina & Rajendra Jadhav Indira & Wg. Cdr. Amalkumar Patro

A very happy Anniversary to you all!!

The **Wedding Bells** at St. Mary's Church, pealed on **5th May, 2012** when **Nitin Joel** was joined in Holy Matrimony with **Sheba Swamidas**.

One night a father overheard his son pray: "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is." Later that night, the father prayed, "Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be!"

**Wishing all the Fathers and Fathers-to-be, a very Happy Father's Day!!!
May God Bless you, guide you and protect you, as you guide and protect your family!!**

Sunday Worship Services Schedule for June 2012

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 3 rd June <i>First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>God the Holy Trinity</i>	Old Testament: <i>Isaiah 6.1-8</i> Psalm: <i>46.1-6,10-11</i> Epistle: <i>Ephesians 3.14-21</i> Gospel: <i>John 15.5-15</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service (Holy Communion) Conducting and Preaching by the Clergy.	
Sunday, 10 th June <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The unique authority of Christ our Lord.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Deuteronomy 5.22-28</i> Psalm: <i>89.5-17</i> Epistle: <i>1 Corinthians 4.14-21</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 1.21-28</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service Topic: <i>What makes God smile?</i>	
Sunday, 17 th June <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The Church shares in Christ's authority to heal sickness and sin.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Zephaniah 3.14-19</i> Psalm: <i>6</i> Epistle: <i>James 5.13-20</i> Gospel: <i>Mark 2.1-12</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service Topic: <i>The heart of worship.</i>	
Sunday, 24 th June <i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Thanksgiving for John the Baptist, the faithful forerunner of Christ.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Isaiah 40.1-5</i> Psalm: <i>71.1-6,14-15</i> Epistle: <i>Hebrews 11.32-40</i> Gospel: <i>Luke 7.18-35</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service Topic: <i>Becoming best friends with God.</i>	

Special Days of the Church Calendar in June 2012

3 June- Martyrs of Uganda (1886)
 4 June- Priya Mohan Rudra of Bengal, Convert & Pastor (bap. 1889)
 5 June - Boniface of Germany, Bishop, Evangelist & Martyr (754)
 9 June - Columba of Iona, Monk & Evangelist (597)
 William Carey of Serampore, Evangelist
 11 June - **Barnabas, Apostle**
 14 June - Basil of Caesarea, Theologian (379)
 24 June - **John the Baptist**
 Aaron of Tranquebar, Convert & Evangelist
 28 June - Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop & Theologian
 29 June - **Peter, Apostle & Martyr**
 30 June - **Paul, Apostle & Martyr**

I don't mind looking into the mirror and seeing my father.

Organ Restoration

The Pipe Organ in our Church is the **2nd oldest surviving organ** amongst those made in England & exported to India. It reached Poona in **1856!**

Although since then to date, some form of maintenance has been carried out, no real overhaul service has ever been conducted. As a result, there are many pipes missing, others are choked with dirt, patchwork repairs done on some etc. In order to completely overhaul the organ and be blessed by its original rich sound, we need to collect **Rs. 30 lakhs** (keeping escalations in mind)!

We therefore, appeal to each one of you to donate generously towards this Fund. 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!

WILLIAM CAREY, The Father of Modern Missions

Born in 1761 into a humble house of a village schoolmaster and clerk of the local church, William Carey grew up amidst intense poverty in Northampton, England. At 16 he was forced to leave school and join as an apprentice to a shoemaker. He became a believer in 1779 and joined a group of Christians called Dissenters, who were people who had come out of the mainline Anglican Church to worship God in a deeper and serious way. He later became a Baptist pastor and continued as a cobbler by night to support himself. However all along his heart was in missions and finally in 1793 he arrived in Bengal, India as the first missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society.

Braving the intense heat and bad living conditions, Carey had to put up also with his wife Dorothy who suffered from a chronic mental illness and the sickness of his 4 children. He settled in Serampore in 1800 which was a Danish territory and laboured there as a Bible teacher & translator. Along with Joshua Marshman and William Ward the "Serampore Trio" worked together and eventually on a charter from the King of Denmark founded the Serampore College in 1818 which was the first university of higher education in India. In addition Carey is credited with translating the Bible into 40 Indian languages, founding the first English newspaper "The Statesman", pioneering the fight against social evils like *sati*, caste system and child marriages. His watchword was "**Expect great things from God and Attempt great things for God**" based on Isaiah 54:2, 3. Carey died on June 9th 1834 and this day is commemorated to his memory by the CNI. On his tombstone the inscription that he desired is engraved, "**A wretched, poor and helpless worm, On Thy kind arms I fall.**"

- **Contributed by Dr. Nitin Joseph**

2 Months of summer vacation doesn't it sound grand! But now as this amazing time has gone away

GOING BACK TO YOUR SECOND HOME! SCHOOL!

Making you just think,
About the fun times you had
OH! GOING BACK TO SCHOOL,
Doesn't it make you mad!

Gone are the days of
Eating junk food and sleeping late, at night
And now looking at these huge textbooks
I feel faint at the sight!

The crisp uniforms newly bought
Or the clean white shoes
Just looking at them
Gives me the blues

A completely new classroom

But the same old mates

Oh! Good Lord please tell me what's

Written in my fate!

Well one thing is for sure,
Going back there I won't be all alone
After all I'm going to the place
I call my second home!

(Any guesses where that is?)

You guessed it!

St. Mary's School, Camp, Pune)

Written by: Mallika Salve

Daddy's Little Girl

It's never been one special thing that my father has done but all the special things he has gone out of his way to do. He has worked days on end in dirty dead end jobs just to put food on the table. I'm sure there were times when he went hungry just to feed us. After working a full day he would come home and spend hours playing with me when I was little. My dad is always quiet and understanding where others would have lost their temper.

The one memory that I will always treasure of my father is the 44 mile canoe trip we took down the Current River when I was a teenager. We spent the first night in hammocks and the second night in a cave, he pointed out countless sites and animals, and went to great pains to make sure I had a good time.

Even so it seems we often remember Mom's birthday or Mother's day more often but if it wasn't for my father I wouldn't be the person I am today. I love my father dearly and dread the day when he is gone from us. He has given my two brothers and I the world and more; he's there for us every day. I am happy to say that he is as wonderful of a grandfather to my two daughters as he was a father to me.

Even though I am now 23 I'll always be Daddy's little girl.

Author unknown

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice.