

Jubilee Voice

Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



Parish Messenger

Thought for the month

Remember: Success is the mental ability to be happy and make others happy

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Programmes

- June 1:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- June 3:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church
- June 7:** Cottage Prayer at the house of Adv. Chandy Kurian at 7:30pm.
- June 8:** Matins Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- June 10:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in the house of Mr. C. G. Thomas
- June 14:** Women's Fellowship meeting at 4:30pm in Sanpada church
- June 15:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- June 17:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church
- June 22:** Holy Communion Service (Eng) in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- June 24:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm in Sanpada Church
- June 27:** Panvel women's fellowship meeting in the house of Mrs. Shiny Sam at 6pm.
- June 29:** Holy Communion Service in Sanpada at 7.00am and Panvel at 11am.
- July 1:** Atmaya Meeting at 7:30pm

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,

Children need to be equipped with skills and information to survive on earth. They need to learn language, behavioural patterns, and gain higher or technical skills to do professional jobs like today. Education is then in short, a skill for survival.

Those, who acquire latest knowledge, tend to become more successful than those, who could not cope up with latest technologies. Recently there was a news article which conveyed the message that real success cannot be measured up with the external achievements. For a person to be successful in life, s/he needs to have a mental balance and emotional stability. Without these inner qualities, his/her education cannot add up any value in life.

Therefore the basic quality that a person needs is his/her inner strength. No one shall receive it through formal education. Formal education can only provide degree, which is important for an initial start up and after which no one need it much in the later stages of his/her career. But the inner quality of mental strength people need through out their life.

God is the being, who converses with us inwardly. He converses with our heart and He abides with us providing everything that a person needs in his/her inner being. Jesus said: "My peace I leave with you; I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). Jesus' disciples faced the opposition from the world by the strength that Jesus provided in their inner being. Therefore to face this world one needs to be inwardly strengthened. This inner strength Jesus can provide by His active participation in our life. We need to surrender our life for Jesus to participate with us in our everyday struggle.

I pray that our children along with their formal education, which they are going to start in the month of June afresh, may also receive inner strength for them to be happy and lead a disciplined life for the glory of God. For this our families need to encourage our children to spend time with God irrespective of their busy schedule. God bless our church and family to provide what our children require inwardly.

I appreciate all children, who scored good marks in the previous year. Neither the shortcomings of the previous year nor the challenges of the new academic year may affect you adversely; instead you may be motivated and inspired to cross new heights in your education and also in your relationship with God. May God bless you all.

With love and prayers,
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News & Notes

Present Month Programs

Atmaya Fellowship Meeting: Atmaya Fellowship meetings will be held on all Tuesdays at 7:30pm in Church. On June 10, it will be held in the house of Mr. C. G. Thomas at 7:30pm. Address: Mr. C.G.Thomas, A-1, Anand Niketan, Plot No.46, Sector 9A, Vashi, Navi-Mumbai.

Cottage Prayer: At the house of **Adv. Chandy Kurian** on **June 7, Saturday**, at **7:30pm**. Address: 27, Rujuta CHS, Sec-10A, Vashi, Navi-Mumbai. **Phone:** 9821275735

Sunday School: Sunday School will restart on June 8.

Education Thanksgiving Prayer: There will be thanksgiving prayer for all the students, who start their new academic year on June 8.

Committee Meeting: Committee meeting will be held on June 8, Sunday, after the divine service in the church side room. All committee members are requested to attend.

Women's Fellowship Meetings: Women's fellowship meeting will be held on June 14, Saturday, at 4:30pm in Jubilee Church, Sanpada.

Sports Day: Sports day will be held on June 15, Sunday, after the worship service. Youth will be taking the initiative in organizing the sports. Youth will be coordinating with various areas and developing teams for different games. All are requested to lend your support to them.

Panvel Women's fellowship meeting will be held in the house of **Mrs. Shiny Sam** at **6pm** on **June 27, Friday**. Address: Mrs. Shiny Sam, B-102, Ramdev Arcade, Plot No.100, Sector-35, Kamothe.

Reports and Accounts: All organizations are requested to submit their reports and accounts before June 7.

New Vicars of Union Malayalam CNI Churches in Mumbai: Rev. Dileep Mark Davidson is the new presbyter-in-charge of Holy Trinity CNI Church, Chembur and Rev. Dn. Levin Koshy is the presbyter-in-charge of St. Christopher Malayalam Church CNI, Kalyan.

Prayer Requests

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
2. Mother of Mr. Thariyan George and Mrs. Linnet Thariyan- 9820236219.
3. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.

4. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) for good health.
5. Mrs. Suja Thomas Thyparambil (9820866250) for healing from arthritis.
6. Mrs. Susan Samuel- for shoulder pain.
7. Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph, Kharghar: Cataract Problem
8. Father of Rev. Reni Philip, Vakola church vicar.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR JUNE 2014

1st June: 6th Sunday after Easter

Theme: Christ's Ascension is a sign of our glorious destiny

Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm 73: 1-26

1 Peter 4: 12-19

John 17: 1-11

8th June: Pentecost Sunday

Theme: The gift of the Holy Spirit

Joel 2: 28-32

Psalm 139

1 Cor. 12: 1-13

John 20: 19-23

15th June: Trinity Sunday

Theme: God the Holy Trinity

Exodus 6: 2-8

Psalm 33: 12-19

Romans 8: 11-17

Mark 1: 7-13

22nd June: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Jesus tells us who are truly blessed, happy

Isaiah 61: 1-9

Psalm 119: 1-6

2 Cor. 6: 3-10

Matthew 5: 1-12

29th June: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Thanksgiving for the faith of Peter. It was on this faith that the Lord built his Church

Jeremiah 23: 1-4

Psalm 18: 31-36

1 Peter 5: 1-4

Matthew 16: 13-19

SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

	1st Lesson	Psalms	2nd Lesson
01.06.14	Mr. David James	Mrs. Linnet Tharian	Ms. Reeba Kurian
08.06.14	Mr. Mathew P. John	Mrs. Mariam G. Thomas	Ms. Jisby Ann Bose
15.06.14	Mr. John Joseph	Mrs. Molly B. George	Ms. Jilcy John
22.06.14	Mr. Bino Oommen	Mrs. Annamma Thomas (airoli)	Ms. Joyana Aleena Oommen
29.06.14	Mr. Abraham Paulose	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathan	Mr. Jim Joseph Kurian

	PEACE
01.06.14	Mr. & Mrs. Josey Oommen
15.06.14	Mr. & Mrs. Sudeep Philips
22.06.14	Mr. & Mrs. Uday Ninan

	ELEMENTS
	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Joseph
	Mr. & Mrs. Monzy Tharian Varghese
	Dr. & Mrs. Varghese Cherian

29.06.14 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Philip

Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Abraham

INTERCESSION

01.06.14 Adv. Chandy Kurian
 08.06.14 Dr. Roselet Winford
 15.06.14 Mrs. Shiby Mareena George
 22.06.14 Mr. Sajan George
 29.06.14 Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph

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Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Grace Abraham
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SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

1st Lesson

Psalms

2nd Lesson

01.06.14	Mr. T. C. Isaac	Mrs. Miriam Simon	Ms. Mary John
08.06.14	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Mrs. Rachel John	Ms. Bijitta David
22.06.14	Mr. Simon Philip	Ms. Biji Babu	Mr. Binny Johnson
29.06.14	Mr. Mathew Zachariah	Mrs. Rachel Zachariah	Mrs. Bindu John

INTERCESSION

01.06.14 Mrs. Sinu Ashok
 08.06.14 Mrs. Persis Jacob
 22.06.14 Ms. Mary John
 29.06.14 Mrs. Susan Samuel

PEACE

Mr. & Mrs. K. K .Johnson

 Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip
 Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas

BIRTHDAYS

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01-Jun	Mr. T.C Isaac	New Panvel
05-Jun	Adv. Chandy Kurian	Vashi
05-Jun	Miss Aksa Susan Ashok	Kharghar
06-Jun	Mrs. Mariam G. Thomas	Vashi
06-Jun	Ms. Jisby Ann Bose	Nerul
06-Jun	Mr. Abraham Kurian	Vashi
07-Jun	Miss. Felisa Lee Mathews	Kharghar
07-Jun	Mr. Mathew P. John	CBD
08-Jun	Mrs. Sweety Salomy Philips	Nerul
10-Jun	Mrs. Shiby Mareena George	Kamothe
11-Jun	Mrs. Lilian Florence Stephens	Kopar Khairne
13-Jun	Mr. John Joseph	Vashi

15-Jun	Mrs. Kunjannama George	Nerul
16-Jun	Mr. John Mathai	Nerul
17-Jun	Mrs. Molly B. George	Kopar Khairne
17-Jun	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Kharghar
17-Jun	Mr. Ashok Abraham	Panvel
17-Jun	Ms. Jilcy John	Vashi
20-Jun	Mrs. Elizabeth Mathan	Vashi
21-Jun	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	Airoli
22-Jun	Mr. Simon Philip	Panvel
23-Jun	Mast. Kevin Frenyl Philips	Nerul
24-Jun	Ms. Joyna Aleena Oommen	Kharghar
25-Jun	Mast. Kevin Johnson	Kharghar
26-Jun	Mrs. Rachel Zachariah	CBD
26-Jun	Mr. Jim Joseph Kurian	Vashi
29-Jun	Ms. Mable Sarah Abraham	Vashi
30-Jun	Mr. Mathew Zachariah	CBD

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

02-Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson K K	Kharghar
08-Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Monzy Tharian Varghese	Palm Beach
12-Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Philip	Sanpada
17-Jun	Mr. & Mrs. Simon Philip	Panvel
18-Jun	Dr. & Mrs. Varghese Cherian	Vashi

Church Calendar 2014	
Church Sports Day	June 15
Spiritual Revival Week	Sept 15-21

Our Glorious Hope for the future

Biju George

Last month we saw that the theme of eschatology can be studied under seven clusters. We already discussed four of those themes very briefly. In this article we will take a look at the remaining three themes. After the resurrection of the bodies what next?

(a) **The final Judgment- ultimately everything what we think, say and do matters!** : The Bible teaches that there will be a final judgement at the end of history , in which all people will appear before the judgement seat of Christ. This judgement will not only seal our destinies but will also reveal the degree of reward or the degree of punishment which each one shall receive. When is this going to take place? 2 Pet 3:7 implies that a new heaven and new earth will come into existence after the final judgment. In the parable of the tares, Jesus indicates that the final judgment will occur at the end of the age (Mat 13:40-43). There are other passages like Mat 25: 31-32, 2 Thess 1:7-10, and Rev 20:2 which links the final judgment to the second coming of Christ and the general resurrection. Who will be the judge? The answer is Christ will be the judge. What will be judged? 2 Cor 5:10 is one of the clear passages on the matter. All things that have been done in the present life will be judged – our words thoughts and deeds. Another important question is what will be the standard based on which the judgement will take place? It will be the revealed will of God. But this will not be same for all. People will be judged based on the light they already have and not on the basis of what they do not know.

(b) **Eternal Punishment – what the hell is hell?!** : The thought of an eternal punishment is of course very repulsive. We do not wish that any one should have such a horrible destiny. But the doctrine of eternal punishment is taught by the Bible. In the sermon on the Mount we find at least three references to hell(Mat 5:22, 29-30). The word hell is English translation of the Greek word *geena*(commonly spelt in English as *Gehenna*). While *Hades* is a place of punishment in the intermediate state, *Gehenna* is the

place of permanent punishment. *Gehenna* comes from *gee hinnom* which means ‘Valley of Hinom’ a valley south of Jerusalem where parents sometimes offered their children as sacrifices to the Ammonite god Molech. This valley was also the place where the refuse from Jerusalem was burned. Hence *gee Hinnom* represents, judgement, fire, darkness and worms and rightly represents the rich imagery of hell. We will now look at some specific scripture passages where Jesus himself talks about hell:

- Mat 5: 29-30 : assumes that sufferings of hell involves both body and soul. The body is the resurrected body.
- Mat 18:8-9 : Jesus talks about eternal fire implying that the punishment is permanent.
- Mark 9:43 indicates that the fire is unquenchable.
- Mark 9:48 talk about ‘worms does not die and the fire is not quenched’.
- Mat 13: 41-42 : Jesus talking about ‘gnashing of teeth and weeping’
- Mat 25: 30 adds another dimension that hell is a place of ‘outer darkness’

The above imageries are not to be taken literally. For example one may wonder how fire and darkness co-exist and how does worms survive in that fire?! These are images meant to explain the horrible reality known as hell. These imageries collectively renders a very gory picture of existence- there is agony, anguish, eternal separation from God and isolation that is irreversible. The worst is that these are ‘eternal’. Is god sending people to hell or is it that people chooses it? The answer lies in the immense capacity of human beings to exercise their free will either to glorify God or to rebel against God. The way in which we use or misuse our freedom governs our destiny. CS Lewis with his customary wit puts it succinctly : *“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened.”*

What is the significance of the doctrine of eternal punishment and hell? Is it just to send shock waves down our spines? We will speak of hell with great grief, sorrow, reluctance and perhaps tears in our eyes. But speak about it we must. Our mission should spur us into a greater zeal and urgency because hell is a reality as heaven is. The fact that many of our friends are bound to a Christ-less eternity should propel us into action. Unless they hear the gospel how can they be saved? Unless someone preaches it how can they hear the gospel? (Rom 10: 14). Hell is not a subject to be avoided; it is a place to be avoided! To quote CS Lewis again : *“In the long run the answer to all those who object to the doctrine of hell is itself a question: “What are you asking God to do?” To wipe out their past sins and, at all costs, to give them a fresh start, smoothing every difficulty and offering every miraculous help? But He has done so, on Calvary. To forgive them? They will not be forgiven. To leave them alone? Alas, I am afraid that is what He does.”*

(c) **New Heaven and New Earth – our glorious hope!** We are the last theme in our eschatological studies. The climax of the Bible is the climax of a new heaven and new earth in contrast to the old heavens and earth of Genesis 1:1. The new heaven and new earth is linked with the final state of those who have believed in Christ. We should not have a mystified view of heaven as some ethereal place of existence. In contrast, the

Biblical picture of heaven is a down-to-earth(!) place which it calls the ‘New heaven and New Earth’. On that new earth as a redeemed company of believers we hope to spend our eternity in our resurrected bodies enjoying its beauties, exploring its resources and using its treasures for the glory of God. The most breathtaking description of the new earth is found in Revelation 21:1-4. There will be no tears on the new earth. Crying and pain belongs to the present age. On that new earth we shall enjoy everlasting and unbroken fellowship with God and the people of God including our loved ones we have lost for a while. The radiant splendour that is brought out in Chapter 21 of the book of Revelation stirs our imagination. Existence in the new earth will be marked by perfect *knowledge* of God, perfect *enjoyment* of God and perfect *service* of God.

The doctrine of the new heaven and new earth should give us hope, courage and optimism in the context of hopelessness and despair that we see in our world today. It is true that evil is rampant in the world today, but Christ has won the ultimate victory. Ecologists often picture the future of earth in gloomy terms, but it is encouraging as believing Christians to look forward to a completely redeemed earth a sort of ‘glorified space-time’ where the nature will regain its lost harmony and equilibrium. In-fact we as Christians will work towards redeeming the world in all possible ways not in despair but with an immense sense of hope. As we live on this earth we are preparing for the glorious life to come. Since we believe in Christ, physical death is only an event in our life! At the beginning of history God created the heavens and earth. At the climax of history he recreates a new heaven and the new earth. The new seemingly surpasses the splendour of the old. Through our service for the kingdom building materials for the new earth are being gathered. Bibles are getting translated, people groups are knowing Christ as their saviour and Lord, individual lives are getting touched and transformed by the gospel, cultures are getting renewed. Very significant are verses 24 and 26 of Chapter 21 of Revelation which tells us that the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it... they shall bring into it the glory and honour of the nations”. It has been suggested by many that whatever of value that we have done in this world particularly to liberate human existence will not be lost. These will be recaptured in the new heaven and the new earth. At the centre of history is a lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world. A day is not far when we all will cast our crowns before him ‘lost in wonder, love and praise’.

There is only one life and it will soon be past. What is done for Christ will last! We have a hope and a future and God is calling each one of us from hopeless-end to endless hope!

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