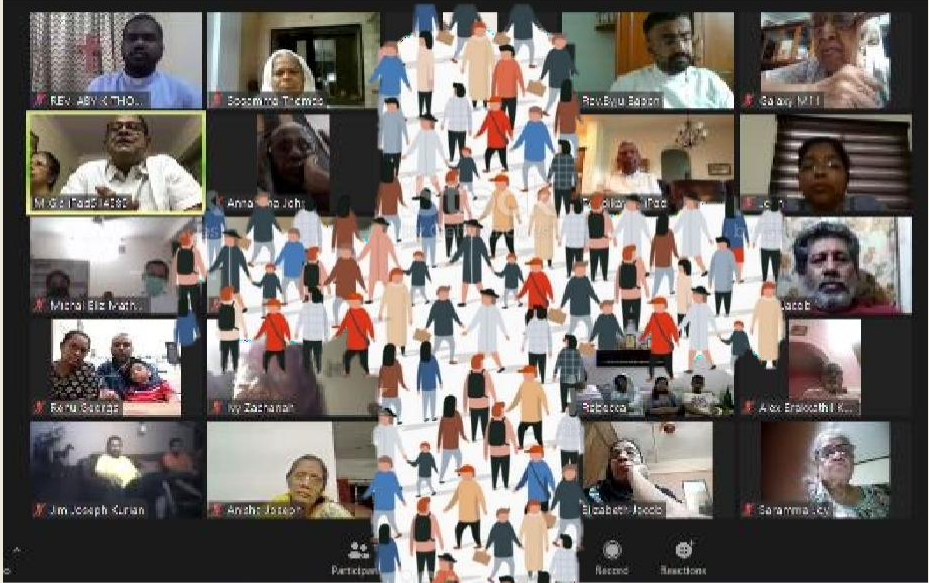




# JUBILEE VOICE



# Church @ Home

**Thought for the year 2020: Year of Caring and Sharing**

**“Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;  
and whoever has food must do likewise” (Luke. 3:11)**

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## FROM THE PRESBYTERS DESK



*Dear People of God,*

*"For we are His workmanship , created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).*

*Once a man visited another man who worked with wood. With his imaginative mind and skillful hands, the wood-worker take a piece of wood and make a beautiful product, he remarked, "God is like that", God takes a human being and makes a beautiful life. God is the Master designer. In fact Paul said, "We are His workmanship." Each believer is God's work of grace. Let us examine various aspects of God's work with human being.*

- 1) God has an impossible product with which to work (Eph:2:1-3). Paul painted a pathetic picture of human beings. Such is the world today without God. Sin has caused terrible plight. The person without Christ is dead. A person without Christ is dominated by the world. Looking at the present state of human beings could cause us to be pessimistic and to conclude that people are helpless. God, however, can take an unholy person and make a beautiful product. He is the master designer.*
- 2) God has an incredible power with which to design (Eph:2:4-6). Paul described God's incredible ability to change human beings. God is merciful to humanity, and He desires to help. The mercy of God prompts the power of God to save us. The power of God changes human beings.*
- 3) God has an indomitable purpose to accomplish (Eph:2:7-10). After God worked on the impossible product with his incredible power, He has a purpose for the finished product. All designer's wants to show their products. God's product can be seen in a changed life. God wants His believers to do good works. Good works follow a true relationship with the Lord. When we place our faith in Christ; good works are inevitable results. He is the Master Designer.*

***May God Bless You and Our Church  
Ora et Labora- Pray and Labour***

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# Decoding the essence of Christian Worship

By Ms. Sharon John



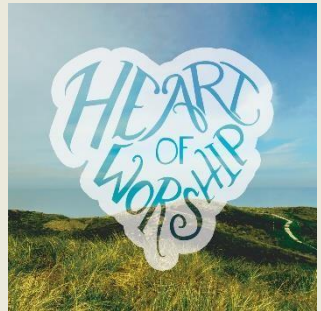
## What does Christian Worship mean to you?

Christian worship is often thought of as the music component of a church service. One pictures a group of select individuals wearing choral robes, positioned in front of the congregation, singing and leading the worship. If not in a traditional church setting, one then pictures a group of people singing songs to God, heads back, eyes closed, and hands raised in the air. The Oxford Dictionary defines worship as - "The feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity; or great admiration and devotion shown towards a person or principle."

Personally for me, worship is a lifestyle response to God, and not just something done through music at church or elsewhere. Through this article, I would like to look upon why it is important to praise God, what exactly is its essence and how our worship of Him influences our Christian Life. My inspiration for the same can be attributed to an essay titled, 'A Word about Praising,' from CS Lewis' book titled, 'Reflections on the Psalms'. In the essay, CS Lewis states that it is not only permissible to enjoy God in worship, it was absolutely essential if one was to truly honour Him.

## What does God desire from our Worship?

In our world that promotes selfie culture and propagates unabashed narcissism, we constantly witness episodes of self-centeredness. In the midst of this, we want to think that God is pre-eminently concerned with us, and not Himself. Or we may question why God who is altogether self-sufficient and cannot be served by human hands as if he needed anything (Acts 17:24–25; Romans 11:33–36), least of all glory, does then command our worship and praise of Him?



CS Lewis had such similar thoughts in the initial stages of his Christian journey. When he first began to draw near to God in belief, and even for some time afterward, he found the command to praise God a stumbling block. The Psalms in particular were problematic for him. The obligation to honour Him and to attend church where His praises are sung, for Lewis, seemed contradictory for a God who also tells us that He needs nothing. He writes – "Gratitude to God, reverence to Him, obedience to Him, I thought I could understand; not this perpetual eulogy." So from a human perspective, this made God seem petty to him. Why did He demand this perpetual compliment, approval, and honour?

Part of Lewis's problem, as he himself confesses later in the essay, was that he did not see, "it is in the process of being worshiped that God communicates his presence to men." This is a key point wherein the command to praise is not just so that God can receive something, but is bound up in the very giving of God Himself. Lewis had thought about praise of God (and other things) in terms of compliment, approval, or honour. What had escaped his notice is the notion that "all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise."

*"We not only spontaneously praise what we value but instinctively urge others to join in our praise, rhetorically asking, "Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?"*

The Book of Psalms was consequently unlocked and CS Lewis could now relate to the psalmist, who in enthusiastically imploring others to praise God was simply doing what all of us do when we enjoy and worship something. A profound insight here is that – praise completes our enjoyment – “I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.”

*“It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to come suddenly at the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur and then to have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than for a tin can in the ditch; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with . . .”*

### **How will your Worship influence your Christian Life?**

God does not command worship for himself because of neediness, but rather is providing us with a means toward our own great joy in Him. To glorify God by enjoying him forever is the ideal, and it is the eternal destination of all who are in Christ. That’s the way God made us. We can’t help but praise and rejoice in what we most enjoy. The enjoyment itself is stunted and hindered if it is never expressed in joyful celebration. Lewis reminds us that our earthly worship is merely - tuning our instruments. Our most sacred rites, like the Jewish sacrifices in the Old Testament that preceded the sacrifice of Christ, are like the tuning and the promise, not the performance itself. Although tuning an instrument entails much duty but little delight, in the long run, the duty exists for the delight. Lewis writes - when we engage in “religious duties” we are like people “digging channels in a waterless land, in order that when at last the water comes, it may find them ready.”



Correlating music and worship, Lewis mentions that the primary purpose of music coincides with the fundamental purpose of the universe – the glory of God. So for the “musically illiterate mass,” among which he counted himself, a passion for the glory of God meant that one must be as ready to glorify Him by silence, when required, as by shouting. All natural agents glorify their Creator by continually revealing the powers He has granted them. Applied to music, he writes – “An excellently performed piece of music, as a natural operation which reveals in a very high degree the peculiar powers give to man, will thus always glorify God whatever the intention of the performers may be.” However, one should always take note of the fact that no degree of excellence alone can serve as a sufficient condition for glorifying the Lord. Our music will not please God in exactly the same way that it would please a music lover – “For all our offerings, whether of music or martyrdom, are like the intrinsically worthless present of a child, which a father values indeed, but values only for the intention.”



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Good Health
  - Rev. N C David, CBD Belapur
  - Mr. John Samuel, Koparkhairane
  - Mr. Shaji Thomas, Vashi
  - Mr. Issac T.C, Panvel
  - Mr. Solomon Samuel, Kharghar
  - Mrs. Lillian Stephens, Kopar Khairane
  - Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph, Nerul
  - Mrs. Marykutty George, Nerul
  - Mrs. Joyce Mathai, Nerul
  - Mr. Bino Oommen, Kharghar
  - Mrs. Susan Samuel, Kharghar
  - Mrs. Saramma David, CBD Belapur
  - Mrs. Annamma Joseph, Thane
  - Mrs. Annamma George, M/o Mr Thomas George, Airoli
  - Mrs. Saramma Thomas, M/L Mr.Uday Ninan
- Mrs. Geetha Philips, M/o. Mr. Sudeep Philips, Nerul (Undergoing Dialysis)
- Dr. Mrs. Usha Joshua, w/o Bishop Joshua, Borivalli (Recovering from Cancer)
- Mr. Shyam Gorath & family, our missionary in Akhloli Village

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- 05-Sep- Union Sunday School Online Retreat
- 06-Sep- Choir Sunday
- 21-Sep- St. Mathew's Day
- 27-Sep- Senior Citizen Sunday
- 27-Sep- CSI Formation Day
- 29-Sep- St. Michael & All Angels Day
- 02-Oct- Union Womens Fellowship Online Retreat
- 04-Oct- Youth Sunday
- 18-Oct- St. Luke's Day
- 25-Oct- Reformation Sunday
- 28-Oct- St. Jude Day
- 28-Oct- St. Simon Day

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

## September 6 2020, Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### CHOIR SUNDAY

#### *Praise & worship through devoted life and ministry*

Exodus 15:1- 21	Mr. Susheil Mani Alex
Psalms. 122	Miss. Aneeta Ann John
Revelation. 19:1-16	Miss. Ruby Maria Pise
Luke.19:36-40	

## September 13 2020, Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### *The Lord is near in the Storms of life*

1 Kings 19:1- 13	Mr. M. George Joseph
Psalms.107:23-30	Mrs. Linet Thariyan
James. 1:2 - 8	Mast. Alex Monzy Tharian
Matthew.14:22-33	

## September 20 2020, Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### *The Reward of Persevering in Faith*

Genesis. 32:22-30	Mr. Biju C Alex
Psalms. 4	Mrs. Deepti Anish
Hebrews. 11:1-10	Mrs. Dr. Roselet Winford
Matthew.15:21-28	

## September 27 2020, Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### *The Way of the Cross*

Isaiah. 53:1-11	Mr. Thomas George
Psalms.102	Mrs. Lulu Yesudas
2 Corinthians. 4:7-14	Miss. Leah Johnson
Matthew. 16:13-24	

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR OCTOBER 2020

### October 4 2020, Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### YOUTH SUNDAY

#### *Spirituality of the Youth of the Contemporary World*

Genesis. 41:37-43	Mr. Sudhiep Samuel Alex
Psalms. 111	Miss. Biji Babu
Philippians 3:1-16	Miss. Jisby Ann Bose
Mathew. 19:16-22	

### October 11 2020, Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

#### *Those who Forgive is been Forgiven*

Genesis 45:1-15	Mr. Bose K Thomas
Psalms. 86	Mrs. Dr. Sheena Ann Mammen
2 Corinthians. 1:23- 2:11	Mr. Sanjay Joseph David
Matthew 18:21-35	

### October 18 2020, Sunday

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

#### *Luke: Faithfull Companion of Paul*

Isaiah. 42:1-9	Mr. Simon Philip
Psalms 146	Mrs. Aleyamma John
2 Timothy 4:6-18	Miss. Jimy John
Luke 10:1-9	

### October 25 2020, Sunday

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### *Thanksgiving for the Reformers and Reformation*

2 King 23:10-25	Mr. Josey Oommen
Psalms 81:1-14	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham
Romans 11:1-6	Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan
Luke 11:33-54	

## ONLINE CHURCH MEETINGS- LOCK DOWN TIME

Day	Event	Time
Sunday	Matins Service	08.00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	10.00 AM
Sunday	Youth Meeting	10.30 AM
Sunday	Confirmation Class	02. 00 PM
Every Monday	Women's Fellowship	07.30 PM
Every Wednesday	Intercessory Prayer	07.30 PM
Every Thursday	Bible Study	07.30 PM

## BIRTHDAYS-SEPTEMBER 2020

**THE LORD WILL GUIDE YOU ALWAYS, HE WILL SATISFY YOUR NEEDS IN A SUN-SCORCHED LAND AND WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR FRAME. YOU WILL BE LIKE A WELL-WATERED GARDEN, LIKE A SPRING WHOSE WATERS NEVER**

**FAIL. (ISAIAH 58:11)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
02-Sept	Miss. Nehemiah Mariam Aby	Ulwe	97443 49381
05-Sept	Mr. T. G. Kurien	Nerul	98690 38440
06-Sept	Miss. Aneeta Ann John	Kopar Khairane	96191 31201
06-Sept	Mrs. Sara Oommen	Kharghar	99309 96868
06-Sept	Mr. Jeffy John Sam	Kamothe	98696 85678
07-Sept	Mr. Thariyan George	Kopar Khairane	98202 36219
07-Sept	Mrs. Jibi Binu Thomas	Airoli	99870 14204
08-Sept	Miss. Dr. Manna E. Winford	Kharghar	91599 12986
09-Sept	Mr. John Sunny	Nerul	98216 74928
09-Sept	Mr. Varun Cherian	Vashi	95942 01907
10-Sept	Mr. Uday Ninan	Vashi	92233 54039
12-Sept	Mast. Alex Monzy Tharian	Palm Beach	86553 42350
13-Sept	Mr. Libin M. Yesudas	Nhava	97693 16680
13-Sept	Mast. Ethan Anish	CBD Belapur	98472 29295
14-Sept	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	CBD Belapur	81089 06337
15-Sept	Mr. George Eapen	Kharghar	99670 66506
20-Sept	Mr. Biju C Alex	Nerul	98202 75579
22-Sept	Mr. Varghese K Itty	Nerul	22 2770 9503
23-Sept	Mr. Solomon Samgift Samuel	Kharghar	94475 65188
23-Sept	Mr. Jiju George Sam	Kamothe	98696 85678
26-Sept	Rev. N. C. David	CBD Belapur	98338 29535
26-Sept	Mrs. Lulu Yesudas	Nhava	97693 16680
27-Sept	Mr. Binny Johnson	Thaloja	96191 95358
30-Sept	Miss. Leah Johnson	Kharghar	98202 48239



## BIRTHDAYS- OCTOBER 2020

**FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK, CREATED IN EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS. (JAMES 1:17)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
01-Oct	Mr. Joju John K	Sanpada	971 65364318
02- Oct	Mr. Malcom J Stephens	Kokar Khairane	99204 99099
02-Oct	Mrs. Sonia Thomas	Thaloja	96191 95358
03-Oct	Mast. Tanish Moncy Tharian	Palm Beach	96196 08750
05-Oct	Dr. Jowin Jacob	Vashi	97309 48858
06-Oct	Mr. Bose K Thomas	Nerul	95943 71717
06.Oct	Mrs. Dr. Sheena A. Mammen	Vashi	78376 70015
08-Oct	Mr. Vishal Mark Stephen	Vashi	99204 99099
11-Oct	Mr. Sanjay Joseph David	Seawoods	95000 17489
12-Oct	Mr. Jibin Abraham	Kamothe	99697 16707
13-Oct	Mr. Rijo George Cherian	Panvel	95944 26024
17-Oct	Miss. Jimmy John	Vashi	98928 10922
18-Oct	Mr. P. M. Thomas	Kamothe	97699 55698
18-Oct	Mr. Johnson Gabriel	Thaloja	98190 94637
18-Oct	Miss. Jiana Binu Thomas	Airoli	98212 14024
22-Oct	Mrs. Aleyamma John	Sanpada	98207 42205
23-Oct	Miss. Biji Babu	Old Panvel	98693 75542
23-Oct	Mr. Josey Oommen	Ulwe	97680 10570
23-Oct	Miss Norah Mariam Josey	Ulwe	97680 10570
28-Oct	Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan	Sanpada	98202 32483
29-Oct	Miss. Riya Ann John	Nerul	98927 14453
29-Oct	Mr. P. K. Abraham	Vashi	99690 12274
30-Oct	Mrs. Animol Joseph	Sanpada	88283 41851

## WEDDING ANNIVERSERIES- SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020

**BE COMPLETELY HUMBLE AND GENTLE; BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. (EPHESIANS 4:2)**

Date	Name	Place	Contact Number
02-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel John	Sanpada	974 66552562
05-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Jibin Abraham	Kamothe	99697 16707
08-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Sony A. Kurien	Sanpada	98952 89096
08.Sept	Mr. & Mrs. P. I. Mathew	Kharghar	98216 47398
15-Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Biju George	Kopar Khairane	98203 73589
30-Oct	Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Kurien	Nerul	98690 38440

**PATIENT STORY: BABY BOY OF GULNESHA**

By Dr. Manna Elizabeth Winford



Baby of Mrs. Gulnesha was a 1.7 kg boy & 5 days old, when he was brought to the hospital on 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. After delivery at home, during the first 5 days, they observed that the baby was slowly losing consciousness and not feeding well. On arrival at hospital, the baby had seizures, was unconscious, looked completely yellow, had multiple episodes of apnea (stopping to breath for a while) and the chest had crepitation (a grating or crackling sound or sensation in lungs).

Not a case that a junior doctor like me would want to take up and treat, without the attention of a consultant.

As I spoke to the relatives, I realized that, for the past 3 days they had gone to many hospitals in the entire Sahibganj district and a neighboring district for getting treatment in vain. This baby was born to the family, 8 years after marriage!

It was particularly busy day at the hospital with the ventilator not available, in case the baby needed intubation. I informed the relatives about the unavailability of a pediatrician here, unavailability of a ventilator and the diagnosis with a very poor prognosis. They insisted that I admit the baby, whatever the outcome may be. I agreed. Discussed the boy with a pediatrician from Raxaul hospital over phone, and started managing the baby.

From then on everyday was hard work for medical team. Parents were expectantly waiting to hear a better prognosis.

The baby was on antibiotics, 3 medications to control seizures, phototherapy, and required ionotropes (medicines that change the force of your heart's contractions). With a bad chest, he continued to remain unconscious till day 7 of admission.





Every day some new complication occurred. God was working behind the scenes.

Finally, a day came when the baby at least started breathing without stopping which was an encouragement to all the staff. The seizures subsided, jaundice subsided, chest was getting better and finally on day 9 of admission, the baby finally opened his eyes. Slowly started feeding little by little and the rest was nothing but a miracle. He required oxygen support for 13 days but was off it on day 14. The parents were greatly relieved. The baby went home after 15 days of admission feeding well. The happiness that the family experienced could be felt by all of us around.

The baby came back after a month, 2.7kg, doing totally fine. Suggested them to follow up with a developmental pediatrician for further management.

### About Prem Jyoti Community Hospital

The Prem Jyoti community hospital was started in December 1996 as a unique partnership between three major Indian mission agencies: the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB), the Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief (EFICOR), and the Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) to address the health needs of the Maltotribals - a diminishing tribal group, in the northeastern corner of Jharkhand. It focused mainly on their health needs, through a network of community health volunteers, peripheral clinics and a hospital. Emphasis was given on training and empowering the community to tackle health problems. Since 2011 the focus has broadened beyond health to address the social determinants of health.



Requesting your prayers for the hospital, staff and the community we serve.

Mat 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, **“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

## PAYMENTS TO JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH

For **IMPS, RTGS, NEFT, Cheque and Cash deposits**, use the following information and send the details of the deposits through **WhatsApp** or **SMS** to Hon. Treasurer **Mr. Bobby Mathew Ninan (Mob - +91 9820232483)**.

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*Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is holy.*

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