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# Jubilee Voice

Jubilee Malayalam Church (CNI)



## *Parish Messenger*

### Thought for the month

**Remember: New Year Resolution 1: I will live for God. Resolution 2: If no one does, I still will**

**JUBILEE MALAYALAM CHURCH [C.N.I.]**

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#### Programmes

**January 4:** HC service in Sanpada at 7:30am and Panvel at 11am.

**January 11:** HC service in Sanpada at 7:30am and Panvel at 11am

**January 11:** Maharashtra Malayalee Christian Association Christmas Carols

**January 18:** HC service in Sanpada at 7:30am and Panvel at 11am

**January 18:** Union Christmas Carols in Vasai

**January 24-25:** Church Picnic

**January 25:** Matins Service

**Motto for the year 2015**

**“Be Holy because, I the LORD your God, am Holy” (Leviticus 19: 2)**

## Message from the Presbyter

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

Christmas season and all the noises of New Year celebration will end soon. New Year gives us new expectation and inspiration as we approach yet another unknown year in which we hope to fulfill all our desires and calculations in life. But the problem with this type of hope is that another year is passing by without our having fulfilled those hopes. I hope all our calculations regarding New Year resolution would be related to a change in attitude, which we do not like or which we want to change, rather than an ambitious career or a far fetched dream of ours, which is far beyond the scope of a New Year resolution. Change through resolutions remains only for a few hours or few days that is the problem that we face today. We all come back to square one after all the inspirations of New Year resolutions.

What we need is a permanent change. Is it within our capacity to change permanently? Have we ever tried to change and became successful by just our own efforts? People need to answer these questions honestly to understand how permanent behavioral change can happen.

Krishnamurthy, a famous thinker and philosopher, said everything depends on our mind. If we say we are not capable then we will never be able to do. Fear, happiness and all other emotions happen according to how we train our mind to accept these. Even fear of God and death is a condition of our mind. If we train our mind to accept the realities as it is, that is a free mind, which is not tied up with any set patterns of emotions, behavior and beliefs.

The above are the words of a trained thinker, who studied mental processes and found a way to overcome mental slavery. But how far it is applicable is a puzzling question. If someone could change all the mental processes of reality by just a shift in thinking, that would be a great news.

Jesus, while facing hard realities of life asked his disciples to believe in him and also his Father in heaven. In human history, Jesus has brought change in many peoples' lives. Saul the persecutor became Paul, the apostle. Matthew, the tax collector changed his profession to be his disciple. Zacchaeus, another tax collector started giving out his money to all whom he had cheated before. The fearful disciples became bold preachers of salvation. Here, changes were permanent and they remained faithful to these changes till the end.

This made Paul to announce: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ" (2 Cor 5: 17,18). Therefore Paul had understood the change in relation with Jesus Christ and God. The individual details of these change processes are not given and that is a personal task for all of us to find out. But Jesus Christ is portrayed as a reality, who can effect a permanent change in our behavior and thinking process.

Coming back to Krishnamurthy's point of view, is belief in Jesus also a kind of mental slavery, since it involves making our mind condition itself to set patterns of beliefs and practices? Here is where we need to appreciate Krishnamurthy's thoughts. Why is a detailed account of change not given in the Bible? It is not given, because change differs from person to person. So we cannot fix a definite pattern

of change in anyone's life by observing change in somebody's life. Therefore according to the Christian perspective, we are the authors of our change, but in fellowship with Jesus Christ and his Father.

Moreover, if faith in Christ is bringing a positive behavioral change, then can it be termed as mental slavery? On the contrary, Bible says, If Jesus sets you free, you are free indeed (John 8:36). It is Jesus, who saves us from mental slavery and a fixed pattern of beliefs and systems. Change is dynamic and Jesus is the one, who brings that change in our lives and we cannot affix a certain pattern to these changes.

Therefore, in this New Year 2015, let us concentrate upon Jesus to bring about a permanent change in our life and make our motto: Be Holy, because I the LORD, your God, am Holy: relevant to our life.

With love and prayers,

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## **News & Notes**

### **Previous Month Highlights**

**Carol Service:** Carol service was well attended. Rev. Eldo Paul delivered the Christmas message. Rev. N. C. David and Rev. Dileep Mark Davidson attended the service. Our choir sung beautiful Christmas carols. They deserve our appreciation, especially the Choir Master, Mr. Reji Thomas George. He took time out of his busy schedule in coming all the way to sanpada from chembur and teaching songs to our choir. His patient teaching and determination to make perfection helped our choir to sing well. Special thanks to those, who sponsored food on various days for the choir members.

This year also church decoration was single handedly done by Jacob William uncle with the help of Prasanth.

**Carol Rounds House to House:** House to house carol rounds was successfully completed on all areas. There were a minimum of 25 and maximum of 45 people everyday. It was noted that we

could begin carol rounds each day only with the participation of members from Panvel area. It should be appreciated that our people were ready to come out and meet people in houses sharing Christmas joy even when they have office every day. Carol rounds went till 1pm almost on every day. It is also noted that children were taking good interest in coming out and mixing up with their friends. Such practices are important for their mental, physical, emotional and social growth. It will definitely help them in their future. Details of the collection received during carol rounds is given below. More detailed accounts will be displayed in the notice board. \_

<b>Christmas Carol Rounds 2014 Collection Summary</b>	
<b>15/12/2014</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>
<b>16/12/2014</b>	<b>14,900.00</b>
<b>18/12/2014</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>
<b>19/12/2014</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>
<b>21/12/2014</b>	<b>11,050.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,750.00</b>

### **Present Month Programs**

**Carol Services:** There will be Christmas carol services conducted by the Maharashtra Malayalee Christian Association and Union of CNI Malayalam Churches in Mumbai on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan and 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2015 respectively.

**Church Picnic:** Church picnic is supposed to be conducted on Jan 24 and 25. More details about it will be announced during the Church service.

**Sunday School Competitions:** Sunday School competitions will be held on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday. More details will be announced in Sunday school classes and in Church.

**Cottage Prayer:** Cottage prayer will be conducted in the house of Mrs. Lilly Varghese on 10<sup>th</sup> January, Saturday, at 7:30pm.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Mr. John P. Mathew- 9820456808 (for good health)
2. Mother of Mr. W. J. Mathai (022-27703681) for happy and peaceful old age.
3. Mother of Mr. Sudeep Philips (Mob: 8879640355) for good health.
4. Father of Rev. Reni Philip, Vakola church vicar.

5. Mr. Simon Philip- for his new business, to overcome its initial difficulties and set off to new heights.
6. Pray for the wife of Bishop Joshua, staying in Borivalli. She is undergoing treatment for cancer.
7. Ms. Bijitta David- for complete healing from all bodily ailments.
8. John Thomas, Panvel: He is still in military hospital Colaba. A small swelling at the back became severe and need to be dressed every day. He cannot come home unless it is completely cured. Various tests conducted ruled out other complications.
9. V M Y John: He is getting well after a wrist surgery, which got fractured because of a fall from his two wheeler, while going to morning walk spot.
10. Mother of Mr. Malcolm Stephen is recovering well at home after the shoulder surgery.

**Thanksgiving:** Anu, the sister of Mrs. Lulu Yesudas, came back home after a brain surgery and an accompanied surgery to rule out future complications. She was seen to be healthy and back to normal life during our Christmas carol rounds visit. Let us thank God for the healing and the blessings she received from the Lord.

Sunny Mathews, uncle of Mr. Bobby Verghese Itty (Mother's brother), is getting well after a multiple heart surgery. Let us thank God for the healing and comfort he receives from the Lord.

Mrs. Suja Thomas Thyparambil thanked everyone, who prayed for her healing, on the day of Harvest Festival. Let us also join with her in thanking God for the precious healing and comfort she had received from the LORD.

Mr. Shaji Thomas also shared his experience one Sunday and how he became an ardent believer in Christ through all his life experiences and he shared his faith that now he believes that everything that happens in his life is by the control and guidance of God.

**New Born:** Two of our families are blessed with a baby boy: Christleel and Sherin, George Eapen and Shiby Mereena George. Let us pray for these families and health of both the babies and their mothers.

## **SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR JANUARY 2015**

4<sup>th</sup> January: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Theme: We are sharers in the Sonship of Christ

Proverbs 8: 22-31

Psalm 103: 8-14

Galatians 4: 1-7

John 1: 9-18

11<sup>th</sup> January: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Theme: At his baptism Jesus is revealed as the Son of God.

Isaiah 42: 1-7

Psalm 2: 1-8

1 John 5: 5-11

Mark 1: 4-11

18<sup>th</sup> January: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Theme: True followers of Christ seek to live always in his presence

Exodus 33: 12-17  
Philippians 1: 19-26

Psalms 16: 5-11  
John 1: 35-42

25<sup>th</sup> January: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Christmas (Leprosy Sunday)

Theme: Thanksgiving for Paul's wonderful conversion

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 67

Acts 22: 3-16

Matthew 19: 27-30

1<sup>st</sup> February: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter

Theme: The world is full of signs which point to the goodness and providence of God.

Genesis 9: 8-16

Psalms 65: 9-13

Acts 17: 22-31

Matthew 6: 25-34

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES- SANPADA

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
04.01.15	Mr. John Samuel	Mrs. Suja Bose	Mrs. Julee Elizabeth John
11.01.15	Mr. K. O. John	Mrs. Lithu P. U	Mrs. Rosalyin Monzy Tharian
18.01.15	Mr. Jacob William	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Ms. Anjana Paul
25.01.15	Mr. Binu G. Thomas	Mrs. Annamma John	Mrs. Joyce Mathai
01.02.15	Mr. Abraham Mathan T.	Mrs. Roselet Winford	Ms. Jisby Ann Bose

	<b>PEACE</b>
04.01.15	Mr. & Mrs. Chandy Kurian
11.01.15	Mr. & Mrs. Sudeep Philip
18.01.15	Mr. & Mrs. Winford S J
25.01.15	Mr. & Mrs. George Thyparampil
01.02.15	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George

	<b>ELEMENTS</b>
	Mr. & Mrs. Biju Alex
	Mr. & Mrs. Bose K. Thomas
	Mr. & Mrs. John Issac
	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip
	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas

	<b>INTERCESSION</b>
04.01.15	Ms. Nisha Varghese
11.01.15	Mrs. Shobha Shaji
18.01.15	Mrs. Susha John
25.01.15	Ms. Reeba Kurien
01.02.15	Mrs. Ashish Sajan

	<b>OFFERTORY</b>
	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Aneeta John
	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Dan K. George
	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Aleesha Philip
	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Mast. Libin Yesudas
	Mr. Reuben Kurien; Ms. Grace Abraham

### SCRIPTURE READING NAMES – PANVEL

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>
04.01.15	Mr. John Isaac	Mrs. Sinu Ashok	Ms. Biji Babu
11.01.15	Mr. Solomon Samuel S	Mrs. Liji Babu	Mast. Joel Isaac John
18.01.15	Mr. W. K. David	Mrs. Bindu Issac	Ms. Steffi John
25.01.15	Mr. Kunjumon K. J	Mrs. Mariam Simon	Mr. Jiju George Sam
01.02.15	Mr. Binny Johnson	Mrs. Shiny Sabu	Ms. Bijitta David

	<b>INTERCESSION</b>
04.01.15	Mrs. Shiny Sam
11.01.15	Mrs. Sinu Ashok

	<b>PEACE</b>
	Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Isaac
	Mr. & Mrs. W. K. David

18.01.15 Mrs. Persis Jacob  
25.01.15 Mr. Simon Philip  
01.02.15 Mrs. Shiny Sabu

Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese  
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Jacob  
Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		
01-Jan	Mrs. Suja Bose	Nerul
01-Jan	Mr. Vincent Francis Daniel	Turbhe
02-Jan	Ms. Liyana Mary Joseph	Nerul
04-Jan	Ms. Julee Elizabeth John	Vashi
06-Jan	Mrs. Shobha Shaji	Vashi
07-Jan	Mrs. Rosalyin Monzy Tharian	Palm Beach
07-Jan	Mr. A J Dennis	Panvel
10-Jan	Mr. K O John	Sanpada
10-Jan	Mrs. Lithu P.U	Kamothe
11-Jan	Mast. Joel Isaac John	Panvel
11-Jan	Mr. Solomon Samuel Samuel	Kharghar
14-Jan	Mr. W K David	Kamothe
14-Jan	Ms. Steffi John	Panvel
16-Jan	Mast. Snehid Mammen Sabu	Kamothe
17-Jan	Mrs. Aleyamma Joseph	Nerul
19-Jan	Mr. Binu George Thomas	Airoli
19-Jan	Mr. Kunjumon K.J	Kharghar
21-Jan	Mrs. Joyce Mathai	Nerul
23-Jan	Mr. Abraham Mathan T	Vashi

30-Jan	Mr. George Thomas T	Sanpada
31- Jan	Mrs. Roselet Winford	Kharghar
<b>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
02-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. John Sunny	Nerul
03-Jan	Mrs. & Adv. Chandy Kurian	Vashi
04-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. W K David	Kamothe
05-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sudeep Rupin Philips	Nerul
06-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Biju C Alex	Nerul
06-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Bose K. Thomas	Nerul
06-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Winford S J	Kharghar
09-Jan	Mrs. & Mr. John Issac	Vashi
16-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Sabu Varghese	Kamothe
20-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas T	Sanpada
21-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Mathews Philip	Kharghar
21-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. A C Jacob	Panvel
23-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. V.M.Y. John	Vashi
24-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas George	Airoli
25-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Thomas	Vashi
26-Jan	Mr. & Mrs. K O John	Sanpada

<b>Church Calendar 2015</b>	
Church Picnic	Jan 24-25

## God Wants Thanksgiving

- By Mrs. Lini Paul

Psalm 50 is a wonderful Scripture on thanksgiving. In this Psalm, God complains that His people are bringing Him all the wrong things. They are bringing Him goats and bulls and sacrifices and burnt offerings.



But what is God going to do with these? He already owns all the cattle on a thousand hills, and all the birds on all the mountains (Psalm 50:10-11). And it is not like He is hungry so that He will eat the bulls and goats that are slaughtered for Him (Psalm 50:13).

No, says, God, all I want from you is your thanksgiving (Psalm 50:4).

Yes, we should keep our vows and not sin, and all of that sort. But ultimately, God just wants to be recognized for all the good things and blessings He pours out upon us every day. The reason He created this earth is so that we can enjoy it, and if we go about enjoying it without thanking Him for it, we do not reveal love, but ingratitude.

When you wake up in the morning, give thanks to God for your sleep, and for another day to enjoy life. When you eat your meal, give thanks to God for the food He has provided. When you kiss your spouse and kids goodbye for the day, give thanks to God for family. When you drive to work, give thanks for a car that runs and the finances to afford a car. While you work, give thanks to God for a job. When your co-worker calls in sick, give thanks to God for your own good health. When you get stuck in traffic on the way home, give thanks to God for safety on the roads. When you watch TV at night, give thanks to God for technology and the gift of laughter. When you go to bed at night, give thanks to God for another day of life.

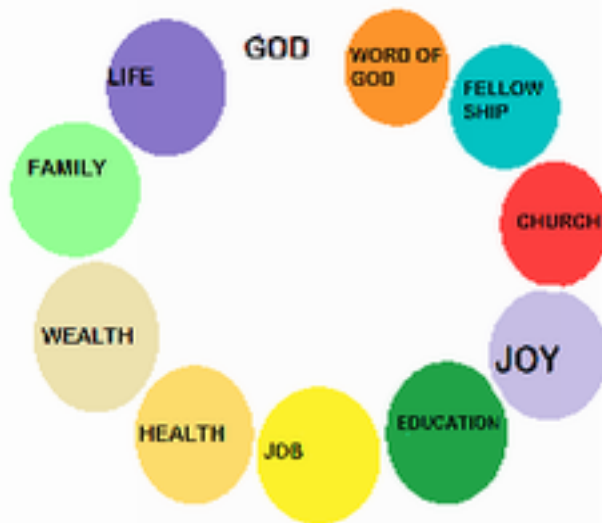
This is what God wants; a life lived in thanksgiving to Him.

For what else can we give thanks? Just recall our past.... Let's thank HIM for keeping us alive still. Memorise those days passed with HIS divine mercy. Will just count them, name them one by one so we can see the marvellous ways of His protection. Also just analyse our present..... again we can experience His continuous protection and mercy when we face tragedies. God turned tragedy into blessings. The Lord Jesus has promised to work all things together for good to those who love HIM (Romans 8:28). Often when we begin to thank God in the midst of our troubles, He begins to help and deliver us. But whether we get deliverance or not, we can be thankful because this is part of God's divine discipline for us. (Corinthians 4:17)

Now let us look at our future..... Will welcome our future with full of joy, hope and with positive mind and spirit. Will submit ourselves fully to HIM humbly. God has been calling each of us to serve Him. His call is not to be taken lightly. Answering His call or serving Him will make our life full of peace and joy and can brought to many who sat in darkness. The best way to show our gratitude is to yield our lives to God, live for Him all our life and serve Him as He wills (Romans 12:1,2)

The Lord Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one returned to give Him thanks. (Luke 17: 11-19). The Lord Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?". Their lack of gratitude grieved Him. His questions showed that He desired and expected them to be grateful. Just think, are we living the way like the nine lepers did..... a spirit of ingratitude throughout our life???

In this New Year, will thank HIM whole-heartedly and surrender ourselves fully to HIM with new hope, joy and energy. Let us submit ourselves and all His blessings unto His feet. Will offer Him a pearl garland as a token of our love and thanks giving.



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