



CSI Diocese of Vellore
St. John's Church
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Bulletin August & September 2024

the grass withers &
the flowers fade
but
the
word
of the
Lord
stands
forever.
Isaiah 40:8

Rev. Paul Robert Kennedy
Presbyter-in-charge

Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj
Hon. Secretary

Mr. Joseph Sampathkumar
Hon. Treasurer

Pastoral Letter

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

"We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God and we know that He has chosen you." (I Thes. 1:1(b)-4. This is Paul's statement of his prayerful life experience with the then congregation members. I mentioned his statement because I too want to claim the same as a Pastor to affirm our own congregation members' genuine faith, love and hope in Christ.

After entering into the new academic year, we have passed through our Annual General Body meeting in order that we might introspect and thereby make progress in all aspects of our ministry. Since achievements and drawbacks are considered to be common phenomena in human life, we should not be too excited when we achieve something or too depressed when we go through setbacks. Our achievement should serve as a motivating factor for more achievements and our setback should be used as an instrument for learning lessons to set things right for a better future. But in all circumstances, we need to be reminded of what our Lord Jesus said to His followers about living out our lives like light and salt. In our congregation, living out our lives like salt means adding more taste to our community living, and living out our life lives like light means, living out our community lives, throwing a light to the people who live in darkness through various life giving services to helpless, hopeless and lifeless people.

Let the presence of God continue to guide our children as they journey in this new academic year.

We have started confirmation classes. Let us pray for all our confirmands that their personal commitment to the Lord Jesus may take place during their preparation period before their confirmation.

We praise God that we were able to celebrate our Harvest Festival 2024 last month. Special appreciation goes to Dr. Ebor Jacob, Dr. Tarun and Dr. Jackwin for their able leadership and to all those who helped and graced the occasion this year. Celebration of the Harvest Festival is mandatory and not optional. How much we give to God is personal but whether we come to His sanctuary with heartfelt thanks and praise matters much. We praise God for the grand celebration of the Harvest Festival 2024. May God continue to bless us in the year ahead; all our endeavors for the Glory of God and greater service of His people.

We thank God for the completion of the Family Directory after many years. We appreciate all those who worked tirelessly.

At the conclusion of my pastoral letter, let me share with you some of my personal experiences with my daily Bible readings. Last month, when I was reading Psalms, I was touched by a few verses and I hope that they will also touch your hearts and minds so that we may be filled with thanks and praise for all the works of God in our life situations. All the verses I underlined I put forth here for your meditation and blessings.

1. Ps.14:2. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.
2. Ps.18:25,26. With the merciful you show yourself merciful, With the blameless man, you show yourself blameless, with the purified you show yourself pure and with the crooked, you make yourselves hostile. Your rescue the humble but you humiliate the proud.
3. Ps.19:7. The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

May God bless the months of August and September 2024 for our spiritual growth. Amen.

- Rev. **V. Paul Robert Kennedy**,
Pastor

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2024

01st August 2024 – Thursday @ 7.00 a.m.

First Day of the Month - Holy Communion Service

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

04th August 2024 - I Sunday

(Mission Sunday)

Theme: Mission: Sharing God's Pain

Lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8 Acts 9:10-18
Luke 10:1-11 Psalm 40:1-13

Hymns: 197, 249, 360, 416

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Lay Readers Dr. Shirley David & Dr. Tilak Francis
Dr. Sunil Chandy

PCs Dr. Lionel Mr. Joseph Sampathkumar

Ushers Mr. Ashok Davis Dr. Austin Christudoss

Organists Mr. Sathish David Dr. Vineeth

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Dr. Jachin Velavan

11th August 2024 – II Sunday

Theme: Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ

Lessons: Genesis 7:11-24 Romans 6:1-14
John 12:20-26 Psalm 29

Hymns: 312, 279, 287, 356

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Lay Readers Mr. Durai Jasper Dr. Alfred Job Daniel &
Mr Ashok Davis

PCs Mrs. Valsa Augustine Dr. Ebor Jacob

Ushers Mr. Sam Christopher Mr. Boaz Prasad

Organists Mr. Wilson Navaraj Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

15th August 2024, Thursday @ 8.30 am

**77th Independence Day Flag Hosting celebrations
in our Church. Kindly join us**

18th August 2024 – III Sunday

Theme : Sacrament of Holy Qurbana / Holy Sacrifice

Lessons: 2 Kings 4:42-44 1 Cor. 11:23-30
John 6:15-59 Psalm 100

Hymns: 316, 38, 212, 420

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Lay Readers Dr. Ezhil Christudoss & Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan
Dr. Jeeva Devakumar
PCs Mrs. Valsa Augustine Dr. Anne George
Ushers Mr. Ashok Davis Mr. Sam Christopher
Organists Dr. Sam C Raj Dr. Pradeep Poonnoose

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev. Finney Alexander

21st August 2024, Wednesday @ 10 a.m.

Mid-month Holy Communion Service for Senior Citizens

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

25th August 2024 – IV Sunday

Theme: Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing

Lessons: Jonah 4:1-11 Acts 8:26-40
Matthew 22:1-14 Psalm 82

Hymns: 73, 250, 253, 334

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Lay Readers Dr. Mary Jesudason Dr. George Chandy &
Dr. Ernest David
PCs Dr. Jeeva Devakumar Dr. Sheela Durai
Ushers Mr. Ebi Ashley Mr. Boaz Prasad
Organists Mr. Sathish David Dr. Vinod Abraham

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Rev. Isaac Johnson

1st September 2024 - Education Sunday/Teachers Day

Theme: Jesus the Guru

Lessons: Proverbs 4:1-9 Acts 22:1-5
Luke 4:31-44 Psalm 141

Hymns: 7, 359, 287, 262

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Lay Readers Dr. Devamani & Mr. Durai Jasper
Dr. Sunil Chandy

PCs Dr. Gigi Chandy Dr. Anne George

Ushers Mr. Ashok Davis Dr. Austin Christudoss

Organists Mr. Sathish David Dr. Vinod Abraham

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Dr. Arulappan

8th September 2024 – Women's Sunday

Theme: Women, Partners in God's Liberative Act

Lessons: Exodus 1:15-22 2 Romans 16:1-16
Mark 15:37-41 Psalm 148

Hymns: 74, 146, 245, 127

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Lay Readers Dr. Anika Amirtanand Dr. Alfred Job &
Mr. Ashok Davis

PCs Dr. Arun Bennet Samuel Dr. Supriya Sen

Ushers Mr. Sam Christopher Mr. Boaz Prasad

Organists Mr. Wilson Navaraj Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Mrs. Mary Raghuveer

15th September 2024 – III Sunday

Theme: My Peace I Give to You

Lessons: Zech. 8:12-19 Romans 5: 1-5
John 16:16-33 Psalm 119:161-176

Hymns: 303, 215, 239, 422

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Lay Readers Dr. Shirley David & Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan
Dr. Jeeva Devakumar

PCs Dr. Sheela Durai Dr. Geethanjali

Ushers Mr. Ashok Davis Mr. Boaz Prasad

Organists Dr. Sam C Raj Dr. Vineeth

Celebrant : Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Dr. Santosh Verghese

18th September 2024, Wednesday @ 10 a.m.

Mid-month Holy Communion Service for Senior Citizens

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

22th September 2024 – IV Sunday

Theme: Christian Response to Poverty

Lessons: Amos 8:4-7 James 2:1-7
Luke 16:19-31 Psalm 145

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Hymns: 313, 17, 126, 375

Altar Service 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Lay Readers Dr. Mary Jesudason Dr. George Chandy &
Dr. Ranjan

PCs Dr. Philomena Austin Dr. Tryphena

Ushers Mr. Ebi Ashley Mr. Boaz Prasad

Organists Mr. Sathish David Dr. Pradeep Poonnoose

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev V. Paul Robert Kennedy

=29th September 2024 (Senior Citizen's Sunday) @ 9.30 a.m. =

Theme: The Wisdom of the Elderly

Lessons: Genesis 24:1-14 2 Timothy 1:3-14
 Luke 1:5-7 Psalm 92

Lay reader : Dr. Ernest David

PC : Mr. Joseph Sampath Kumar

Usher : Mr. Sam Christopher

Organist : Dr. Johann Ebenezer

Hymns: 10, 81, 135, 424

Celebrant: Rev. V. Paul Robert Kennedy

Preacher: Mr. Samuel Christopher Rajkumar

News & Notices

PC MEETING

The Pastorate Committee will meet on Friday **09th August, and 13th September, 2024** at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on **Saturday the 17th August, 2024 and 21st September, 2024** at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

STAFF CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Pastorate Committee has decided in its meeting held on 8th April to start a new Head of Accounts in support of Church Staff Children's Education. Members are requested to contribute to this fund from the financial year 2024-2025.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will be held after the second service. Confirmation candidates are requested to attend these classes regularly.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship will meet on Saturday the 24th August, 2024 and Saturday the 28th September, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

We encourage you to be subscribing members, to be full and active members of the Church. We request and encourage you to contribute regularly (monthly) because all the programmes and projects of the Church depend on your giving. Also we urge all earning members and married people to make contributions in their individual numbers (envelop numbers). If you do not have one, please contact the Church office.

BAPTISM

David George Chandy (13.07.2024) and Mithran Isaiah Selwyn (20.07.2024) were received into the Fellowship of the Church through Baptism.

WEDDING

Congratulations to **Joshua Abishek Christudoss & Vishakha Isaac** (05.06.2024), who were united in Holy Matrimony. We them a blessed married life.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Our Church's Annual General Body meeting was held on Sunday 28th July, 2024. We thank all the members who attended the AGM. Thank you so much for your valuable suggestions for the growth of the church. We thank and appreciate the Secretary, Treasurer, Pastorate Committee members, various Committees, Fellowship conveners, Advisor, Superintendent, and all those who have contributed to the growth of the church throughout the last year. May God Bless everyone who have honored the Church which is the Body of Christ.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME

24th August at 06.00 p.m.

Evening Devotion by Rev. **Isaac Johnson**

PRAYER REQUEST

- ❖ Pray for our children looking for admission into professional courses.
- ❖ Pray for the Nation as we celebrate 77 years of Independence.
- ❖ Pray for our Confirmation candidates.
- ❖ Pray for peace among nations.
- ❖ Pray for church leadership and mission organizations.
- ❖ God's protective care on all the families of our Church.
- ❖ Pray for the Lancaster Community

COFFEE AND FLOWER CALENDAR

August 2024

Date	Coffee	Flower	Breakfast
04.8.2024	Asisha & Justin	Asisha & Justin	Asisha & Justin
11.8.2024	Abraham Joseph	Abraham Joseph	Abraham Joseph
18.8.2024	Ravikumar	Ravikumar	Ravikumar
25.8.2024	-	-	-

September 2024

Date	Coffee	Flower	Breakfast
01.9.2024	-	-	-
08.9.2024	Jean Jepeganam	Jean Jepeganam	Jean Jepeganam
15.9.2024	Asisha & Justin	Asisha & Justin	Asisha & Justin
22.9.2024	Tarun & Anne	Tarun & Anne	Tarun & Anne
29.9.2024	Tripti & Santosh	Tripti & Santosh	Tripti & Santosh

AREA FELLOWSHIP

Area	Date & Time	Place
College	14 th August at 6:30 p.m.	Dr. Sam C. Raj & Mrs. Nirmala 817 3A6 MVRC Campus, CMC, Bagayam
	20 th Sept. at 6:30 p.m.	Dr. Vinu Moses & Dr. Dincy Peter Scudder Crescent, CMC Campus, Bagayam
Gandhi Nagar	3 rd August at 6:30 p.m.	Mrs. Valsa Augustine 649/CBC1, SLRS Karigiri Hospital Road, Sultan Nagar, Karigiri - 632106 (Adjacent to Karigiri Hospital entrance)
		Mrs. Usha Jesudasan Villa 66, Mayflower, Karnampet - 632519.
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Town	August	Dr. Daniel Ezhilarasu & Dr. Punitha Ezhilarasu
	Sept.	Dr. Vernon Lee and Dr. Premila Lee
Hospital		

The Independence Day is celebrated throughout the country on the 15th of August every year, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. It was on 15th August 1947 that India was declared independent and the reins of control handed over to the leaders of the country. India's struggle for Independence was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives for the country's independence.

= Wishing you God's Richest Blessings on your Birthday =

August 2024

01st

Eunice Snehalatha Nirmal
Praveen Venkatesan
Prathap Tharyan

02nd

Runal John Steve
Olivia Rachel P

04th

Abishai Rohan Doss
John Sushil Packiaraj
Priya N

05th

Serena
Sophy Korula

06th

Angeline Sanjana J
Merlin Muliyl
Ethan Mathew Samuel
Antony Devasia

07th

Shyamala Chittaranjan
Ezra Thomas

08th

Roul. R.K
Yashika Sarah Angeline. S
Beulah Herbert

09th

George Thomas

10th

Anil Kiran Vincent
Mariam Priya Alexander
Rani Diana David
Rohit Samuel P

12th

Rebecca Pamela Promod

13th

Binu. Zachariah. T
Dheeba. J

14th

Alison Ruth
Ashwatha Aaron Naik
Ruma Nayak
Mary Jesudason. V
Minu Susan Mathews
Dimple Gaikwad

15th

Gadde Rajan Babu
Avisha Christina
Paul Praveen Kumar

16th

David D. Kollur
Michaele Daniella
Daniel K Mani

17th

Rishi John Mathew

Swarna Joshua

18th

Joyce Ponnaiya

Vijay T.K.Titus

Karen Elizabeth N

Nihara Koshy

19th

Rachel George

Ruth Grace. A

20th

Anushka Celine Selvakumar

Annie Jyothirmayi

Sharon Nikitha

21st

Ruth Namratha

Rachel Mamatha

Shireen Renate Chacko

Nethanya Olive Solomon

Mary John

Prabhu Premkumar

22nd

Rishi Joshua Thomas

Abhay Gahukamble

23rd

Aashish Mathew Chandy

Simon Rajaratnam

Jeyanthi K

Jessie Lionel

Anika Sarah Thomson

24th

Ravi Padmakar

Lisa Rachel Roy

Mark David Devanesan

25th

Durai Jasper

Madhuri Evangeline

Elsa Anna Joseph

26th

Pragati Dennis

Jebamani Augustine

Jayden Philip Muliyl

Thomas

Hannah Mary Thomas

Jolly Chandran

Mihael Philip George

27th

Lazarus Udyakumar

Priya Abraham

Tanya Samuel

28th

Rajiv Charles Michael

Samyuktha V N

Ann MaryAugustine

29th

Mithra Jesudasan

Gershom Abeth F

Elena Harshad Vanjare

30th

Pamela Christudoss

Jolene Ruth Kumari. R
Prema
Vijaya Venkatesan
Mammen Chandy
John C Muthusami
Lovely Thomas

31th

Anu Shanthi R
Kavin Viswas
Serina Ruth Stephen
Isiah Gunasingam

September 2024

02st

Renisha Hubert
Alexander John V

03rd

Priya Aley Joseph
Aidan George Samuel
Deepak Paul Mithran
Arun Paul

04th

Susie Tharyan
Savina Jeevan

05th

Sarah Joanna Samuel

06th

Abraham Joseph
Rev Rajesh. S.C
Joanna Susan George

Mihir lity Zachariah

07th

Ruth Prasad
Mahiban Thomas
Samuel Thomas

08th

Shefali Elizabeth Mathew
Naveen S V
John Ethan N

09th

Enoch Das
Noel Prabhu

10th

Angeline Mary Abraham

11th

Pancharatnam. J.S
Andrew Avinash
Arpith Samuel Thomas
Ryka Sarojini Balukrishna
Abraham Speedie

13th

Yohan George
Benjamin Jepeganam
Shantidani Minz
Anita Shirley

14th

Reuben Kurien

15th

Leena Samuel
Rachel Jesudasan

Jeshurun Roy Suman Nirmal
Victor Raj. D

16th

Sundaram. K
Liji Sarah Zedek

17th

Anora Jesse. J
Reema Samuel

18th

Gina Maryann Chandy
Selwyn Selvakumar D
Selva Titus Chacko
Nishan John K Jacob

19th

Rajiv Paul Mukha

20th

Leela Varshan V
Rachel Deepa
Abraham Joel S
Arman Zachariah Chacko
Renita Muthusami

21st

Anitha Jasper

22nd

Rikki John
Anantha Kumari Rajan
Sneha Joanna David

23rd

Adithya Edwin
Renu Mohandas

24th

Joseph Nathanael A
Pritish John Korula
Nehemy Deborah

25th

Roshan S. Livingstone
Thilak Jepegnanam
Eben Josiah Jesudas

26th

Mary Sulakshini
Viju Moses
Ethan Harshad Vanjare

27th

Menaka P
Vivek Titus

28th

Samara Keziah David
Ajit Mammen
Ian Edwin Chandran
HarikaVuyyala

29th

Junita Rachel John
Jacob Mathew
Sharon Subathra
Priscilla Paul

30th

Aditi Susan Joseph
Asha Vanitha
Rohit Ninan Benjamin
Ashwin Oliver



Inauguration of the Harvest Festival



Auction at the Harvest festival





Community lunch



Organic corner



Shooting stall



Jewellery and handcraft stall



Face painting



The start of the new academic year in Sunday School

