

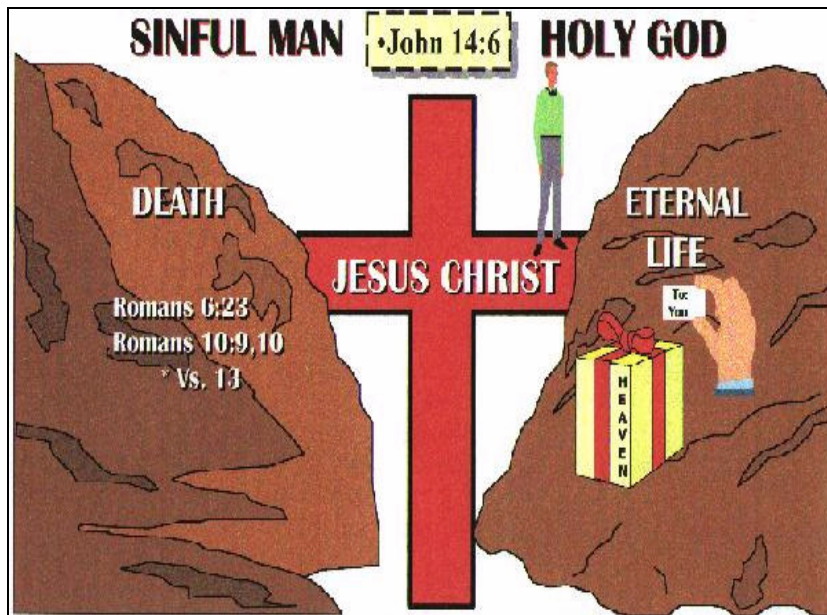
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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"I am the way the truth and the life".

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Bulletin

2nd Quarter/1st

Rev. D. Charles Irwin
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Presbyters

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Mr. Tharyan Koshi
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Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!



For our perplexity Jesus responds with a spiritual answer "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" This assertion is our Lord's answer to Thomas' '*How can we know the way?*' This is one of the seven great "I am" sayings in the Gospel of John. "Probably the most exclusive statement ever made by anyone." It is the greatest offense in our modern age of tolerance. But the truth remains. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The truth is Jesus is Lord (cf. Phil. 2:8-11). "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). With the "I am" there is the emphatic emphasis, "I and I alone, I and no other" am the way, and the truth, and the life. The "way" is the means to God the Father. He is the *only Way*. Only this ONE WAY takes us to the Father, and this way is a unique person. Jesus does not merely point the way as a guiding light; He is the Way. He does not just teach us truth about God; He is the Truth. He does not represent only one avenue that leads to God, He is the *only way* to God. He does not just model a good life; He is the Life. The end of our human quest for God is Jesus Christ. God *has* shown Himself, and *has* spoken in Christ. What need is there for anything further? God *Himself* was in Jesus Christ. They both share in the same substance, or essence or being. To see one is to see the other. God is like Jesus Christ. Are you alienated from God because of your sins and trespasses? Jesus is the way. Are you in the need of absolute spiritual truth, without any mixture of error? Jesus is the truth. Are you dead spiritually? Jesus is the life, and He gives eternal life.

Yes, the highest occupation for the Christian is Jesus Christ and an increasing personal knowledge of Him. Jesus is the way to the Father; He is the *truth* incarnate and He is the *life* to all who believe on Him.

Have a good vacation!

Rev. S. Clive E. Ponnuraj

SENIOR MEMBERS MINISTRY

A few months ago, Rev. Harris had devoted a sermon to the idea that, in the context of the changing demographic and medical scenario, Christian congregations need to evolve a ministry for and by their senior members. This was further discussed at some of the Area Fellowships where a number of suggestions emerged. Acting on one of these, a special service was organised for the seniors in the forenoon on Wednesday of the Holy Week. The pastors had put together a very appropriate order of service (printed in large font), including Holy Communion. Before the service, there was some time for greeting one another over refreshments.



After the service, they moved to the parish hall for further social interaction, including an interesting quiz conducted by Mrs. Usha Jesudasan. Dr. Doss Sudarsanam had identified the monitoring of the BP as a special need of older people and went around attending to this. Copies of William Barclay's "Prayers for the Seniors" were circulated and orders taken from those who wished to own this small book of prayers (Rs. 30 each). The gathering dispersed after a light vegetarian lunch (subscription Rs. 50 each). About 50 people, including three visitors, were present. Responding to popular request, it was decided to meet again like this at 10.30 am on the Wednesday of the 3rd or 4th week in April.

Any one who feels able to help with the conveyance (pick up at 10.00 am and return by 1.00 pm) could kindly contact the pastor. The other need is to make a complete list of all the "seniors". The provisional list has been put up on the notice board and on the St. John's website (stjohnschurchvellore.org). Please provide the names of any who would fit into this group (not necessarily members of St. John's). Let us work together to evolve a ministry for and by the seniors in St. John's.

Dr. P. Zachariah

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

Our children who are writing exams.
The Vacation Bible School.

Those who are sick in our community

MEMBERSHIP AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

I am the Church

You are the Church

We are the Church together

All who follow Jesus

All around the world

YES WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

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The St John's Church warmly welcomes every one worshipping with us to join the fellowship of St John's

For the information of all the worshipping members of St John's church. Please review the status of your membership and make necessary corrections if necessary in the status of your membership.

In the recent past the Pastor and the Pastorate committee members have been put into

difficult situations when the Church office is approached for issue of referral letters to other churches... request for sponsorship letters, request for Baptism, request for reading of Banns, conduct of Marriage etc from individuals and families of whom and about whom the church has NO record of and whose name appears NO WHERE in any of the Church records

It is our prayerful request that all the worshipping members at St Johns review the status of their membership and decide if they want to or need to become contributing members of St John's and if you need to become a contributing member please act immediately

Regards and best wishes

Treasurer

Dear Members,

We request those of you who still have not picked up your pledge forms to please pick the same up and please make your pledges or cash contribution. The church is waiting for your pledge or contribution to come in to start this wonderful project for the poorest of poor children staying and studying at the Arni Boarding home.

So please do the needful at the earliest the Church and the boys at Arni are waiting for your pledge and contribution

The statistics of the project are given below for your information and action

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT RUPEES 14 00 000

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS AT ST JOHN'S AS ON DATE 165

Pledges received from 30 members

One time contributions received from 15 members

Members yet to pledge or make contributions 120

Value of pledges received... Rupees 4 79 000

One time contributions..... Rupees 3 06 500

Harvest festival income..... Rupees 90 700

Total **Rupees 8 76 200**

Balance to be pledged or raised Rupee 6 27 300

Friends

On reviewing the different designated funds balances available. The Pastorate committee has decided to request the congregation to focus your designated offerings to the Arni Boys dormitory funds which is urgent need of funds

It was also decided to request the members of the congregation to temporarily stop giving your offerings to the following funds until further notice.

BANGARUPLAYAM FUND AND THE MINISTERIAL FUND

Regards

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NEWS & NOTICES

Pastorate Committee meeting:

The Pastorate Committee meeting will be held on the Friday, 11th April 2007 at 6:00p.m in the Parish hall.

FLOWERS , COFFEE & BREAKFAST – APRIL & MAY**April 2008**

Date	Flowers	Coffee	Break fast
6	Jacob K. John	-	Jacob K. John
13	-	George Koshi	Vinod Joseph
20	A. K. Jane	-	A.K. Jane
27	R. Stanley Mohan	-	The Macadens
May 2008			
4	Mammen Chandy	No Coffee	No Break-fast
11	-	No Coffee	No Break-fast
18	R. Stanley Mohan	No Coffee	No Break-fast
25	-	No Coffee	No Break-fast

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2008**15th April**

Dr. Mahil Paul
 Naveen Prashantham
 Nishanthi Arulappan
 Dr. Mrs. Sara Bhattacharji

17th April

Babu Samuel
 Mrs. Catherine Snehalatha Joseph
 Sidhartha George Mathew

19th April

Dr. Mrs. Smitha Jasper

20th April

Mr. Alex Alexander
 Deepa Susan Koshi

21st April

Mallika Irene Suresh

22nd April

Naveen Joseph Muliyl
 Dr. Mrs. Nylla Shanthly
 Dr. Mrs. Sosamma John
 Mrs. Violet Jayachandran

23rd April

Diya Ann Koshi
 Mrs. Elizabeth Jana
 Rev. Dr. S. G. Immanuel

24th April

Mrs. Anubel George B.E.
 Daniel Srikanth Jayakumar
 Mr. D. Jagapathy

25th April

Suresh Philip

26th April

Avinash Nehemiah
Dr. K. Alfred Barnabas
Sharon Lionel

Dr. Thambu David
Vikram Jeyathilak

27th April

Rowena Raja
Roshni Julia Rajan
Mrs. Sheela Durai

28th April

Dr. Mathews Mathai

30th April

S. Abida Angel
Mr. R. J. Eapen

1st May

Abu Mathew

2nd May

Dr. Anand Job
Dr. Amita Jacob
Mr. Paul Moses

3rd May

Mr. John Tharakan

4th May

Dr. Kurian George
Mr. Ashok Mathew Abraham

5th May

Mr. Niranjan Nirmalkumar,

6th May

Dr. D. Jasper Daniel

7th May

Mrs. Kavitha George

8th May

Mrs. Anne Zachariah
Dr. Mary S. Mathews

9th May

Mr. Wilson Navaraj,
Mrs. Mercy John Oommen

10th May

Mrs. Rekha Mammen

Dr. Korula George
Mrs. Susie Koshi

11th May

Dr. Mrs. Geetha,

13th May

Tanvi Anandkumar

14th May

Mr. C. P. Philip

15th May

Dr. Chakko Korula Jacob

Rachel Tina

16th May

Mr. Godfrey Anand Navamitran

Nikhita Rebekah David . A

Samuel George Nitish Kumar

17th May

Mrs. Asha Nehemiah

Mr. M. Nelson,

Rajesh Joseph Selvakumar

Mr. Suresh Roland Devasahayam

Obad Ranjan

Dinesh David Rao

18th May

Alisha Mary Cherian

Christina Anitha Nuse

Sylvia Walter

Dr. Mrs. Susan Shanti George

Samuel Vikram Raj

Dr. Mathai Zachariah

19th May

Anita Mirium Kurien

Dr. George Korula

Tarun John

Mrs. Premila Bijoy Koshy

Sumith Roul

Dr. Susan James

Dr. Valerie Major

Mr. John Yesunesan

AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, APRIL - 2007

Date	Area	Time	Host Family	Phone
8 th	Gandhi Nagar	6 p.m.	Drs. Annie & Doss Sudarsanam Vellore Life Challenge No. 5, 4 th Cross, E. B. Colony Vellore - 6	2244064
4 th	College	8 p.m.	Drs. Mary & Jacob John	
19 th	Town	6 p.m.	Mrs & Dr. J. Richard 443, Civil Suplly, Godown St Kamalashipuram, Vlr- 2	2260912

Hospital area will be intimated later

WORSHIP SERVICES,

April 2008

01st April **First of the Month**
07.00 am **H/C Service**

06th April: **Second Sunday after Easter**
Life in the Risen Christ
07:30a.m. : Holy Communion I
 : Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj
 : Preacher : Rev. Charles Irwin

09:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I
 : Leader : Mrs. Sheila Samuel.

Readings : Ezek 6:1-4, Rom 6: 1-14, John 21: 1-14, Ps.23
Hymns : 412, 319, 351, 12

013th April **:Third Sunday after Easter**
Jesus, the Light of the World
07:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I
 : Leader : Dr. Mrs. Priya Abraham

09:30a.m. : Holy Communion
 : Celeb. : Rev. Charles Irwin
 : Preacher : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj

Reading : Is. 60: 1-7, Eph. 5: 8-21, Lk. 24: 13-25, Ps.27.
Hymns : 425, 271, 206, 242

20th April **: Forth Sunday after Easter**
Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life
07:30a.m. : Holy Communion II

Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj
Preacher : Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj

09:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I
 : Leader : Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj

Readings : Pro. 4: 10-19, 2 Pt. 3-11, John 14:1-7, Ps.33: 1-9, 20-22
Hymns : 313, 394, 409, 198

27th April **: Fifth Sunday after Easter**
Renewal for Mission
07:30a.m. : Morning Prayer II
 : Leader : Dr. Mrs. Mary Jesudasan

09:30a.m. : Holy Communion III
 : Celeb. : Rev. Charles Irwin
 : Preacher : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj

Readings : Is. 1: 10-17, Jam. 1:19-27, Mat..25:31-46, Ps. 113.
Hymns : 106, 226, 197, 340

May2008

01st May **: First of the Month**
07:00a.m. : Holy Communion Service

04th May **: Sixth Sunday after Easter.**
The promise of the Holy Spirit
08:30a.m. : Holy Communion I
 : Celeb. & Preacher : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj

Readings : Joel 2:28-32, Gal. 5: 22-26, John 14: 25-27 Ps.42: 1-11.
Hymns : 347, 306, 141, 54

11th May :The Day of Pentecost
Come Holy Spirit, Transform us
08:30a.m. : Holy Communion
Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj
Preacher : Dr. George Chandy
Readings : Ezek.36:22-32, Acts 2: 1-13, Jn.20:7-18,Ps.23.
Hymns : 316, 58, 56, 124

18th May : Trinity Sunday
Sing to the Triune God
08:30a.m. : Holy Communion
Celeb. & Preacher : Rev. Harris Suganandham
Readings : Ex. 3:12-15, Rev. 4:1-11, Mat.28:16-20, Ps. 98.
Hymns :

25th May : Second Sunday after Pentecost
Christian Discipleship
08:30a.m. : Holy Communion
Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj
Preacher : Rev. Immanuel Soundarajan
Readings : 2kgs.2:1-15, Acts.2:1-13, Lk.14:25-33, Ps.119:33-48.
Hymns : 152, 61, 276, 177