

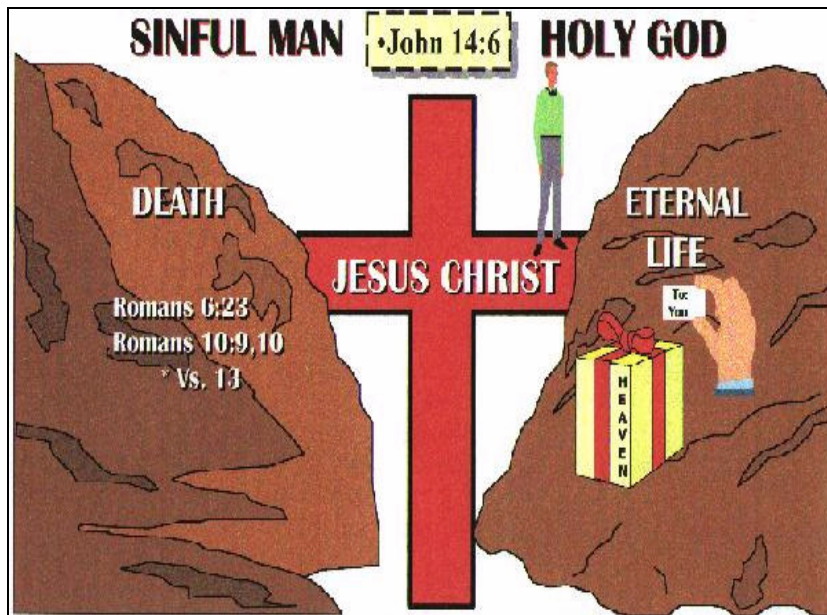
## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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

**April/May 2008**

**Bulletin**

**2nd Quarter/1<sup>st</sup>**

Rev. D. Charles Irwin  
Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj  
Presbyters

Dr. Kuryan George  
Hon. Secretary

Mr. Tharyan Koshi  
Hon. Treasurer

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 temporally stop giving your offerings to the following funds until further notice.*

**BANGARUPLAYAM FUND AND THE MINISTERIAL FUND**

*Regards*

*Tharyan*

### **NEWS & NOTICES**

***Pastorate Committee meeting:***

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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Break fast</b>
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
<b>May 2008</b>			
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****15<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> April**

Babu Samuel  
 Mrs. Catherine Snehalatha Joseph  
 Sidhartha George Mathew

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

Dr. Mrs. Smitha Jasper

**20<sup>th</sup> April**

Mr. Alex Alexander  
 Deepa Susan Koshi

**21<sup>st</sup> April**

Mallika Irene Suresh

**22<sup>nd</sup> April**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

**24<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**25<sup>th</sup> April**

Suresh Philip

**26<sup>th</sup> April**

Avinash Nehemiah  
Dr. K. Alfred Barnabas  
Sharon Lionel

Dr. Thambu David  
Vikram Jeyathilak

**27<sup>th</sup> April**

Rowena Raja  
Roshni Julia Rajan  
Mrs. Sheela Durai

**28<sup>th</sup> April**

Dr. Mathews Mathai

**30<sup>th</sup> April**

S. Abida Angel  
Mr. R. J. Eapen

**1<sup>st</sup> May**

Abu Mathew

**2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Mr. John Tharakan

**4<sup>th</sup> May**

Dr. Kurian George  
Mr. Ashok Mathew Abraham

**5<sup>th</sup> May**

Mr. Niranjan Nirmalkumar,

**6<sup>th</sup> May**

Dr. D. Jasper Daniel

**7<sup>th</sup> May**

Mrs. Kavitha George

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

Mrs. Anne Zachariah  
Dr. Mary S. Mathews

**9<sup>th</sup> May**

Mr. Wilson Navaraj,  
Mrs. Mercy John Oommen

**10<sup>th</sup> May**

Mrs. Rekha Mammen

Dr. Korula George  
Mrs. Susie Koshi

**11<sup>th</sup> May**

Dr. Mrs. Geetha,

**13<sup>th</sup> May**

Tanvi Anandkumar

**14<sup>th</sup> May**

Mr. C. P. Philip

**15<sup>th</sup> May**

Dr. Chakko Korula Jacob

Rachel Tina

**16<sup>th</sup> May**

Mr. Godfrey Anand Navamitran

Nikhita Rebekah David . A

Samuel George Nitish Kumar

**17<sup>th</sup> May**

Mrs. Asha Nehemiah

Mr. M. Nelson,

Rajesh Joseph Selvakumar

Mr. Suresh Roland Devasahayam

Obed Ranjan

Dinesh David Rao

**18<sup>th</sup> May**

Alisha Mary Cherian

Christina Anitha Nuse

Sylvia Walter

Dr. Mrs. Susan Shanti George

Samuel Vikram Raj

Dr. Mathai Zachariah

**19<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Host Family</b>	<b>Phone</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Gandhi Nagar	6 p.m.	Drs. Annie & Doss Sudarsanam Vellore Life Challenge No. 5, 4 <sup>th</sup> Cross, E. B. Colony Vellore - 6	2244064
4 <sup>th</sup>	College	8 p.m.	Drs. Mary & Jacob John	
19 <sup>th</sup>	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**

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

**06<sup>th</sup> 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

**013<sup>th</sup> 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

**20<sup>th</sup> 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

**27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**04<sup>th</sup> 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

**11<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**25<sup>th</sup> 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