

<b>WORSHIP SERVICES APRIL - 2009</b>						
Date	Time & Service Order	Theme	Celebrant	Preacher	Leader	Reading
<b>Holy Communion</b>						
1st Apr 09	7.00 a.m.					
5th Apr 09 1st Sunday	7.30 a.m. Holy Communion II 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer I	Palm Sunday 'Jesus the sign of peace'	Presbyter	Dr. Arul Ankattil	Dr. John Muthusami	Zech 9:9-12 Ephesians 2:11-22 John 12:12-19 Psalm 24
9th Apr 09	6.30 p.m. Feet Washing Holy Communion	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Eucharist : <b>TOGETHER</b> 'Celebration of fellowship'		Presbyter		Exodus 12:1-4 I Corinth 11:23-24 Mathew 26:20-30 Psalm 116
10th April 09	9:00 a.m. to 12 noon	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>Seven words on the cross 'Revelation of the Power of God's Salvation'</b>			
12th Apr 09 2nd Sunday	8.30 a.m. Holy Communion Special order	<b>Easter Day</b> Fear Not : Christ is Risen	<b>Celebrant and Preacher : Clive E.Ponnuraj</b>			
19th Apr 09 3rd Sunday	7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 1 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - I	Encounter with the risen Christ		Presbyter	Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan	Ezek 37:1-14 1 Corinth 15:1-20 Mathew 28:1-10 Psalm 16 Luke 24:13-35 Psalm : 48 Job 19:1-29 Acts 9:1-19
26th Apr 09 4th Sunday	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>Annual General Body Meeting</b> 'Experience of the risen lord'				
						Job 5:8-19 Revelation 1:1-8 John 21:1-14 Psalm 93

# St. John's Church

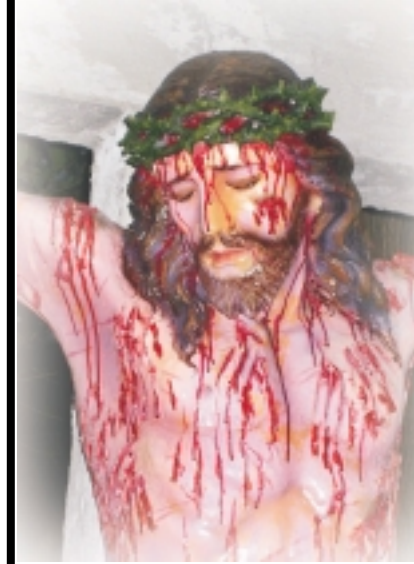
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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009, 9AM TO 12 NOON



**THE EMPTY TOMB, (PICTURE)**  
EASTER 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009, 8.30 AM

**FORT VELLORE**

**April 2009**

**Bulletin**

**IInd Quarter/1st**

**Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj** Dr. Kuryan George Mr. Tharyan Koshi  
Presbyter in-charge Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer

## PASTORAL LETTER



Dear Friends,

The cross and the Empty tomb are more than symbolic reminders of great events in the Christian history. The harsh cross and the triumphal burst of Easter can become realities in the lives of those believe in Christ. The first message from the risen Christ was received by those women who, in the twilight of the Easter dawn when all Jerusalem was still sleeping, lovingly hastened to Christ's sepulcher, taking spices and ointments with which to anoint His sacred body. Grief, as heavy as the great stone before Christ's tomb, oppressed their loving hearts.

But see. What is this? What has happened here? From a distance they can see that the stone is no longer before the door of the sepulcher, but lies rolled aside on the ground. What has happened? They hasten to the tomb, they look in. The tomb is empty. But an angel, seated upon the displaced stone, greets them in a joyful voice: "Fear not you, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He is risen as He said. Come, and see the place where the Lord was laid" (Mt. 28: 5f.).

The first message of the risen Christ that was proclaimed by an angel to the women, and to us also? The gentle women wished to do Christ's dead body a service. And the Lord, who never leaves unrewarded even the least service that we render to Him, rewarded them for this by allowing them to be the first to hear of the most marvelous event in all history.

Yet they wished to care only for Christ's dead body. How grateful Christ will be to us if we care for His living body, if we build and cherish His living body, His Church, either in our own soul or in that of others in whom a sinful life has brought it to ruins, and who are led back to God by our word and example! How grateful Christ will be for our very least apostolate!

**Christ is dead**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ shall come again !!!**

**Greetings in the name of the risen Lord.**

***S. Clive E. Ponnuraj***



**MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY  
HAPPY EASTER**

21<sup>st</sup> April  
Mallika Irene Suresh  
Billy Judah Jasper,

22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Joanna Amy  
Naveen Joseph Muliylil  
Nylla Shanthly  
Sosamma John  
Violet Jayachandran  
Priscilla rupali  
Devakumar

23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Diya Ann Koshi  
Elizabeth Jana  
S. G. Immanuel

24<sup>th</sup> April  
Anubel George B.E.  
Daniel Srikanth Jayakumar  
D. Jagapathy  
Usha Nivas,  
Snema stanlea

25<sup>th</sup> April  
Suresh Philip

26<sup>th</sup> April  
Avinash Nehemiah  
K. Alfred Barnabas  
Sharon Lionel  
Thambu David  
Vikram Jeyathilak  
J.V. Peter,

27<sup>th</sup> April  
Rowena Raja  
Roshni Julia Rajan  
Sheela Durai

28<sup>th</sup> April  
Mathews Mathai

30<sup>th</sup> April  
S. Abida Angel

#### A thought for the month

*The best thing to give...*

*to your enemies, forgiveness;*

*to an opponent, tolerance;*

*to a friend, your heart;*

*to your child, a good example;*

*to a father, deference;*

*to your mother, conduct that will make proud of you;*

*to yourself; respect;*

*to all men(people), charity. (Lord Balfour)*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### **Pastorate Committee meeting:**

The date and time will be intimated later

### **Annual General body Meeting**

The Annual General Body Meeting will take place on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Parish Hall after the Service.

### **Tamil Sunday School**

Since it is commonly arranged to get break fast for the Children in all Sundays we request all the contributors towards BREAK FAST to pay Rs. 600/- to the Church office or to the concerned persons.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will close this year on Palm Sunday(5<sup>th</sup> April 2009). There will be no Sunday School till the first Sunday in June.

### **Obituary**

We regret to inform you the passing away of Mrs. Annie George the mother of Dr. Mrs. Rachel Chandy and Mother in law of Dr.George Chandy on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Let us uphold this bereaved family in our prayer.

### **Congratulations to newly Weds**

Allison Ruth and Vijay Paul (26<sup>th</sup> January 2009).

### Youth Coulum

5th - Rev. Clive  
12th - Mrs Denny Flemming  
19th - Sam John & John Davis  
26<sup>th</sup> - Since we are having our Church AGM we will not have the fellowship

**Joel Muthusami**

### Helping Hands

The helping hand continues to be in deficit.... so please keep this fund in mind when making your envelope offerings

### Laptop

The Church is looking for two low end Lap tops to be used in the church and in the Sunday school on Sunday's. The main function is to make Power point presentations through the LCD projector and as a Word processor. Any one wanting to gift one such Lap top. Please get in touch with the Pastor. We do not mind getting second hand Laptops. If any one of you are UPGRADING your present Laptops

**Treasurer**

### PRAYER POINTS

Pray for :-

- Holy week and Easter services.
- Children writing exams.
- The Vacational Bible School.
- The General Election of our Country



### BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2009

<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Jenifer Renu Margret Sucharita Priya Chittaranjan	Masilla Malar Mathuranayagam Celine sarah Thomas
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Aaliya T. Prasad	<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Sandeep David Bijoy Koshy
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Anna Simon	<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b> Akhil Verghese Cherian Anita Alfred Hemalatha Muliyl Jean Jepeganam D.Syliva Vinodini
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b> P. Rebecca Vendamani Sanjana Tharakan	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b> Rajesh Jacob.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Julianal Soundaranayagam	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b> Mahil Paul. Naveen Prashantham Nishanthi Arulappan Sara Bhattacharji
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b> K. Sukiyabai Barnabas Sandhya Jepeganam	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> Jonathan Rabin Jesudason, Babu Samuel Catherine Snehalatha Joseph Sidhartha George Mathew Atul tigga
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b> A. Mabel Gladys Victy Nelson	<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> Smitha Jasper Leena R.V
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Anand Rijo Rose	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b> Alex Alexander Deepa Susan Koshi
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> George Chandy Vikram Perakath John Emmanuel Jesudasan	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b> Nathan George Kochukaleeckal Jacob	

recommended to the Pastorate Committee to extend an ongoing support for which they are really struggling, to modernize the Kitchen and dining hall and also to provide some necessary items for them to have an enriching and enlightening stay in the hostel. Once again we thank all of you for being liberal in giving towards this cause. As we are going to support this hostel for some considerable period we request you to continue to contribute towards this ministry towards girl children.

*Regards!*

*Hon. Secretary*




**Thanks to all pianists**

**April - 2009**

<b>Apr 5</b>	Sharon Jessica
Sathish	<b>Apr 19</b>
Meshal Joseph	Anupriya Arthur
<b>Apr 9</b> (Maundy Thursday)	Daniella Karen David
Dr. Pradeep	<b>Apr 26</b>
<b>Apr 10</b> (Good Friday)	Sathish
Aleena Jana	Manju Inbaraj
<b>Apr 12</b>	
Sam C Raj	

Especially we thank **Ms Aleena and Ms.Naomi** for being the Pianists for all the 1<sup>st</sup> Services on Sundays throughout the year. Also we thank **Dr. Pradeep Poonoose** for being pianists for all Lenten Devotions for the last two years. Also we are looking forward for their continued support in this regard

**FLOWERS, COFFEE & BREAKFAST – April 2009**

Date	Flowers 	Coffee 	Break fast 
5	Nelson	-	
12	Stanley Mohan	-	- -
19	George Koshi	George Koshi	The Macadens
26	S. Abida Angel	Sudarsanam	Sudarsanam

**AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, April - 2009**

Date	Area	Time	Host Family	Phone
14 <sup>st</sup>	Gandhi Nagar & Karigiri	06:30p.m.	Dr. Mannam Ebenezer Karigiri	2274223
18th	Sathu vachari	06.30p.m.	Dr. Roul 279G, II Vivekanandha St., Near Double Road, Sathuvachari, Vellore - 632 009.	2256144

\*Other Area fellowship meetings will be intimated later

## World Day of Prayer

'Reflection of a visitor'

When the women power from the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean joined as one.....

Our world is indeed a global village. Distances mean nothing anymore. By this I mean both the physical and spiritual ones. A proof of this was when World Day of Prayer was celebrated on March 6, 2009. The theme was, "In Christ there are many members, yet one body."

An evening of fellowship, prayer and music, shared between India and Papua New Guinea, two countries which are so similar in its varied culture, tradition, languages and beliefs, yet both the countries share a common theme, Unity in Diversity. This world prayer theme reiterated this belief.

Different as we are, yet our identity in Christ unities us in his body, the Church. We are one in the body of Christ and we drive life and spirit from the head, who is Christ.

It was an evening that cascaded with feelings of hope, warmth, spirituality and sisterhood/brotherhood, with more than 35 church members attending, in spite of it being a working day. The evening culminated with refreshments that tickled the taste buds chilled water melon juice, sweet potato snack with coriander-mint chutney.

After having attended this inspiring program, I reflected during the drive back home, "Why is this restricted to just one day of prayer? Can't we make it a way of our life, both in our thoughts and deeds?" Yes, you and all of us can make a difference to this wonderful planet that we tread.

**By**

**Anuradha Ajit  
a global citizen)**

### A Visit to Tindivanam

On the Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 along with the Pastor, Tharyan, Christudoss and Sam Christopher we headed to Tindivanam. It was about 3 hours journey from Vellore. When we reached there it was about 1.30 p. m so after lunch we went around the campus to. It is so exiting to see the Ida Scudder Bungalow (where she received the visions) just opposite to the hostel and her statue right in the middle of the hostel. Probably for this reason why it is called as the Ida Scudder Girls Hostel. We then spend time with the children and they performed some cultural items. It was so nice to see about 165 girl children dressed so well in same pattern of tops and shirts, which was presented to them for Christmas by just one family. We found that all these children are well nurtured in faith. Most of them are orphans and semi orphans, basically from very poor and marginalized background. Though we felt there is nothing really to raise an infrastructure as such since they have enough of rooms and building for the hostel. We felt it is very essential and meaningful for St. John's church to be a part of this ministry. So we have