

# St. John's Church

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Tel.: 0416 - 2220607

## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Brothers and sisters,

Greeting in the name of Jesus Christ!

We thank God for this wonderful gift of yet another New Year 2008.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the eighth day after Jesus' birth. It is on this day Jesus was circumcised and given that name "Jesus" as per the instruction of the angel before he was conceived. (Lk.1:31).

Name in the Bible is not just a label for identification, names had special significance. It is so with our names also. We are distinguished from many others by our given name. by their use we are recognized, requested, made responsible, rebuked and rebuffed too.

Apostle Peter speaking before the Sanhedrin declares "Salvation is found in no one else except Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

So the apostle understood that there is one reality, one power and one name which could bring wholeness to humanity.

Now does this name mean anything to you today as you begin yet another New Year? Paul declares, "Whatever you do, in words or deeds, do everything in the name of Lord Jesus", (Col.3:17).

In other words you are called to take a decision against or for Jesus. We cannot pretend to be neutral: to play safe is to Create a world of utmost insecurity.

In each one of us there is a longing for life experience. We would like this year 2008 to be better than last year 2007.

We want to be stronger, more energetic, better organized, kind, whole and even more loving. If that is your intention or resolution, may you anchor yourself to Jesus – the Babe of the Cradle and Christ of the Cross.

"There is no other name"

As we begin this New Year, let Jesus be the focus of our lives each day that we live.

Wishing every one of you a challenging and a Blessed New Year.

With all good wishes  
Rev. D. Charles Irwin.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### ***Pastorate Committee meeting:***

The Pastorate Committee Meeting will be held on the Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6:00p.m in the Parish hall.

### ***Baptism:***

Nikita Gracelyn Rose Daughter of Dr. Jeyanth Rose & Dr. Mrs. Anita Shirley Joselyn on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

### ***Welcome to the New Members:***

**College Area :** Sucharita Priya Chittaranjan.

**Town Area:** Janette Farzana Gracie.

### ***Congratulations to Newly Weds:***

Rajesh Joseph Selvakumar & Anjana Joel on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

## PRAYER POINTS

Pray for

The New Year 2008 may be a blessed one to St. John's family.

God's protective care on all the families of our Church.

Those who are sick in our community.

The confirmands of 2007 – 2008 batch.

## AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, January 2008

Date	Area	Time	Host Family	Phone
00	Gandhi Nagar	06:30p.m.	Mr. J.S. Pancharatnam & Dr. Mrs. Saro Pancharatnam No.17, Municipal Colony, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore – 632 006.	2246314

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## BIRTHDAYS for the month of JANUARY 2008

We greet the following members who will be celebrating their Birthday this month. **God Bless you each day.**

01 January

Mr. P. Martin Ratinam  
Mr. Vincent .M.

02<sup>nd</sup> January

Mr. Hugh Patrick Skeil,  
Mr. D. Mathuram Augustine  
Shireen Miriam Jude

03 January

Dr. Mrs. Achamma Balraj  
Dr. Mrs. Esther Chilman

04 January

05 January

06 January

Brian Lee  
Rohan Jacob Titus

07 January

08 January

Mrs. Mridula Baidya

09 January

James Oliver Emmanuel  
Mrs. Olive Selvakumar  
Dr. Renu Raju

10 January

Aditya Yohan Choudhari

11 January

Mr. Sushil Jacob Chakko  
Dr. Pravin Sunder Rao

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12 January

Alex Thomas Simon  
Arindam Jana  
Benjamin Banks

13 January

Dr. Mrs. Sarah Ninan Chacko

14 January

Nisha Anna Korula  
Priscilla Priyadharshini Sircar.

15<sup>th</sup> January

16<sup>th</sup> January

Dr. Susanna Thomas

17<sup>th</sup> January

18<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs. Ruth Reuban Jesudas

19<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs. Ruth Swadesh Sundararaj  
Mr. Ajith Idicula John  
Dr. Paul Emerson Lingamdenne  
Jenita Vinodhini Peter,

20<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs. Sheba Chandy  
Dr. S.N. Jeeva Rima

21<sup>st</sup> January

Dr. Malini Devanandan  
Dr. Peter Ericson Lingamdenne

22<sup>nd</sup> January

Mrs. E. Thelma Johnson

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23<sup>rd</sup> January

Mrs. Meena Prashantham  
Dr. J. Richard

24<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs. Mary Mammen,  
Dr. Santosh Zachariah

25<sup>th</sup> January

Dr. Ernest David  
Rev. S. Clive E. Ponnuraj

26<sup>th</sup> January

Mrs. Sajila Joseph,

27<sup>th</sup> January

Kiran George Korula  
Rev. S. Harris Sukanandam  
Dr. Mrs. Padmini Jasper

28<sup>th</sup> January

Nikhil Mathews Mathai  
Mrs. Reeba Roshan,

29<sup>th</sup> January

Adil Poonoose Isaac  
Mrs. Chitra Niranjana  
Mr. R.S. Manuel,

30<sup>th</sup> January

Er. J.R. Soundaranayagam

31<sup>st</sup> January

Dr. Edwin Ravikumar  
Sarah Thomas

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## WORSHIP SERVICES, JANUARY - 2008

### **01<sup>st</sup> January : NEW YEAR 2008**

#### ***The Day of the Covenant***

08:30a.m. : Holy Communion III  
Celeb. : Rev. D. Charles Irwin.  
Preacher : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj.

Readings : Jer.31:31-34, II Cor.2:14-17, Mt.11:27-30, Ps.145.  
Hymns : 274, 207, 127, 76.

### **06<sup>th</sup> January : Second Sunday after Christmas**

#### **EPHYPHANY – Manifestation of Christ.**

07:30a.m. : Holy Communion I  
Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj  
Preacher : Rev. D. Charles Irwin

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

Readings : Is.60:1-6, Rev.21:22-27, Mt.2:1-12, Ps.67.  
Hymns : 9, 433, 19, 279.

### **13<sup>th</sup> January : Third Sunday after Christmas**

#### ***Baptism of Jesus.***

07:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I  
Leader : Dr. Mrs. Priya Abraham.

09:30a.m. : Holy Communion I (Sung)  
Celeb. : Rev. D. Charles Irwin.  
Preacher : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj

Readings : Is.49:1-6, 1Pet.3:18-22, Mt.3:13-17, Ps.2:1-8  
Hymns : 313, 300, 307, 317.

### **20<sup>th</sup> January : Fourth Sunday after Christmas**

#### ***Ecumenical Sunday.***

07:30a.m. : Holy Communion II  
Celeb. : Rev. D. Charles Irwin.  
Preacher : Bishop Michael Nazir Ali,  
Bishop of Rochester –UK.

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

Readings : Ezek.36:24-28, Acts16:11-15, Jn.17:20-23, Ps.133.  
Hymns : 294, 126, 136, 350.

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**27<sup>th</sup> January: Fifth Sunday after Christmas**

***The steadfast Love of God..***

07:30a.m. : Morning Prayer II

Leader : Dr. Mrs. Mary Jesudason.

09:30a.m. : Holy Communion III

Celeb. : Rev. Clive E. Ponnuraj

Preacher : Rev. Dr. Arul Doss

Readings : Exod.17:1-7, Eph.3:14-21, Mt.22:34-40, Ps.86.

Hymns : 412, 66, 147, 287.