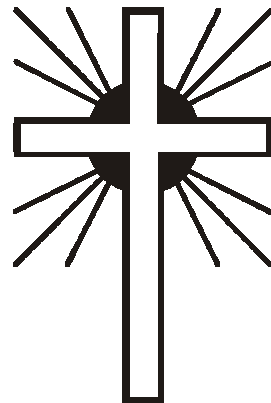


DAYS TO REMEMBER

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| Saturday 10 th January 2009 at 4. 30 p.m | Arni Boy's Hostel Building Dedication |
| Sunday 1 st February 2009 at 8.30a.m | Harvest Festival |
| Sunday 15 th February 2009 at 9.30 a.m | Confirmation Service |

**Please remember these important events of our Church and kindly keep in your prayers.*



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Happy New Year - 2009



"You will receive what he has promised"

Heb. 10:36

Jan. 2009

Bulletin

1st Quarter/1

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

PASTORAL LETTER

New Year's Eve is one of those few days in the year when just about everybody is thinking about the same thing. There's something dramatic about watching the old year slip away by counting the hours left in it, then the minutes, down the seconds when the old year has passed into history, never to come again. We seldom think much about time except when we're running late. Time is a lot like a river and it's carrying all of us downstream. Where is it taking us? What are we doing while we're on the trip?



If there is anything we truly need in this New Year, it is to get closer to God, to grow in the love of our Savior, and to carry out His will for our lives. That will carry us through no matter what the river of time may bring our way. There may be times in this coming New Year you will feel cut off from God's sight. You may wonder if God has forgotten you. Oh, there's good news for you, my friend, good news that you hear at the end of many a worship service. The Lord makes his face shine upon you. The Psalmist says: *Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your unfailing love.*

When God's face is shining upon His people, that means that he is SMILING upon them. What more could you ask from the New Year than that? We have a God who came here personally to smile upon us while He walked and talked with us. He endured the Father's dread frown over our sins so that we could see His face smiling upon us forever. God was forsaken by God so that we would not have to dread the time when our lives will pass in review before Him.

Have a wonderful and a blessed year - 2009

Clive E. Ponnuraj

Time Management for the Year 2009

Take time to work—it is the price of success.

Take time to think—it is the source of power

Take time to read—it is the fountain of wisdom

Take time to worship—it is the highway to reverence

Take time to be friendly—it is the road to happiness

Take time to laugh—it helps to lift life's load

Take time for God's Word—it brings Christ near and

It washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

Take time for God—it is life's only truly lasting investment.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

**MAY THE WORDS
OF MY MOUTH
BRING YOU GLORY
LORD**

10 January

Aditya Yohan Choudhari
Blessing prekash

11 January

Sushil Jacob Chakko
Pravin Sunder Rao

12 January

Alex Thomas Simon
Arindam Jana
Benjamin Banks

13 January

Sarah Ninan Chacko
Joana Thomson

14 January

Nisha Anna Korula
Priscilla Priyadharshini Sircar.

16th January

Susanna Thomas

18th January

Ruth Reuban Jesudas

19th January

Jayden John Joseph,
Ajith Idicula John
Ruth Swadesh Sundararaj.
Paul Emerson Lingamdenne.
Jenita Vinodhini Peter,

20th January

S.N. Jeeva Rima
Sheba Chandy
Thambi Moses
Abhilasha jane Thomas

21st January

Malini Devanandan

Peter Ericson
Lingamdenne

22nd January

E. Thelma Johnson

23rd January

Meena Prashantham
J. Richard

24th January

Mary Mammen,
Santosh Zachariah

25th January

Ernest David
S. Clive E. Ponnuraj

26th January

Sajila Joseph,
Talitha koum Russell

27th January

Kiran George Korula
S. Harris Suganandam
Padmini Jasper

28th January

Nikhil Mathews Mathai
Reeba Roshan,

29th January

Adil Poonoose Isaac
Chitra Niranjan
R.S. Manuel

30th January

J.R. Soundaranayagam

31st January

Edwin Ravikumar
Sarah Thomas

FROM THE TREASURER**Help**

The Helping hand is very very short of funds .Please make your designated offering to this fund please.

We have had a good month of giving during Christmas. We have given Christmas gifts to all church helpers and to all the people and projects that we support. The total of the Gifts is almost Rs 100 000 .

If any one is interested in getting the details please contact the church office

Church building fund

We have completely painted the church on the inside the outside and the wood work...please support this by giving to the Building fund

Thank you

To Rev. Charles Irwin our former Pastor and the congregation of the the ST MARKS CHURCH in Bangalore for their very generous gift of Rs 50 000 to the Arni boys hostel building fund

To Rev Robert Canham and to all our dear friends and members of the Trinity church at Lancaster U K for their hard work all through the year to raise funds for St John's church. This year they raised a sum of GBP 2700

which is almost Rs 1 80 000 This is to be divided equally between Shantigramam in Karigir, Karunai illam and the Arni boys hostel fund... FYI .. Their last years fund raising effort was for the MBKG Kasam in Vellore .. Thank you Rev Canham.. Althea.. Hilary.. Ann.. etc etc for all your love and support

Arni.... Please continue to support this fund we need to complete the project and hand over the building during January

Thank you dear members for all your generous support during the year

Treasurer

NEWS & NOTICES

Pastorate Committee meeting:

The Pastorate Committee Meeting will be held on the **Sunday, 4th January 2009 at 11.30 a.m** (immediately after the 2nd Service) in the Parish hall.

Arni Boy's Hostel Dedication: Dedication of the Arni Boy's Dormitory Building is on **10th January 2009** at 4.30 p.m. The Bus will leave from the Church at 3.15 p.m. Your august presence will certainly bring blessings upon the poor and deserving Children in Arni. So please do come as a family.

Baptism:

Talia Eden daughter of Sunil and Helena and grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathuranayagam on 28th December 2008.

Welcome to the New Members:

College Area: .Bihesh Lal. Y, Dr. I. Rajesh

Hospital: Dr. and Mrs. John Roshan, Dr. Suceena Alexander, Dr. D. Devakumar

Sathuvarchari: Dr and Mrs Chellarani Vijaya kumar, Mrs. Nora Vasantha Findlay

Gandhi Nagar: Isaac Gurupatham Ernest David, Dr. Rohith Jesudoss, Dr. Jayanthi Abraham

Congratulations to Newly Wed:

"Harry & Mallika Stanley celebrated the wedding of their daughter MINNU to KUMAR on 6th December at the Te Puke Methodist church, New Zealand".
May God bless their union of this wedded couple. May He smile upon their life together and fill their hearts with joy. Best wishes today and always.

Responsibilities during the Service – January 2009

Intercessory Prayers : 1st Sunday (9.30 a.m) – Shruti (Confirmand)
3rd Sunday (9.30 a.m.) – Samuel (Confirmand)

Peace and carrying Elements 1st Sunday (7.30 a.m.) – Dr. and Mrs. Ravi Korula
2nd Sunday (9.30 a.m.) – Dr. and Mrs. Richard
3rd Sunday (7.30 a.m) – Mr. and Mrs. Samraj,
4th Sunday (9.30.a.m) – Dr. and Mrs. Jayanth Rose

**Please do take note your responsibility and the Sunday to make yourself available.*

Thanks to all organists

Juniors

Andrew Simon (Jan 11th)
Meshal Joseph (Jan 18th)
James Alfred (Jan 25th)

Seniors

Sarah Tharyan (Jan 4th)
Pradeep Poonoose (Jan 11th)
Sam C Raj (Jan 18th)
Anitha Alfred (25th)

BIRTHDAYS for the month of JANUARY 2009

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

01 January

P. Martin Ratinam
Vincent .M

06 January

Brian Lee
Rohan Jacob Titus

02nd January

Hugh Patrick keil,
D. Mathuram Augustine
Shireen Miriam Jude.
January priyadarshini

07 January

Angel Binesh

08 January

Mridula Baidya

03 January

Achamma Balraj
Esther Chilman

09 January

James Oliver Emmanuel
Olive Selvakumar
Renu Raju

Youth Column

Hi everybody, Happy New Year.

Christmas is over, the New Year has begun. Celebrations, enjoyments, good food are all over. What are we doing next? What does our future hold? Exams, jobs, placements, post grads, etc, etc. are we worried? Are we trying to decide what to do? I was. And at this time, Dr. Meredith Hawkins spoke to us, medical students. She shared on the verse "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." It's a common verse, much heard about. But we loose out on understanding the real meaning at times. This is what she shared.

THE WAY: Jesus is the way. Can we walk down a path without looking where we place our feet? No, we cannot. But, in our lives, we can look at God and trust Him to place our feet in the right place. Our faith, hope and trust should be focused on God. That does not mean we sit back and do nothing. But we continue to keep ourselves occupied with the work at hand. God will lead us thro' it.

THE TRUTH: our minds are constantly filled with thoughts, most of them negative. But we should fill them with the Word of God. Only then can we truly say "the truth has set us free."

THE LIFE: is there life in a dark green pine cone or in the birds of the air singing joyfully? It is easy to say there is life in the birds. But there is life in the pine cone as well because it is green. The life is deep within. That is how our life should be as well; filled with life from the source of life – God. Only then can we bear the fruit of the spirit.

This New Year, let us take time to commit our lives into His mighty hands and enjoy a free and fruitful life.

Schedule for January.

Youth fellowship will meet again on 11th January after Christmas holidays.

11/01/09 Ms. Lois The Seventh Commandment of the Ten Commandments.
 18/01/09 Dr. Denny Flemming Bible study on Commitment.
 25/01/09 Dr. Solomon Satish The Eight Commandment of the Ten Commandments.

Please do come and be blessed.

God bless,
Beulah Shekinah Elango.
 Youth secretary.

Flowers, Coffee, Breakfast

We request your active and kind participation in contributing flowers, coffee and Breakfast every Sunday. so kindly fillup your name in the necessary space given in the file kept outside the church (at the entrance)

Area Fellowships

We request all the members of our congregation to have Area fellowship meetings at your residence atleast once a year. It is an oppurtunity to get know you personally and to pray for one another. Also we urge the area representatives to help the pastor to organise area meetings regularly in your areas and kindly inform the church office well in advance.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for

- The New Year 2009 may be a blessed one to St. John's family.
- God's protective care on all the families of our Church.
- Dedication of the Arni Boy's Hostel Building
- The confirmands and the confirmation service.
- Those who are sick in our community.



AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, JANUARY - 2009

| Date | Area | Time | Host Family | Phone |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 12 th | Gandhi Nagar | 06:30p.m. | Tharyan.Koshi No 6 10th East Cross street Gandhinagar Vellore 632006 | 0416 2243165 |
| - | College | 8.15 p.m | Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan CMC College Campus | 2263151 |

**Others area fellowships will be intimated later*

WORSHIP SERVICES

| Date | Time & Service order | Theme | Celebrant |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4th Jan 09 | 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion II 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer I | Epiphany Sunday "Christ is revealed for all" | Presbyter |
| 11th Jan'09 | 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer II 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (sung) | After Epiphany "Sharing the Good News" | Presbyter Presbyter |
| 18th Jan 09 | 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion III 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer II | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany "Live worthy of your calling" | Presbyter |
| 25th Jan'09 | 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer I 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion | NCCI Sunday 3rd Sunday after Epiphany "Ecumenism" | Presbyter |

JANUARY - 2009

| Preacher | Leader | Hymns | Reading |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presbyter | Dr. John Muthusami | 199 233 433 200 | Isaiah 60:1-5 Acts 10:30-43 Mathew 2:1-12 Psalm 72 |
| Rev. Charles Irwin | Dr. Priya Abraham | 9 360 372 397 | Isaiah 58:6-12 Romans 12:9-21 John 1:35-42 Psalm : 34:1-11 |
| Dr. Stephen Fleming | Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan | 375 271 66 238 | Daniel 1:1-17 I Peter 1:13-21 Luke 17:1-4 Psalm : 1 |
| Guest Speaker from NCCI | Dr. Mary Jesudason | 305 366 136 134 | II Chronicles 30:13-22 I Corinthians 1:10-18 John 10:7-18 Psalm 122 |