



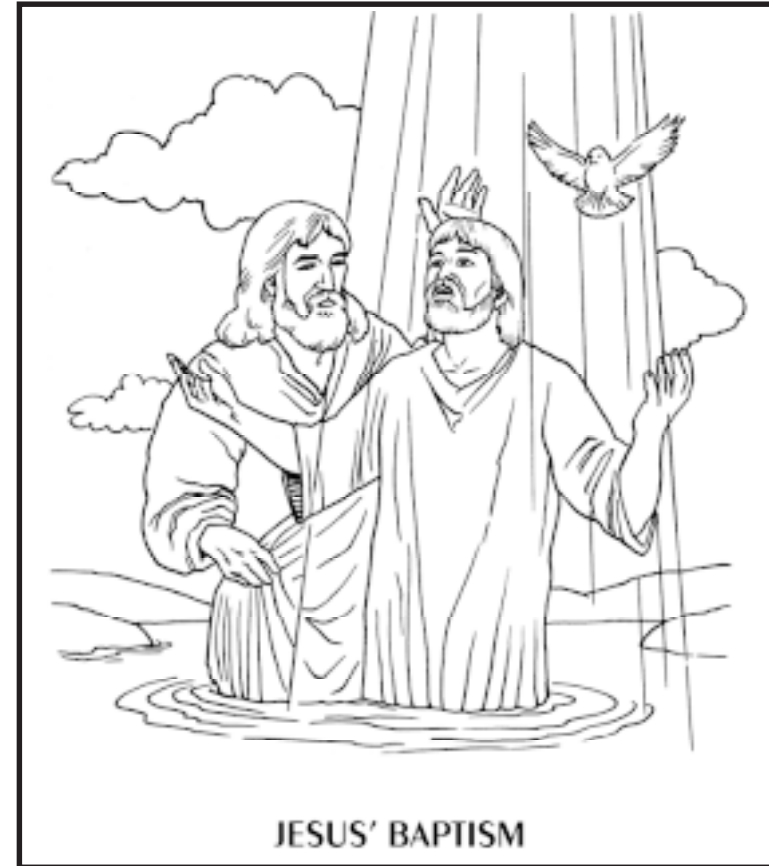
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JESUS' BAPTISM

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Presbyter in-charge Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer

PASTORAL LETTER



Dear Members,

Greetings!

I am very much delighted to take up this challenging responsibility to minister this Elite and resourceful congregation. But I believe God calls people regardless of their age, milieu and merit.

I believe that the main purpose of the Church is to fulfill the great commandment (Mk. 12:29-31) and the great commission (Matt.28:18-19) nevertheless I reckon I am here because God has a definite purpose for this Church and me. I feel that the role of a Christian minister, is that of a Shepherd. A shepherd needs to know the sheep, lead the sheep, feed the sheep, and guard the sheep. This is to mould the doctrinal, spiritual and practical application to build up and encourage the body of Christ.

To carry on this exertion I believe we need an indispensable, potential and encouraging bunch of elders, youth, women etc., which is mandatory.

Consequently, my job as a pastor is to enable a team of people who can assist in accomplishing these goals (Eph. 4: 11-13).

So I request all of you to use the gifts God has given to you in leadership, preaching, teaching and singing as co-labourers along side of me and other members in enduring the work of God.

Let's set up, work and act for Christ's sake.

With all good wishes

Yours ever,

S. Clive E. Ponnuraj

20th July

Sunday

Christian Marriage

07:30a.m. : Holy Communion II

Celeb.&

Preacher : Presbyter

09:30a.m. : Morning Prayer II

Leader : Dr. Lional Gnanaraj

Readings : Gen. 24: 18-25; 1Cor. 13; Mk. 10: 1-12;
Ps. 91

Hymns : 285, 288, 34, 157

27nd July

The Sacrament of Baptism

08:30a.m. : Holy Communion III

Celeb. : Presbyter

Preacher : Mr. Durai Jasper

Readings : Ex. 14: 15-31; Titus 3: 3-8; Jn. 3: 1-8;
Ps. 32

Hymns : 27, 73, 311, 113

Followed by A.G.M.

ARNI FOUNDATION STONE LAID ON 15TH JUNE - 2008



29th July

30th July

Dr. Mrs. Rekha Cherian

31st July

Dr. Mrs. Anika Amritanand,

**FRESHERS MONTH
WORSHIP SERVICES, JULY – 2008**

01 July 7.30 am : Holy Communion
Tuesday

06st July **Christian Stewardship :**
Stewardship faithful and purposeful use of resources
Sunday

07.30a.m. : Holy Communion I
Celeb. &
Preacher :Rev. S. Clive E. Ponnuraj

09:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I
Leader : Mrs. Sheila Samuel.
Readings : Mal 3:6-18; 11Cor. 8:1-9;
Matt. 25: 14-30;Ps. 147: 1-11
Hymns : 66, 419, 410, 204

13th July **Theological Education of the People of God**
Theological 07:30a.m. : Morning Prayer I
Education Leader : Dr. Mrs. Priya Abraham.
Sunday

09:30a.m. : Holy Communion I (Sung)
Celeb. : Presbyter
Preacher : **Rev. Stephen Sunder Singh,**
(Vice Principal, T.T.S, Madurai)
Readings : Jer. 1: 4-10; Eph. 4: 7-16; Matt. 7: 24-29;
Ps. 119: 89-104
Hymns : 151, 69, 350, 184

An Inspiring Speech

on the occasion

of

Arni Boys' Hostel Foundation – laying ceremony – June 15, 2008



For me today is a very happy occasion and to St. John's Church, It is a historical occasion when we promise to undertake a major project to help the school children of our diocese, less fortunate than we are. Couple of years ago when Dr. Christudas, the convenor of our Evangelistic Committee presented an appeal to the general body of our church to help the hostel children

at Arni, the members raised several legitimate questions. When they were convinced that this was a very worthwhile project they gave their whole-hearted approval. A significant amount of money was granted to be paid on a monthly basis to supply provisions for food for the children. Our pastor Rev. Charles Irwin along with some members of our congregation made occasional visits to the hostel and a meaningful relationship was established with the children. Our pastor Rev. Charles has great concern and consideration for the poor and underprivileged. It is indeed his leadership that initiated this project to build a hostel for them. It is fitting that he is laying the foundation stone for this hostel for the children of Arni CSI mission School.

Pastors are the leaders of the Christian Community. The life, work and witness of a church depend largely on the leadership offered by its Pastor and his dedication to Christ and his commitment to His teachings.

I started attending St. Johns Church, Fort Vellore from June 1947 when I first came to Vellore as a candidate for admission to CMC, Vellore. When I stepped in to the Church the beautiful stain glass window with the crucified Christ made a deep impression on me. I have been an active member of the church from that day till date except for a short period when I was away in USA. I am indeed proud to be a member of this church for several reasons.

To my knowledge there have been no elections, no clamour for any office in our church at any time. Our church committee and its officers are elected unanimously. I look forward to the day when all the churches of our diocese will elect their officers unanimously and be united in their witness for Christ. St. John's church members are very generous in their giving. When we make an appeal for a good cause donations are given liberally, not once but continuously on a regular basis, to support the project. The accounts of our offerings are meticulously kept, and faithfully spent. Our present Treasurer, Tharyan Koshi, is an able accountant and I am sure that he will carry through our present project successfully.

I would like to say few words about our respected Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Y. Williams. We are very fortunate to have a Bishop deeply interested in improving the conditions of the poor and under privileged, especially the children among them. During the years, he has worked hard to restore many of the diocesan institutions which were in decay due to lack of proper leadership. We as members of St. John's must strengthen his hands in this very important task he has undertaken to renew the institutions which were established to build up the young people from the villages and give them a sense of purpose. In this connection I would like to mention the Institute of Technology at Katpadi which he is now trying to rebuild and upgrade. May I place before you this project for your prayerful consideration.

Finally I would like to bring to your mind two pictures Jesus painted about Heaven and the kingdom of God. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man was sent to hell not because he was rich but because he did not do anything for the wretched poor man lying on his doorstep, whom he saw day after day. In this context I would like to commend the members of the Women's fellowship who are taking care of the beggars and their children gathered around our church every Sunday, giving them a meal and Bible lessons. It is easy to give away some money to a beggar but to spend some time with them needs a spirit to take special care and show compassion. The other picture is that of the division of the people into sheep and goats. The goats were sent to hell for they did not care or notice even those who were thirsty, hungry, without clothes, without shelter

11th July
Anjana Job

12th July

13th July

14th July
Mr. Ravi. S.
Alfred Ravikumar
Dr. Gift Norman
Joshua Frank Daniel

15th July
Mrs. Lucy Samuel
Dr. Mrs. Shantha Prabha,
Mrs. Marie Sundararajan
Roshni Basanth Nelson
Nitin Joseph

16th July
Dr. Mrs. Rachel Anuradha Dipak,
Dr. Vinod Joseph Abraham
Avinash
Dr. Ari Chacko

17th July
Rachel Anjali Venkatesan,

18th July
Mrs. Reena Mavis Arun
Mrs. Emma Koshi

19th July
Susan Tharakan
Alwin Immanuel Devaraj

20th July
Dr. Mrs. Bernice Ranjan,
Mrs. Thelma Rajakumar

Allen Samuel .R.
Mrs. Shirly David

21st July

22nd July
Priya Raju,
Abdiel Samuel James
Mrs. Vidya Rani Richard
Jacob Chandu

23rd July

24th July
Ann Helen Prasad
.Sujith Thomas Chandu
Sneha Ann Mary Chandu
Mr. Vinod Joseph
Dr.Rita Aaron
RUHSA

25th July
Nirupama Karunya Arulappan
Mr. Johnson Kanakaraj
Mrs. Lekha Elizabeth Eapen
Leela Walter
Mrs. Mary Jasper

26th July
Dr. Mrs. Molly Jacob
Anna Jacob
Joel Vasanth Peter,
Cyrus D. Roshan,

27th July

28th July
Tripti Meriel Jacob
Dr. P. ZachariahRohit
Anandkumar

AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, JULY - 2008

Area fellowship meetings will be intimated later.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for

- ★ The Annual General Body Meeting.
- ★ Our members and their families.
- ★ Our Church and out reach activities.
- ★ Those who are sick in our Community.
- ★ Arni Boys Hostel Project



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2008

1 st July	Dr. J. Prakasha Rao
Mr. G.A. Sam Christopher	
Dr. V. Victor Padmakar	6 th July
2 nd July	7 th July
	Mrs. Jeya Padmakar
3 rd July	John Karl Joseph
Dr. Mrs. Alice Cherian	
Mr. J.K. Mathuranayagam,	8 th July
Dr. Mrs. Mary Jacob	Dr. Doss Sudershanam
Karina Paul	Dr. Thomas Cherian,
Vineetha Jacob	Mrs. Sangeetha Dianne Nathaniel
Ashwin Alex James	
Abijah Nivedith Samson,	9 th July
	Jonathan Job
4 th July	Dr. Mrs. Rebecca Jacob
Adithi Abigail,	Mrs. Elizabeth Tharyan,
Dr. Mohan P. Mathews	Dhruv Jeyathilak
Mrs. Karpagavalli Anbu	
Dr. Samuel Thomson Sugumaran	10 th July
	Aruna Richard
5 th July	Mr. Lazarus Samuel
Praveen Chacko Ninan,	"SUGUNA VILLA"
Dr. Cyril Jeyachandran	Mrs. Jeyalakshmi Vijayakumar

and were in prison. Loving Christ, being born again, is not only an emotional experience, but it is obeying Christ day after day, feeding His lambs and His sheep. May the spirit of God move each one of us to give not only all that is possible for us, but all that is required of us by Christ Jesus in our relationship with Him.

I am grateful to Pastor Clive and Dr. George kurien for requesting me to speak to you on this occasion.

May God bless you

Dr.C. K. Job

NEWS & NOTICES

Pastorate Committee Meeting:

The Pastorate Committee meeting will be held on the Friday, 11th July 2008 at 6:00p.m in the Parish hall.

Annual General Body Meeting:

The Annual General Body Meeting will take place on Sunday, **27th July 2008** at the Parish hall after the service.

Women's Fellowship Meeting

At Mrs. Kanagaraj's residence on 17th Thursday July 2008 at 5. 30.

Confirmation Classes:

Confirmation classes will begin from the first Sunday in August (10th August 2008). Those who wish to join the classes are requested to collect the application forms which will be available from the Church office from the first week of July 2007.

Welcome to the New Members

Dr. Deepak Thomas Abraham and Dr. Elsy Thomas
Dr. Santosh Thomas Samuel and Dr. Annie Samuel
Dr. Viju Moses and Mrs Jaya Ruth Asirvatham
Dr. Vinu Moses and Dincy Peter

Arni Boy's Home Dormitory Project Details

Total Cost Of Project	:	Rs.14,00,000/-
Total Numbers of Contributory		
Members at .St.John's Church	:	165
Pledge Received from Members	:	32 Rs. 5,11,300/-
Contributory received	:	31 Rs. 4,32,200/-
		63 Rs 9,43,500/-
Balance Uncovered	:	102 Rs. 4,56,500/-
Cash Available		
Contributory received	:	Rs. 8,72,166.90/-
(Including Harvest Festival)		

Designated offerings- Individual statement of account of members contribution

For want of resources. We have only marked the cover page of the new envelopes with your memership number.

Members are requested to please write their membership numbers on all the covers while making their offerings

I am aware that many of the members who have taken the designated offerings covers and the statement of account of your contribution are not happy with the statement of account.




We have noted a number of errors in the statement and are taking steps to correct the errors in the coming year. The errors are due to the following reasons

1. Membership numbers are not available on the cover
2. Offerings made in just plain covers with just the names and no numbers
3. Mistakes at the time of entering the details in the offering statement and the misaligning of the lines

While necessary steps will be taken to ensure more accurate reporting of the designated offerings. I have a question for the General body... Can individual members maintain their record of the designated offerings they make to the Church?

Tharyan
Treasurer

FLOWERS, COFFEE & BREAKFAST - JULY 2008

Date	Flowers 	Coffee 	Break fast 
06	S. Chittarranjan	S. Chittarranjan	John. C. Muthusami
13	Jayachandran	Vinod Abraham	Jayachandran
20	-	-	-
27	-	Mr. J. Kanagaraj	-

Note :

We encourage you kindly to participate in offering Coffee, breakfast and flowers. If you wish to partake please do enter your names in the relevant columns. Also if you want to us to arrange we will do so and you can pay to us later on.