

18<sup>th</sup> November  
Anu Anna Mathews  
Krishna Devanandan

19<sup>th</sup> November  
Karen Ruby Lionel

20<sup>th</sup> November  
Rashmi Vyas,  
Chandran Gnanamuthu  
Tabitha Sunny Kuruvilla  
Winston Anandkumar

21<sup>st</sup> November  
Ananth Abraham  
Sulochana Abraham  
Jayanthi Peter,

22<sup>nd</sup> November

23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Archana Padmakar  
Vinod Nehemiah  
N.T. Mathew  
Rachel Koshi  
Samuel Samson

24<sup>th</sup> November  
Anita Joseph  
Alexander Barnabas K.  
Leah Macaden

25<sup>th</sup> November  
S.Tynadale Verwer

26<sup>th</sup> November  
Betsy Suganandam  
Daisy Sam  
Ivan James Pritish Kumar

27<sup>th</sup> November  
Bindu Paul

28<sup>th</sup> November  
Beryl Kingsly,  
Dawnlee Kingsly,  
Nita Charlotte  
Roshan Thomas Kurien  
Roshini Cherian  
Ranjith Koshi  
Vineeth Benjamin Johnson  
Vinohar Balraj

29<sup>th</sup> November  
Anjali Roul  
Martha Sylvia Joseph

30<sup>th</sup> November  
Minnu Stanley

### Dear Members,

To have a wider knowledge and to know the realities of  
what is happening in Orissa  
please see : [www.rememberorissa.wordpress.com](http://www.rememberorissa.wordpress.com)  
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# St. John's Church

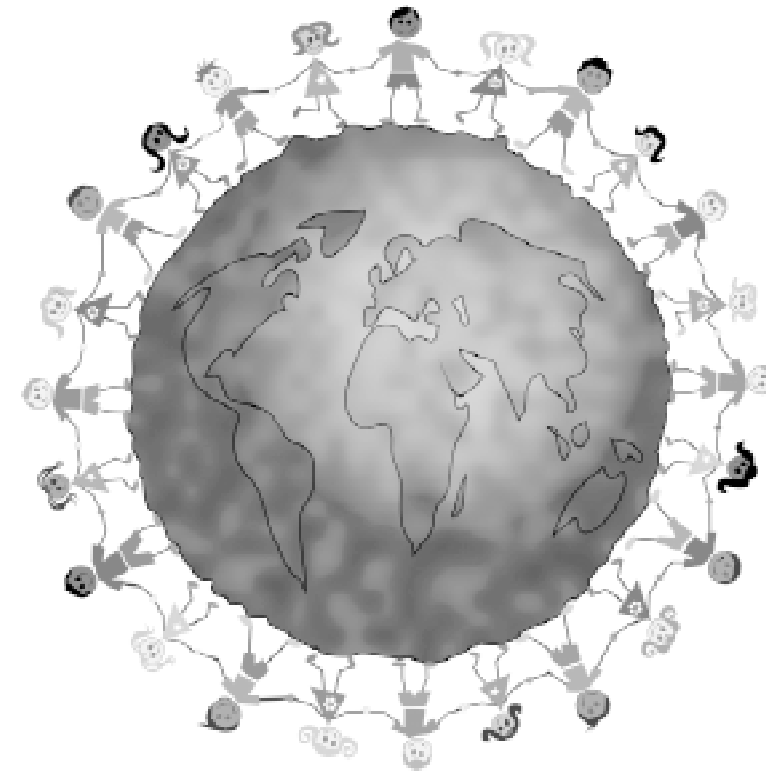
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“Let the children come unto me” Mark 10:13-16

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Bulletin

4th Quarter/2nd

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

## PASTORAL LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Celebrating one of the Sundays in November as World Sunday School Day has become a tradition in all the Churches. Ever since the Sunday School began in 1780 in England by the vision and effort of *Robert Raikes* the Churches all over recognized the value of the Church's nurturing Ministry for children and in our country it is marked by the historical event of the Indian Sunday School union at Allahabad in 1803. All churches in India have adopted Sunday School ministry as part of their important activities. In the present context of techno-age it has become a challenge to parents for bringing up children in Christian discipline. When we do not know a thing we spiritualize it as Christian discipline, failing to realize the very purpose of God. As a result our children's aims, aspirations and ambitions are in par with the secular Pursuits

Firstly children are a generation of learners. The scripture says "*the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*" and David says "*Give me understanding that I may learn your commandments*". Learning is the inherent nature of a child, while giving substance to that learning is the choice of parents. Secondly they are the shunned by elders, but God sometimes reveals to these children (1Sam. 3: 1-21). God puts aside the entire generation of Eli and took up fresh generation of Samuel to establish his rule. Closer to God clearer the visions for future. Hanah puts her son in an appropriate context realizing God's divine plan. Thirdly they are a generation to be celebrated 'let the children come unto me' is the summon given by Jesus in Mark 10: 13-16. That celebration is not just bringing them to Church or baptizing them but constantly pursuing and preserving them and presenting them to God until they grow gradually to attain the fullness of God's love and peace

May the Almighty God enable us to understand that they are a "gift from God" and dedicate them for the constructive purpose of God and let us celebrate them as God given gifts.

With all good wishes

Yours ever,

*Rev. S. Sujanna Raj*

## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008

(If your name is missing in this list kindly inform the Church Office immediately)

1 <sup>st</sup> November Rohit Biswas	Anushka Elizabeth Baylis Viveke Joseph
2 <sup>nd</sup> November C.K. Job Umarani Wilson	11 <sup>th</sup> November Benedict V. Venkatesan George Sunil Chandy Anna Daniel
3 <sup>rd</sup> November Asha Jayachandran Achiamma John Darshana Maria Irwin Rohit Mathai	12 <sup>th</sup> November Deepa Choudhuri Divyan Paul Pancharatnam Jacob K. John Rihant Anbu
4 <sup>th</sup> November Susheela Koshi Kavitha Elizabeth George	13 <sup>th</sup> November Joshua Christudoss Susy Kurian Mary Mathew
5 <sup>th</sup> November J. Vijayakumar Sushil Chandy	14 <sup>th</sup> November J. N. Jeyakumar Jemima Jane Stanley
6 <sup>th</sup> November Jenifal Sampson	15 <sup>th</sup> November Mamie Zachariah Steven Lionel Shanthi Faith
7 <sup>th</sup> November Verghese Cherian	16 <sup>th</sup> November Pravin Paul Chittaranjan Samuel Premkumar
8 <sup>th</sup> November Gracelyn Mythili George John N. Jasmin Helan Malligai Navamitran	17 <sup>th</sup> November S.E. Christudoss Rekha Susy Cherian Sunitha Serena Nayana Euron John Usha Jesudason Mithran Johann Macaden
9 <sup>th</sup> November Frederick Barnabas.K Magdalene Shirley Joseph Pramukh Jeyathilak Shruti Lisa	
10 <sup>th</sup> November Frederick Vyas,	

We make monthly payments to the Shantigramam Project, The Cerebral Palsy home at Anbu illam The Wheel project. The Vellore Life Challenge project, The Keersathu Leprosy home and to many other projects and to causes that are brought to the attention of the Pastorate committee or the Pastor. At the last PC meeting it was decided that we support two rural Old Age Day Care Centers, by providing a hot meal every day for the members. The helping fund requires a lot of CASH !!!.

### **Building Maintaince**

We are in the process of finalizing the repairs to the Church roof and the roof of the Parsonage. We estimate that the total cost of repairs would be Rupees 60,000/-. Please do keep this fund in mind when making your offerings.

### **The Arni Project**

Moving forward as planned. We hope to have the building completed before Christmas, The weather permitting!

The fund requires another Rupees 3.5 lacs to complete. I would urge members to give generously to this fund and help the church complete the project as planned and on time. Members who have pledged are gently reminded to contribute to this fund. Others who have already made their contributions are welcome to make additional contributions to help us finish this project.

Treasurer

## **NEWS & NOTICES**

**Pastorate Committee meeting:** The Pastorate Committee will meet at 6 pm on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in the Parish hall.

**Welcome to New Members:** We welcome Rajesh and Vanitha into our fellowship

**Newly Wedded couple :** Ravi Padmakar and Grace Malini (26<sup>th</sup> Friday, Sep 2008). May God Bless their union. May He smile upon their life together and fill their hearts with joy. Best wishes today and always.

**Community Events :** Dr. and Mrs. Richard's grand daughter Isabel, was baptised at Bristol on 21st September 2008. She is the daughter of Vijay (their son) and Amelia (their daughter-in-law).

**Womens Fellowship Meetings :** On 9<sup>th</sup> November after the second service the women fellowship will gather together for a half a day retreat in the Paris Hall. Mrs. Safia Mirza is the speaker of the meetings. A simple lunch will be provided

**Lay Ministry Fellowship( Alter Service) :** All lay readers, PCs, Ushers and Area representatives will have a leadership meeting (recap) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 immediately after the Second service in the Parish Hall




### **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray for

- Arni Boys Home Project
- World Sunday School Day
- Victims of communal rites in Orissa and other states



**FLOWERS, COFFEE & BREAKFAST – November 2008**

Date	Flowers 	Coffee 	Break fast 
2	Nelson	Mammen Chandy	George Koshi
9	Jemima Jane	Jemima Jane	Jemima Jane
16	Simon Rajaratnam	Ezhil Christudoss	Simon Rajaratnam
23	Gigi Chandy	Jayakumars	Mammen Chandy
30	Karen Lee	Nirmala	Samuel David

**AREA FELLOWSHIP MEETING, November - 2008**

Date	Area	Time	Host Family	Phone
12 <sup>th</sup>	Gandhi Nagar	6.30 pm	Rev. S. Harris Suganandam 17/9, 4 <sup>th</sup> West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore-6	2244019
15 <sup>th</sup>	Town	5.30 pm	Benedict V.Venkatesan 80, Kamaraj 3 <sup>rd</sup> cross st Govindaraj Nagar, Bagayam, Vellore – 2	2260503
21 <sup>st</sup>	College Hospital	8.00 pm	Ansu Pulimood CMC College Campus Bagayam	9443437755

\* dates of other area fellowship meetings will be intimated later

**November - 2008**

Preacher	Leader	Hymns	Reading
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***Holy Communion***

Presbyter	Mr. Durai Jasper and Mr.Sam Christopher	274 162 85 422	Isa.25:6-9 2 Cor.5:1-10 Jn.11:17-27 Ps.118:14-21
*Mrs. Safia Mirza	Dr. Priya Abraham	228 397 38 339	Isa. 55:1-13 Ro. 15: 1-6 Jn. 6: 35-51 Ps. 119: 105-112
●Dr. Roy Korula	Dr. Samuel Chittaranjan	275 233 151 408	Ezekiel 37:15-23 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 4:1-6 Psalm 95
Presbyter	Dr. Mary Jesudason	113 194 201 360	Proverbs 23:15-26 Hebrews 12:1-12 John 6:1-14 Psalm : I

**'Growing in faith'**

Special order of worship

⌘Rev. Harris Suganandham	Mr. Rubby Nakka	300 268 19 321	Genesis 33:1-17 I Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 1:39-45 Psalm 68:11-20
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● Head of the Dept., Cardiology, CMC.

⌘ Senior Chaplain, Karigiri.

<b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>			
<b>&amp; Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
<b>1st Sat 7.00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Holy Communion</i></b>		
<b>2nd Nov '08 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 1st Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion II  Morning Prayer II</b>	<b>Special Service of Commemoration</b>	<b>Presbyter</b>
<b>9th Nov'08 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 2nd Sunday</b>	<b>Morning Prayer I  Holy Communion I (sung)</b>	<b>Word of God The Bread of Life</b>	<b>Presbyter</b>
<b>16th Nov '08 7.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 3rd Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Communion Morning Prayer II</b>	<b>Unity Sunday Uniting in Worship</b>	<b>Presbyter</b>
<b>4th Sunday 23rd Nov'08 7.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer I</b>	<b>Nurturing in faith</b>	<b>Presbyter</b>
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b><i>World Sunday School Day</i></b>	
<b>30th Nov'08 5th Sunday 9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Family service</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent "Joyful expectation of Christ"</b>	<b>Rev. Harris Suga nandham</b>

\* Muslim Convert from Hyderabad.  
A writer and a Preacher.

From the Treasurer

### **Disaster Relief**

The Pastorate committee has decided that St. John's church would stand by our brothers, sisters in Orissa and do our part to help them in this hour of their need.

It has been decided to earmark an amount of Rs 1.5 lacs from the disaster relief funds to help the victims of the Orrissa carnage.

We plan to work with Dr Johnny Oomen a member of our church who has been commissioned by our Church and is working in the troubled areas of Orissa to ensure that the funds reach the most needed and affected areas.

Members who want to be a part of this ministry can give to the disaster fund of the church.

### **Ministerial fund.**

Taking forward a decision taken at the Annual General Meeting of the church, we have decided to support a candidate from the CSI Vellore diocese studying at the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary at Madurai.

On the recommendation of the Bishop we have decided to support Mr. Bhaktha Thiyagarajan. The annual cost of supporting Mr. Bhaktha Thiyagarajan and family is Rupees 62 000/- This is being paid from the Ministerial fund. Members who want to contribute to this ministry of the church can give to the Ministerial fund.

### **Helping Hand fund**

This fund is always in the RED. Please direct a good part of your envelope offerings to this fund.

**St. JOHN'S CHURCH** Fort, Vellore  
**DUTY ROSTER**

Week	Service	Duty	7.30 a.m. First Service	Week	Service	Duty	9.30 a.m. Second Service
1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Lay Lay PC. Usher Organ	Dr. Roy Korula Mr. Augustine Aiyadurai Mr. Sam Christopher Abida Ms. Alena Jana	1st Sunday	Morning Prayer	PC. Usher	Mrs. Karuna Samson Mr. Joshua Frank Daniel
2nd Sunday	Morning Prayer	Lay PC. Usher Organ	Dr. Mrs. Priya Abraham Mr. Sampath Kumar Mr. Jana Ms. Naomi	2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Lay PC. Usher	Dr. George Chandy Mrs. Selva Titus Mr. Joel Muthusami
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	Lay Lay PC. Usher Organ	Dr. Lionel Gnanaraj Dr. Ranjan Jesudason Mrs. Mary Mammen Mr. Samuel Babu Ms. Naomi	3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer	PC. Usher	Dr. Mrs. Victoria Job Mrs. Ansu Pulimood
4th Sunday	Morning Prayer	Lay PC. Usher Organ	Dr. Mrs. Mary Jesudason Mr. Stanley Mohan Mrs. Rachel George Ms. Alena Jana	4th Sunday	Holy Communion	Lay PC. Usher	Mr. John Samuel Mr. Samuel N.J.David Mrs. Leah Macaden
5th Sunday	9.30 a.m.	PC. Usher	Secretary - Dr. Kuryan George Treasurer - Mr. Tharyan Koshi				

Dear Lay Reader / PC. Member / Usher / Organist,

Greetings in His name, Thank you very much for serving as a Lay Reader / PC. Member / Usher / Organist of our church. We have given above the Sundays in which you will be serving. The Congregation would appreciate your presence in the Church campus 15 minutes before commencement of the worship. **If you are not free on any one of those days of your service, please contact the following persons well in advance and arrange with one of them to come in your place. Also inform the Church office. Please note that other lay readers for 9.30 services will be placed on a monthly routine so kindly check the monthly 'Worship Services'.**

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| 1. Mrs. Sheila Samuel   | 4. Mrs. Dianna David  | 7. Dr. Christudoss S.E., |
| 2. Mrs. Sushila Koshi   | 5. Mr. Rubby Nakka    |                          |
| 3. Mrs. Jean Jebagnanam | 6. Mrs. Shirley David |                          |

Thanking you.

**Presbyter.**