

DONATION: - Parishioners are requested to put their donation generously for the different functions and celebrations of our Church's 175th glorious existence in the donation box kept in the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: - We would request all the parents to send their children to Sunday school classes for their spiritual growth and development which starts along with Sunday church worship service.

CHANGING OF TIMING: - We shall be following the summer timings from 8th of April 2018. Sunday Morning worship Service will commence at 8:00 am.

VOTE OF THANKS: - We would like to thank all those who helped by leading reading and preaching the word of God during the Lenten Cottage Prayer Meetings and in the Good Friday Service.

SMS FACILITY: - We are happy to inform you that we have started a SMS facility in which we will be communicating and informing the Parishioners about the different activities of the Church. Please note the SMS will come in the name of CCCJBP. We request all our Parishioners to kindly give us the mobile number.

**EASTER FELLOWSHIP DINNER &
175TH YEARS CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH**

Our Church will be celebrating 175th year of its glorious existence and we will be starting the yearlong celebration from the 3rd of April 2018 at 06:30 pm. The Chief Guest for the inaugural 175th Celebration of our Church will be our Moderator of CNI Synod & Bishop of our Diocese The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh and the Guest of Honor will be Mr. Alwan Masih General Secretary CNI, Synod.

All of are requested to be part of this celebration by contributing for the Easter Fellowship Dinner. Your contribution will be Rs. 100/- per-head for adults and for children below 12 years Rs 70/-. Please pay your contribution before 2nd of April 2018.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: - Our joint VBS will be held in English Methodist Church from the 1st of May to the 10th of May 2018.

PLEDGE FORM: - We would request all the parishioners to fill the **Pledge Form 2018-2019** as soon as possible.

OBITUARY: Mr. Eric Frank Nasir Father of Mrs. Niharika Shinde fell in asleep in Christ on the 4th of March 2018 at Ahmednagar. May his soul rest in peace.

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,
(C.N.I), JABALPUR**



(Est. 1844)

COMMEMORATING 175 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Church Service- 8:00 am

Rev. Bruce Thangadurai
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Sunday School- 8:00 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR APRIL - 2018

1 ST APRIL	2018	EASTER DAY
8 TH APRIL	2018	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
15 TH APRIL	2018	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
22 ND APRIL	2018	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
29 TH APRIL	2018	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Presbyter's Message

Easter –the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest proof of the son of God. This is the proof of Jonah which Jesus promised that he would offer the unbelieving Jews. As prophet Jonah was there in the belly of the fish for three days and three night, so Christ the Lord was there in the darkness of the tomb for three days as Prophet Jonah was there in the belly of the fish for his sins. So Christ was there in the tomb for our sins. As Jonah came out alive from the belly of the fish after three days, so Christ our Lord came out alive from the tomb after three days.

As we celebrate Christ's own victory over the grave. We hear the wonderful Easter message: "*He is not here. He has risen!*" Jesus has announced to the whole world that death has lost its power to hurt us. As Paul says: *Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ... Thanks be to*

God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:55, 57)

Jesus died in our place on the cross, taking on himself all our sin, all the sin that separates us from God – all the sin that prevents us from ever getting to heaven. Jesus rose again from the dead at Easter to demonstrate that death could not hold him down, that the power of sin to condemn us has been destroyed and the ability of death to wipe us out completely has been overcome.

It is just this that gives us this positive hope – after our life on this earth is over, there is a new life waiting for us. Didn't Jesus say, *"There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you"?* (John 14:2). The Apostle Paul said, *"Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised"* (1 Cor 15:20). Talking about our resurrection he said, *"This is how it will be when the dead are raised to life. When the body is buried, it is mortal; when it is raised, it will be immortal"* (1 Cor 15:42). Peter wrote, *"Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope. (1 Peter 1:2).*

The message of Easter day is clear and simple. The enemy death has been defeated. And although we are parted from family and friends for a while because of death, we know that we shall meet up with those who die in the Lord beyond death in the bliss of eternal life. We may have longed for one more hour, or one more day, but in Christ we have eternity. When those close to us die, or when we die, we leave the troubles of this world and enter the joys of eternal life.

The living Jesus! His resurrection assures us, that we are his children, that we too shall rise. Our hearts are lifted up knowing that beyond death and the pain that we feel, there is a new life – a life in heaven with Jesus our Saviour. This is our Christian faith, that *'Christ died for our sins; that he was buried and that he was raised to life three days later.'* (1 Cor 15:3, 4).

As we celebrate Resurrection Day, let us remember that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

1. Samir Shinde
2. Christopher Rushton
4. John Vincent
5. Premlata Jacob,
7. April Brown
8. Namrata Williams
10. Arnold Peters
11. Stephen Dhakrey
12. Vincent Joseph
15. Patricia Bease
17. Renuka Boro
18. Dr. Moni Thomas, Samuel Gregory
19. Elizabeth Rushton
20. Arpan Samuel Paul, Gaurav Samuel Bagh, Michelle William
21. Brenda D'Rozario, Aubrey Ian Russell
23. Col Vineet Daniel
24. Parth David Chougley
25. Amrita Thangaduari
28. Alan Ali, Robert Arnold Joseph
29. Gabriel Thangadurai
30. Mr. Sunil Peter

Wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3. Ashish S. Chelvam & Mrs. Neetu Chelvam
12. Ramesh & Sunita Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Vandana Lal
23. Emmanuel & Pearl Park
25. Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Christina Dhakrey
29. Mr. Virender Lal & Mrs. Shayna Lal

We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God's Choicest Blessings

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION: We would like to congratulate 13 children: Ms. Celina Ruth Thangadurai, Ms. M. Hilda, Ms. Johanna Marylin Thangadurai, Ms. Deeksha Noel, Ms. Taniya Beville Raymer, Mr. Arnold Chauragade, Mr. Cyrus John Thangadurai, Mr. Saransh Ezra, Mr. Unique Joshua Patrick, Mr. James Daniel Thangadurai, Mr. Ryan Fabian Raymer, Mr. Adrian Gerald Aristotle, Mr. Mikhail Chowfin who were blessed and confirmed on 29th March 2018 by our Moderator & Bishop The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh.