

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We would request all the Parents to send their children to Sunday school for their Spiritual growth and development .The Sunday School Classes starts along with Church Worship Service.

REPUBLIC DAY: Since 26th January is observed as Republic Day we shall unfurl our National Flag immediately after our Holy Communion Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS DINNER / TREE: We would like to thank all those who helped in organising the Christmas Tree and Dinner specially we would like to thank all the Pastorate Committee members & Youth Fellowship members. Specially the Convenors Mr. Royston Gee, Mr. Alfred Patrick, we also would like to thank Mr. Joseph Lazarus Mr. Sanjay Martin, Mr. Naveen Cak Mr. David Masih, Mr. R. C. Joseph Mrs. Enu Wong Mrs. Desrine Sharma Ms. Christine Ellis, Ms. Eden Martin and Ms. Karishma Martin.

CRICKET MATCH: On the 26th of December, 2019 we organised the cricket match between the married and the unmarried. The married team won the match by 78 runs. We would like to congratulate all the married players and wish the unmarried better luck for the next year. We would like to thank Mr. Vikas Jonathan and Mr. Samuel Gregory for all their help in conducting the Cricket Match.

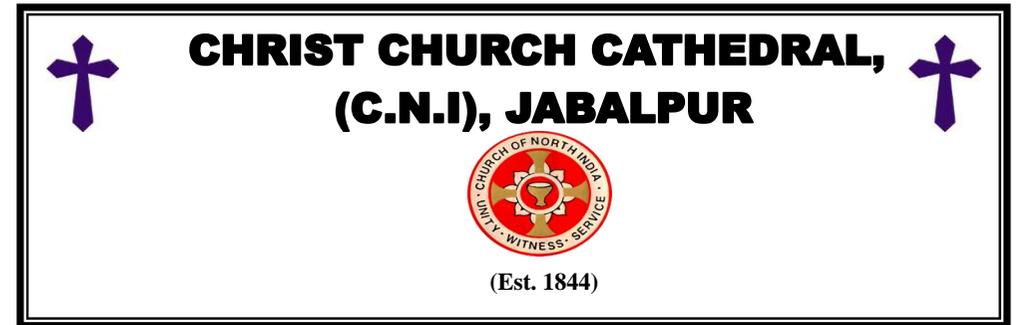
THANKSGIVING ENVELOP: Thanksgiving envelop are kept at the last pew of Church you are requested to use this envelop for special thanksgiving occasion. (Birthday, Wedding Anniversaries, any other Joyous occasion)

OUR DAILY BREAD: We have received Our Daily Bread 2020. We have very limited copies, if anyone wants to buy Our Daily Bread each copy is Rs/- 120. You can contact our Church Bearer.

SPONSORSHIP: The Eastern Regional Board of Health Services (ERBHS) invites applications from Christian Candidates from CNI Churches who are interested for sponsorship to various courses in Christian Medical College (CMC) Ludhiana. The last date of submitting the sponsorship application form is 15th March 2020. For more details kindly look at the notice board.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, AMARPATAN: We are happy to inform you that a new Church will be dedicated on the 2nd of January, 2020 by our Moderator in Amarpatan, Distt Katni. This church is a totally new Believers Church which has been build with the donation by all Pastors of the Diocese with the contribution of our Bishop and other church Members.

OBITUARY: Mr. Ezekiel Thangadurai husband of Mrs. Susan Ezekiel and father of Ms. Anna Mary Thangadurai fell asleep in Christ on the 30th of December 2019. May his soul rest in peace



Church Service- 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR JANUARY - 2020

1 ST JANUARY	2020	NEW YEAR COVENANT SERVICE
5 TH JANUARY	2020	EPIPHANY SUNDAY
12 TH JANUARY	2020	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
19 TH JANUARY	2020	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
26 TH JANUARY	2020	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / Republic Day

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we begin a New Year together, remember the God's word which is written in the book of Isaiah 43. As we enter into this New Year, it's only natural to reflect back over the previous year and consider what all was accomplished. How much time did I spend in God's Word? How consist was I in my prayer life? Did my witness help bring anybody to Jesus? Did my giving reflect my heart for God? Was Sunday School/Worship a priority? So? How was your spiritual life last year? And what changes are necessary to take it to the next level this year? And consider this: what did you see God do this year? And not only in you and through you, but around you? What all did you see God do around you this past year? Not just in you and through you, but around you? Well when we pause and think we all may say. What a mighty God we serve! Well as wonderful as all those things were last year, what would you say if I told you that God has "a new thing" for you in 2020? A "new thing" that's better, that's bigger, that's greater, that's mightier than what you saw Him do last year in you, through you and around you? That is the promise for all of us in 2020. For many, New Year is just another holiday. Christians should pause and reflect on the turning of the calendar. David asked of the Lord, "Teach us to number our days, so we may get a heart of wisdom" ([Ps. 90:12](#)).

Time—seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years—is a gift to us from a good God. To wisely follow him, then, is to redeem our time ([Eph. 5:16](#)).

Have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year 2020

New Year can also remind us of the new birth. In a sense, each day with Jesus is a chance to turn the page on an old way of life and embrace a new one. We are, after all, new creation people, and we serve a King who renews us daily by the Holy Spirit.

Setting goals for a New Year are an important sign that we're intentional about glorifying God in our callings—work and business, home and church, private and public witness. When we work and plan, even in seemingly insignificant endeavors, we're fulfilling the cultural mandate ([Gen. 1:28](#)) But before we write out our goals, we should begin in the heart. The temptation for Christians is to make our plans and then ask Jesus to fulfill it.

So whether or not we're making concrete goals or more abstract ones, whether we're writing down resolutions or foregoing them altogether, here are three important steps we can take, as we peer into 2020, to draw closer to Christ.

1. Remember

The wise man of Ecclesiastes said, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'" ([Eccl. 12:1](#)). The words of hymn writer Thomas Obadiah Chisholm (1866-1960) are so true

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. In a cursed and tumultuous world, creation itself reminds of God's great faithfulness. Every new season is a testimony, a signpost, to grace. So the proper response to the past year, whether good or bad, is not "I made it through" or "Look what I achieved." It is "Thank you, Lord."

2. Repent

Our worship of God for his faithfulness and majesty, evidenced by the changing of seasons, should then lead us to repentance. His goodness breaks us in fresh ways as our sin is exposed by the light of his glory. But this isn't a morbidly introspective, navel-gazing exercise. To repent is to rejoice. We claim the promise of [1 John 1:9](#) because we know our forgiveness has already been purchased at the cross.

Beginning the New Year with repentance is to draw closer to Jesus, to appropriate the fresh grace that is ours in him. This is why confession always brings relief and joy. It is the gateway to greater intimacy with God.

How can we begin new plans and journeys in 2020 without first allowing his light to penetrate the darkness of our hearts and to reveal areas in need of growth? How can we start hustling and working and dreaming without first renewing our joy in the One who directs our steps?

3. Renew

New Year's should also be a time of renewing old commitments, like marriage, family, and church. Before we begin grand plans let's begin by renewing the core commitments we already have.

Our most vital work is what we do within the walls of our homes—loving our spouses and raising our children in an atmosphere of godliness and grace. We live out the gospel best when we live it out in the daily rhythms of repentance and forgiveness with loved ones.

We should also renew ourselves to the faithful body life of our local Bible-treasuring, gospel-preaching church. The church is the locus of God's mission in the world, where we gather in community to declare Christ's kingship each week, and where we work out our salvation in fear and trembling ([Phil. 2:12](#)) with brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we enter another year 2020, may God bless us and lead us and may this New Year be a year filled with lots of blessings and new hope for all of us.

Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR 2020.

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY

1. Trevor Hogg , Allan Jones, Manoj Chauragade
2. Diana Rachael Jones, Daniel Thangadurai, Veena Asaph Ranganadan
3. Madhumala Joseph
4. Ryan Ali, Erica Taylor
5. Jennifer Parihar
7. Preeti Irene Thangadurai, Roseleena Maria Kane, Sunita Paul, Asha Vince Samuel
9. Maureen Parmar, Raphael Thangadurai
10. Christine Ellis
12. Viresh Kumar Rathod, Saurav Hogg
13. Vilas kumar Rathod, Stephen Chelvam, Jessica Rose Gee
14. Lt. Col. Maj. Sheeja Thangadurai
16. Phyllis Langan, Unique Joshua Patrick
17. Bethel Cooper
18. Crystal Brown, Tony Taylor
19. Sarah Sophia Peters, Shaun Raymer
20. Yu Min Krysral Chen
21. Sharayu B, Shinde, Neha Rodgers
22. Harsha Peter
24. Beverly Rushton, Olive Lazarus, Mercy Thangadurai Pratikha James, Vincent Sushil Cornelius
25. Rubena Rushton, David Masih
26. Candida Rushton, Ingrid James
29. Samuel Chelvam, Leonard Edbrooke
30. Pearl Park

**We wish each one of you a very Happy Birthday with God's
Blessing**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2. Douglas Green & Sandra Russell
4. Sheil Marvin & Marvin Ali
10. Vijay & Romila David
11. Mr. Sanjay & Mrs Stella Peter
15. Shakot & Eileen Ali
19. Mrs. & Mr. Akash S. Chelvam
20. Varghese & Rebecca Samuel

**We wish the couples a very happy long married life with God's
Choicest Blessing**