

## PARISH NEWS

**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.

**HARVEST / TEACHERS DAY:** We celebrated Harvest, Thanksgiving and Teachers Day Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, the Dr Bendanglemla Longkumer was the speaker on this occasion.

**BISHOP'S COUNCIL:** We are happy to inform you that the Diocese of Jabalpur hosted The Bishop's Council from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. All the CNI Bishop's were presented on this occasion.

**YOUTH MONTH:** From the 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, our Youth Fellowship members had celebrated the Youth week programme in our Church, also they have participated in different competitions in different Churches and they have won many prizes. We would like to congratulate them.

**ANNUAL FETE:** - Our Annual Church Fete will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017 in our Church Campus. We request all our parishioners to kindly help us physically and financially. We will also be having a raffle draw, we request each member to buy at least one book costing Rs 100/ each.

Our Raffle Tickets 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 32" inches LED SMART TV

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Mobile (Redmi 4)

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Music System (Phillips)

Other consolation Prizes

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Mrs. Asha & Mr. Vince Samuel were blessed with a baby boy on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. We would like to congratulate both of them specially the grandmother Mrs. Samuel.



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



(Est.1844)

**Church Service: 8:00 am**

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**Sunday School: 8.00 am**

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### CHURCH CALENDER FOR OCTOBER - 2017

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| 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  | 2017 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST   |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  | 2017 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    |
| 15 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER | 2017 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    |
| 22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER | 2017 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST     |
| 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER | 2017 | TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |

### FROM THE PRESBYTER

Dear Parishioners,  
Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The word "thanksgiving" can be defined as the expression of gratitude, especially to almighty God. One of the great commandments is to give thanks to God, for all he has done for us. According to Psalm 100:4 we are to "enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his Courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name". Christ, himself, was the perfect example of obeying this commandment.

It is also giving thanks to God for many blessings which should not be limited to only good times but also bad times thereby giving us the opportunity to demonstrate our faith in God. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with him, it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Holy Spirit room in our hearts. Amongst many benefits of thanksgiving are-

- (1) Giving thanks to God unlocks many doors
- (2) Whenever thanksgiving goes up, showers of blessings automatically comes down - Psalm100:5.
- (3) It strengthens faith- strengthens our dependence on God for every provision and upholds the biblical truths on the faithfulness of God.
- (4) It keeps our lives clear of darkness, anxiety, sin and deception.  
Romans 1:21, Philippians 4:6
- (5) It draws us closer to God.

We can show thanksgiving to God –

**By remembering him in our thoughts, words and deeds.**

**By identifying his lordship over our lives** - Counting our blessings and realize that we are who and what we are because of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:18..Reflecting on all God has done for us in all areas of our lives i.e. spiritually, financially, physically etc. especially the sacrificing of our Lord Jesus Christ which is the greatest gift of all.

**By giving thanks in prayer** - We should thank God as often as we pray that we should have his spirit in us to teach us to pray. We should bear it in mind that the prayer that begins with trustfulness and passes on into waiting, will always end in thankfulness, triumph and praise. We show our dependence on God through prayerful thanksgiving which should be done daily.

**By repentance** - Always being conscious of our wrongdoings and confessing our sins is a way of showing gratitude to God .Gratitude is also the foundation upon which repentance is built because it shows we acknowledge the mercy of God. Repentance cleanses us of our sins and brings about additional blessings if done with a sincere heart and willingness to desist from such sins.

**By expressing gratitude to others** - Showing gratitude to people and helping others is a way of showing gratitude to God. This is seen in Matthew 25:40 - which says “Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me”. This is thanksgiving to God by serving Him through others.

Thanksgiving to God is fundamental to a believer because it is the only means of communicating with God which is inclusive of worship, prayer, faith, holiness, giving and sacrifice.

Let us therefore at all times be thankful to God and bless his name always.

## BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER

2. Shaokat Ali
3. Emmanuel Thangadurai
4. Fiona Samuel, Vikas Jonathan, Piyush Paul Singh, Mr. Richard Solomon Joseph
5. Vinay Raj Elias, Edward Palmer, Graham Craig Russell
6. Michelle Lynn Russell
7. Aahima Bernard , Sandra Russell
8. Wayne Kenneth Jones
9. Maj Bhaskar Shinde, Dr. John Premjeet Page, Shirisha Noel
11. Virender Paul Lal, Ivana Ronald,
12. Vince Samuel.
13. Rahul Daniel
14. Maureen Robinson, Donald Peters, Desmond Taylor
15. Ashish Chelvam, Aaron Rufus Thangadurai, Pushpa Thangadurai, Rev. Lalchawimawia
16. Ashish Chelvam
17. Christopher Palmer, Luvy Sathe, Isaac Abishegam Thangadurai
19. Hazel Lal, Matilda Jones, Douglas Russell, Rahul Rodgers
21. Florance Nicolson
22. Michael Lal, Romola Simon, Stanley Jones, Avani Vinita Bernard
24. Dr. E .C. Daniel, Vandana Paul
25. Yowan Thangadurai, Esther Anna Mary, Rev. Subha Venkataram
26. J. D. Elias, Christina Mitra
27. Harshalatha Peter
28. Aashish Bernard, Regina Kane
29. Rev. B. J. V. Raj Kumar, Kevin Matthew, Mrs. Mangla Ellis, Mrs. Nomita Bagh
31. Master Arnold Chauragade

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Mr. Rakesh Rao & Kajal Rao
7. Vineet & Pratibha Jemes
10. Llewellyn & Edith Clements
15. Raphael & Janet Thangadurai
16. Mr. Stanley & Ruby Jones
18. Edward & Michelle William, Vinay & Jackqline Elias
19. John & Premlata Jacob
21. Dr. Moni & Tajinder Thomas
22. Mr. Solomon & Mrs. Hannah Thangadurai
23. Mr. David & Mrs. Deepika Thangadurai
25. Reuben & Elma Joseph, Michael & Rosy Thangaduari,
26. Rev. Joel & Maria Patrick
27. Rev. Arvind Peter & Harsha Peter
29. Bishop Prem Chand & Mrs. Nora Singh,
30. Anoop & June Choudharie

*We wish the Couple Happy Long Married Life with God's Choicest Blessing*