

PARISH NEWS

INDEPENDENCE DAY: On 15th of August, 2019 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:00 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hosting our National flag.

TREE PLANTATION: Our Christ Church Youth Fellowship members will be having Tree Plantation at our Church Premises on the 18th of August, 2019 immediately after the Worship Service. We request all the parishioners to encourage our Youth Fellowship members for this good cause.

HARVEST SUNDAY: On the 1st of September 2019 we shall be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving Service as we will be thanking God for all the blessing he has bestowed on us. We shall be accepting the offertory in the special "Harvest Thanksgiving envelop" which is kept in the envelop Holder in the Church.

TEACHERS DAY: On the 8th of September 2019 we shall be celebrating Teacher's Day in our Church. The Worship Service will be lead by the teachers of our Parish.

YOUTH WEEK: Our Church Youth Fellowship members will be observing Youth Week in our Church in the month of September. The Youth of our Church will be organising several competition, in the evening everyday from 6:30 pm onwards.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHDRAL 175 YEARS CELEBRATION:

As our Church is celebrating its 175 years glorious existence, on this happy occasion we have the Mementos, Church Souvenir and Church Documentary Video CD to be given to our Church Parishioners. Those who have not collected, you are requested to collect it as soon as possible.

CNI CONCESSION: All those who are availing CNI Concession you have to come regular to Church; Women's should be part of the Women's Fellowship actively participating in women's programs. Children below the age of 15 years should be regularly attending the Sunday school. Children above the age 16 years should actively participate in Youth Fellowship programs.

Please note: As per the directive from our Bishop all women teachers teaching in the CNI Schools should be members of the women's fellowship and participate in the women's fellowship program.

NEW BURIAL RATES FOR CEMETERY: The Cemetery Committee met on 27th May 2019 and have decided to increase the burial rates with effect from 1st June 2019. The new burial rates are 6500/- .

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.

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 AUGUST - 2019

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| 4 TH | AUGUST 2019 | EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| 11 TH | AUGUST 2019 | NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| 15 TH | AUGUST 2019 | THE INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| 18 TH | AUGUST 2019 | TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| 25 TH | AUGUST 2019 | ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There is hope. This is a message which is very relevant in today's world. We hear of death and destruction. We ask the question, "Is there hope?" This question impresses itself upon us as we take seriously the events of our day. "Is there hope?" As we consider this question, we may find that we have more questions than answers. It is so important that we ask our questions in the right way. Many people ask questions, but they never expect an answer. We must ask the right Person, the Person who has the Answer. We must bring our questions to God.

Many people do not bring their questions to God, because they do not believe that there is a God. They think that it is clever to disregard God. God's Word tells us that it is foolish to say that there is no God: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1). Many people believe that there is no hope, because they believe that there is no God. There are others who claim to believe in God, but it is perfectly clear that their "belief" in God doesn't make the slightest bit of difference to the way they live their lives.

What are we to make of all this? What are we to do with the questions which arise in our hearts and minds? Jesus has given a great promise to all who are asking questions: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” ([Luke 11:9](#)). In fact, we may go further than this. Jesus does not only give the answer. Jesus is the Answer. Christ is the Answer for the world today.

If there is any one fact of history, which convinces us that there is a God, it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If there is any one fact of history, which convinces us that there is hope, it is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People speak about the great events of world history, but there is no greater event than this – the mighty resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Why do we say, “There is hope”? – We say that there is hope because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Death could not hold our Saviour. He broke the power of death. This is the great declaration of the Christian Gospel. Is there hope? Yes. Jesus Christ is our Hope.

When we hear of wars and rumours of wars, when we hear of nations rising up against nations, isn't it great to be able to have this assurance that Jesus is Lord, the assurance that there will come a Day when every knee will bow before Jesus Christ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord? The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures us that the victory belongs to Christ. The resurrection assures us that all who belong to Christ, will, through faith in Him, share in His victory.

With such a resurrection faith, we can truly say, “There is hope.” This hope is not just a matter of being naturally optimistic. Real hope is hope in Christ, the risen Lord, the living Saviour, who is “the same yesterday and today and forever” ([Hebrews 13:8](#)). Through Christ, we have a Hope, which is firm and secure, because it is based, not on our constantly changing emotions, but on Christ, whose love never changes.

There is hope, because there is a Saviour – Jesus Christ, our risen and living Lord. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have a resurrection faith, a faith which enables us to look at life with new eyes – the eyes of hope. We look back to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what do we see? – Hope. We look forward to the coming resurrection, and we are able to sing, with great joy, “When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other side, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of His resurrection share, when His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.”

Here and now, we live in the power of His resurrection, not defeated by circumstances but victorious through Christ. With a Saviour such as Jesus Christ, surely we can say nothing other than this, “There is hope.”

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

1. Supriya Washington
4. Clement Peter
7. Kemaya Ruth Sathe
8. Amit Bernard
9. Sanjana Daniel, Shalini Oliver Rajjive Martin
11. Ashnah Paullin Eva Ellis
12. Ened Sonya Martin, Enoch Emmanuel Thangadurai, Ronika Lazarus
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell
15. Nancy Rushton
16. Crystal Samantha Jones
18. Llewellyn Clements, Collin Samuel, Simeon Thangadurai
20. Vidya Rathod, Royston Gee
21. Jacqlene Elias, Ronald Moses, Jared Rodgers
22. Dr. Christopher Chien Liao, Alicia Elizabeth Dhakrey, Anshika Cak
24. Ruba Bernard, Priyanka Job
25. Kevin Clifton Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph
27. Jonathan Thangadurai
28. Samantha Cathlene Rushton
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew
31. John Jacob

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20. Henry & Sarah Sophia Peters

We wish the couples a very happy long Married life with God's choicest Blessings