

BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY

1. Trevor Hogg , Allan Jones, Manoj Chauragade
2. Diana Rachael Jones, Daniel Thangadurai, Veena Asaph Ranganadan
3. Madhumala Joseph
4. Ryan Ali
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. 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
23. Aaron Samuel, Kevin Noble
24. Beverly Rushton, Olive Lazarus, Mercy Thangadurai
Pratibha 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 Blessings

Have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year 2021



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CHURCH CALENDER FOR JANUARY - 2021

1 ST JANUARY	2021	NEW YEAR COVENANT SERVICE
3 RD JANUARY	2021	EPIPHANY SUNDAY
10 TH JANUARY	2021	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
17 TH JANUARY	2021	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
24 TH JANUARY	2021	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
26 TH JANUARY	2021	REPUBLIC DAY
31 ST JANUARY	2021	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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

The corona virus now dominates the news. It has now been classified as a pandemic. Extreme actions are being taken by governments to contain the spread of this disease. It is driving the stock market down. Unfortunately, it is part of the political dialogue. It is affecting commerce, travel, entertainment, and sports. We can be overwhelmed with all of these concerns. What is going to happen? Don't know. As we enter another year 2021 we do not know what this year unfolds. Will it be good or bad for all of us.

We need to be informed and do what is best but God does not want us to worry about anything.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6, NIV. Christian Standard says "Don't worry about anything." We can pray or panic. We can worry or worship.

We need not to worry- Do You know why?

Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us 5 reasons why worry is worthless.

4 reasons God says we should never worry about anything in the coming year 2021 from Matthew 6:25-34

1. Worry is unreasonable.

Vs. 25- Why is worry illogical, irrational, unreasonable? 3 reasons why it is unreasonable

We worry about the wrong things. We worry about the little stuff that means nothing in a few years. "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2

Corinthians 4:18, NIV. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33, NIV.

We worry about things we cannot change. Like this corona virus, very few things we can change. We often worry about things beyond our control because we think that worry is actually a form of control. We think by worrying about something, we are actually controlling the situation. It doesn't change anything to worry about things beyond our control. When we worry about something it becomes bigger in our minds.

2. Worry is unnatural

Human beings are the only beings in God's universe that worry. The only one that has worry are humans. "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26, NIV.- Birds never think, "Do I have enough to live on?" Birds are beautiful in appearance and in their songs. God says, "Look, the birds are not worried. Aren't you more valuable than the birds? I take care of them and I'll take care of you."

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these." Matthew 6:28, 29, NIV. - Just an ordinary wildflower is magnificent. God says, "Look, they're beautiful just the way they are. They don't have to put on makeup. They don't have to get fancy. They don't have to worry about how they appear to everybody else. They're not worried about their appearances. They're just who they are and it's beautiful." Even Solomon with all of his money and resources did not look as beautiful as these simple flowers. Birds and buds do not worry because they trust in God. See God saying, "All of creation trusts my care except humans." This just isn't natural.

3. Worry is unnecessary

Worry is assuming responsibility that God never intended for us to have. Every time we worry, it's a warning like, "I'm playing God. I'm acting like God. I'm thinking it all depends on me." God is our heavenly Father and we trust Him.

"If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" Matthew 6:30, NIV. - God takes care of flowers which are so temporary, will he not take care of us who have so much more value than flowers? How much value do we have? Many of us are Christians. We stepped across the line and trusted Jesus Christ to forgive us and to save us by his grace, not by our works. When we are immersed we trust God to save us because he loves us, he wants to forgive us, he sent Jesus to die for us. When Jesus died on the cross for us, he solved our biggest problem, eternity. If we trusted Jesus for our eternity, can we trust him for smaller things?

4. Worry is unbelief

Worry is doubting God. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19, NIV. "For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them." Matthew 6:32, NIV. - Many people are not trusting God for what they need. When we understand that, all of a sudden the worry starts draining out of our lives. Beautiful phrase here, "Your heavenly Father knows that you need them"- He knows what we need. How many times do we act like God doesn't know what we need? When we worry, we are acting like an atheist. We are acting like there is no God. Worry is practical atheism. We really don't believe that God can get us out of this mess. When we start depending on ourselves and we assume that we have to figure it all out rather than trusting, that's called playing God. That's a poor testimony. If we claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ and we are worried all the time, that's a lousy witness to

the world. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34, NIV. - One day at a time sweet Jesus- 2 days of the week should never worry about, yesterday and tomorrow. Don't worry about the future until we successfully learn to manage today. We can call worry, sin. We have all sinned. Here is the good news: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--" 1 Timothy 1:15, NIV. Need to step across that line and become a child of God. "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--" John 1:12, NIV.

As we enter into another year, I wish and pray that God will be with us and this year will bring lots of happiness And joy for all of us and this new year will be filled with lots of new hope and blessings.

Wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR 2021.

PARISH NEWS

REPUBLIC DAY: Since 26th January (Tuesday) 2021 is observed as Republic Day we shall unfurl our National Flag immediately after Worship Service at 08:00 am onwards.

NINE LESSON CAROL SERVICE & CHRISTMAS DINNER / TREE:

We would like to thank all those who helped in organising the Nine Lesson Carol Service & Christmas Tree and Dinner specially we would like to thank all the Pastorate Committee members & Youth Fellowship members. Specially the Convenors Mr. Sanjay Martin, Mr. David Masih, Mr. Nitin Bagh, we also would like to thank Mr. Raphael Thangadurai, Mr. David, Mr. Joseph Lazarus, Mr. Royston Gee, Mrs. Jasmine Gee, Mr. Naveen Cak, Mr. Abhay Sathe, Mr. R. C. Joseph, Mr. Jason Langan, Mr. Shobit Dhakery, Mrs. Desrine Sharma, Ms. Eden Martin and Ms. Karishma Martin, Ms. Shristi Sathe and Mr. Isaac Thagadurai.

VIRTUAL CAROL ROUNDS: - On 24th December 2020 we organized the Virtual Carol Singing through online Google Meet from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We prayed for all our Parishioners.

CRICKET MATCH: On the 26th of December, 2020 we organised the cricket match between the married and the unmarried. The unmarried team won the match. We would like to congratulate all the unmarried players and wish the married better luck for the next year. We would like to thank Mr. Vikas Jonathan and Mr. Samuel Gregory, Mr. Piyush Paul Singh for all their help in conducting the Cricket Match.

SOUVENIR: The Diocese of Jabalpur celebrated its 50 years of glorious existence. On this occasion the Diocese of Jabalpur published the Souvenir. If anybody is interested in reading the Souvenir you can collect it from us.

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)

VIKAS ASHA FETE: The Vikas Asha Kendra Annual Fete will be held on 14th of January 2021 at the Christ Church Boys' Hostel ground. All of you are cordially invited.