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- Church Cleaning Schedule**
- Aug 05:** Sunith George & Varghese Kurian
  - Aug 12:** Rev. Christy David Daniel & Aneesh Abraham
  - Aug 19:** Biji Thomas & Bino Thomas
  - Aug 26:** Binu Cherian & George Cherian
  - Sep 02:** Harish J. Sathri & Jacob Chacko
  - Sep 09:** Jiji Thankachan & Joy John

- Snack Schedule**
- Aug 05 - George Cherian's Family
  - Aug 12 - Harish Sathri's Family
  - Aug 19 - Jacob Chacko's Family
  - Aug 26- Jiji Thankachan's Family
  - Sep 2- ChurchFamily
  - Sep 9 -Joy John's Family
  - Sep 16 - Harvest Festival
  - Sep 23 - Maizy Cherian's Family

- News & Events - Aug/Sep 2018**
- Saturday, Aug 4, 2018 - Cottage Prayer at residence of Mr. Jiju Thankachan
  - Sunday, Aug 5, 2018- Women's Fellowship Meeting after service
  - Thru, Aug 9 - Sun, Aug 12, 2018 - VBS
  - Sunday, Aug 12, 2018 - VBS Sunday
  - Sunday, Aug 12, 2018 - Mid Year General Body
  - Saturday, Aug 25, 2018 - Parish Picnic
  - Sunday, Sep 2, 2018 - Onam Sadhya & Choir Sunday
  - Sunday, Sep 16, 2018 - Harvest Festival

**Treasurer's Corner**

Please return your Ministerial Sundays covers to the treasurer, if you haven't done so.

**Reminder:** Please contact Warden to schedule Cottage Prayers and Fasting Prayers.

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**Message for the Month of August 2018**

**Dearly Beloved in Christ,**  
 Greetings to all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

“ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Php. 4:6

According to Bible, **Prayer means communion with God. Prayer is the way in which we consciously realize our relationship with God** (Gen. 18:23-33, Josh. 7:7-9, II Sam. 24:17, I Kings 3:5-14, John 17, Eph. 3:14-19).

Jesus lived his life in communion with God. In His life we can see regular practice of prayer (Mark 1:35, 6:46, 14:35-42). He spent more time in prayer when he had to make decision or when he was subjected to temptations.

**WHY SHOULD WE PRAY**

- It gives an opportunity to speak and to share with Him:** Things can go from bad to worse in a short time. God calls us to give all our worries and tensions unto Him. He also calls us to share our Joy with Him. In Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known.” God wants us to call on Him so that he can answer our Prayers. He wants us to be close to Him at all times.
- It provides a Platform to give Thank to the Lord:** It is no secret that we must give thanks to the Lord for all the things

that he provides and all things that he does on our behalf. 1 Chronicles 16:34, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Also in Psalm 9:1, “I will praise you, O Lord with all my heart, I will tell you all your wonders.” When we pray on a daily basis, we acknowledge His faithfulness and his abundant provision for our lives.

**3. It provides a platform for confessing our Sins:** Let's all face it we all sin daily whether we know or not. Confess it to God on a daily basis, even though He is Omniscient. Ask God for the strengthen us to repent our sins. Only God can help us turn from our Sins and for then to be so, He needs to hear our plea to repent.

**4. It is a way to acknowledge who really controls our lives:** As Christians, we know who is really in Control. God is Sovereign. God is our Supreme King and as such he controls every aspect of our lives. Each day we should acknowledge His proper place in our lives; humbly and with reverence reserved for such a great and awesome King.

Let us pray humbly to our Father, who is our Creator. Let us completely surrender ourselves to God and ask earnestly that “Thy will be done in my Life”.

May the Almighty Lord bless us all.

**Yours in Christ,**  
**Rev. Christy David Daniel**

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**MOTTO 2018**  
**“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUST IN THE LORD, WHOSE TRUST IS THE LORD”**



## Sunday Bible Readings - August 2018

**Aug 05, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (MISSION SUNDAY)**

**Mission: Sharing God's Pain (Mission Sunday)**

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 (Warden)

Psalms 40 : 1 - 13 (Mathew M. Oommen's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 9: 10 - 18 (Mathew Varghese's Family)

Gospel : Luke 10: 1-11

**Communion Elements - Jacob Chacko's Family**

[Evening: Hosea 11:1-12 or 2 Cor. 11:16 - 31]

**Aug 26, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English**

**Plurality: Common Humanity and Faith Sharing**

Lesson 1 : Jonah 4: 1- 11 (Warden)

Psalms 82 (Sunith George's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 8: 26 - 40 (Varghese Kurian's Family)

Gospel : Mathew 22: 1 - 14

**Communion Elements - Harish Sathri's Family**

[Evening: Isaiah 45:1- 8 or Acts 21: 27-36]

**Aug 12, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English (VBS SUNDAY)**

**Baptism: Dying and Rising up with Christ**

Lesson 1 : Genesis 7: 11 - 24 (VBS)

Psalms 29 (VBS)

Lesson 2 : Romans 6: 1-14 (VBS)

Gospel : John 12 : 20 - 26

**Communion Elements - VBS**

**Aug 19, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (Holy Sacrifice)**

**Sacrament of Holy Qurbana**

Lesson 1 : 2 Kings 4: 42 - 44 (Warden)

Psalms 100 (Robin Mundakkal's Family)

Lesson 2 : 1 Cor. 11: 23 - 30 (Saraja Samuel)

Gospel : John 6 : 15 - 59

**Communion Elements - Jiju Thankachan's Family**

[Evening: Genesis 22:1-19 or Acts 27: 27 - 38]



### Wedding Anniversary

- **Aug 1- Mrs. & Mr. Varghese Kurien**
- **Aug 12- Mrs. Shoba Pampati**



## Sunday Bible Readings - September 2018

**Sept 2, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (CHOIR SUNDAY)**

**Music from Worship: Affirmation of Witness**

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 6: 1-8 (Warden)

Psalms 116: 5-17 (Choir)

Lesson 2 : Revelation 7: 9-16 (Choir)

Gospel : Luke 1:68-80

**Communion Elements - Choir**

[Evening: Isaiah 45:1- 8 or 1 Acts 21: 27-36]

**Sept 9, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English (YOUTH SUNDAY)**

**Jesus the Guru**

Lesson 1 : Proverbs 4: 1-19 (Warden)

Psalms 141 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Acts 22:1-5 (Youth)

Gospel : Luke 4:31-44

**Communion Elements - Youth**

**Sept 16, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (LAITY SUNDAY)**

**Ministry of the Laity**

Lesson 1 : 1 Samuel 25: 14-28 (Warden)

Psalms 23 (Aneesh Abraham's Family)

Lesson 2 : 1 Thess. 4: 1-12 (Biji Thomas's Family)

Gospel : Luke 10:25-37

**Communion Elements - Joy John's Family**

[Evening: Psalm 34 or 1 Thess. 5: 12-22]

**Sept 23, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English**

**Christian Response to Poverty**

Lesson 1 : Amos 8:4-7 (Warden)

Psalms 145 (Bino Thomas's Family)

Lesson 2 : James 2:1-7 (Binu Cherian's Family)

Gospel : Luke 16:19-31

**Communion Elements—Manoj Daniel's Family**

[Evening: Amos 2:4-8 or Cor. 8:8-15]

**Sept 30, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in Malayalam (SENIOR CITIZEN'S SUNDAY)**

**The Wisdom of the Elderly**

Lesson 1 : Genesis 24:1-14 (Warden)

Psalms 92 (George Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : 2 Timothy 1:3-14 (Harish J Sathri's Family)

Gospel : Luke 1: 5-7

**Communion Elements - Mathews Jacob's Family**

[Evening: Genesis 48:8-22 or Philemon 8-22]



### Birthdays

- **Aug 3 - Isaiah Thomas**
- **Aug 3 - Xavier Samuel**
- **Aug 4 - Betsy Mathew**
- **Aug 9 - Hannah Thomas**
- **Aug 29 - Mathew Varghese Jr.**
- **Aug 29 - Saraja Samuel**

**Choir Practice: Every Sunday after Service (unless announced otherwise)**  
**Committee Meeting: Third Sunday of Every Month (unless announced otherwise)**

**Worship Service in Malayalam - Every 1st & 3rd Sunday; Sunday School at 9:30am**  
**Worship Service in English - Every 2nd & 4th Sunday; Bible Class at 9.30 am.**