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Church Cleaning Schedule

- Mar 4 : Manoj Daniel & Mathews Jacob
- Mar 11: Mathew C Mathew & Mathew Oommen
- Mar 18: Mathew M. Oommen & Mathew Varghese Sr.
- Mar 25: Robin Mundakkal & Sunith George
- Apr 01: Thomas Kovoor & Varghese Kurian
- Apr 08: Aneesh Abraham & Bijji Thomas

Snack Schedule

- Mar 04 - Jiju Thankachan's Family
- Mar 11- Joy John's Family
- Mar 18 - Maizy Cherian's Family
- Mar 25 - Manoj Daniel's Family
- Apr 01 - Church Family
- Apr 08 - Mathews Jacob's Family
- Apr 15 - Mathew Mathew's Family
- Apr 22 - Mathew Oommen's Family

News & Events - March/April 2018

- Women's Sunday - March 04, 2018
- Intercessory Prayer every Saturday @ 10 am in Church.
- Choir Class on English Service - Sat, Mar 17, 10am - 3pm.
- Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018
- Maundy Thursday - March 29, 2018 (Service at 7pm)
- Good Friday - March 30, 2018 (Service at 7pm)
- Easter Sunday - April 01, 2018

Treasurer's Corner

Thank you for the generous contributions and all the support in 2017 and I ask that your generosity continue during this year as well!

Treasurer

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

Bible at a Glance - Ephesians:

The letter to the Ephesians was probably a 'circular' letter. Because it was passed from one church to another after it was read. Ephesus was a large coastal city on the coast of Asia. The Church of Ephesus was probably the first and the last church to read the letter in its circulation. It was clear that Paul wrote this letter around A.D. 61-62 from Rome. The first readers of Ephesians were a mixture of Jews and Gentiles who had become Christians during Paul's earlier visits. The theme of the book is that Christians' lives should show their faith in Christ.



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Message for the Month of March 2018

Inside this issue:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Greet you all, in the name of Lord and Savior Jesus.

We are in the season of Lent; let us praise God almighty for bringing us once again to the Lent. The word of God clearly describes about the Christian life, as the abiding rest and continual victory – a life very different from the ordinary experience of Christians, and the Bible shows us a savior who is able to save us from the power of sin as surely as He saves us from the penalty of sin. Throughout this season let us examine this hidden life more closely and see how it differs from the ordinary Christian experience. Let us give our life to God, and the essence of it is this; letting the Lord carry our burdens and manage our affairs for us, instead of trying to do so ourselves. The main thing in this is to give away our 'I' centered life. So the Christian life should be a meaningful life. The Christian child must hand over yourself and all our concerns in to the care and keeping of your God, and leave them there.

God made you; therefore God surely understands you and knows how to manage

us. We need to trust in Him. Some may face unhappy situation in our life. May be the situation kept us from sleeping and also may ruin health. But in all these only God can help us; nobody in this world can help us. We the believers in Christ must commit our life to the Lord's keeping. While we come to a close look to the baby, then we can understand that the child is free from care because the child's life is a life of Trust. Usually the child's whole life, the child trusts in their parents, their elders, their teachers and so on. The Child provides nothing for them; yet everything is provided. The child is moving with great confidence in their house. The confidence is that someone will take care of them. So the child will trust them very well. So our Christian attitudes need to change, and trust in the God. The God will keep and guides us in all the walks of our life.

While we plant the plants we will take care of it nicely. one day if we found it drooping and wilting, if it was drooping from the lack of water, then we will resolve it. As psalmist says, 'like a tree planted by the

rivers of water'Ps:1:3. So it is connected with the life of the Christian. This reminds us that the new life received in Christ. It needs to be nourished. That's where the daily habits of prayer and Bible study come in. The Christian experience is not just an emotional flash in the pan. This explains why so often there are those who have failed to grow in Christian Character. In this lent season we need to be nurtured through the word of God. So believers must fill with the real knowledge in this season. Then it will be a real blessing to the personal life and also to the Church.

Thank you one and all for the wonderful support in all the Church activity.

May God almighty bless you and keep you safely in all the areas of life!

Rev. Happy Abraham

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

Jeremiah:17:7



Sunday Bible Readings - March 2018

March 4, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (4th Sunday before Easter; 3rd Sunday in Lent)

Persistence in Prayer - Women's Sunday

Lesson 1 : Exodus 1 : 15 – 22 (Warden)

Psalm : 148 (Women)

Lesson 2 : Romans 16: 1 – 16 (Women)

Gospel : Mark 15 : 37 – 41

Communion Elements: Women

[Evening: Nehemiah 1: 1- 11 or Jude: 17 - 23]

March 25, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Hosanna: New King in the Temple. (Psalm Sunday)

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 56 : 1 – 8 (Warden)

Psalm : 24 (Aneesh Abraham's Family)

Lesson 2 : I Corinthians 3 : 16 – 23 (Biji Thomas's Family)

Gospel : Matthew 21 : 1 – 17

Communion Elements: Mathew M Oommen's Family

[Evening: Zechariah 9 : 1 - 12 or 2 Corinthians 6: 11 - 18]

March 11, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English (3rd Sunday before Easter; 4th Sunday in Lent)

True Worship That Liberates.

Lesson 1 : Exodus 3: 11 – 18 (Warden)

Psalm : 137 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Acts 16 : 25 – 34 (Youth)

Gospel : Luke 13 : 10 – 17.

Communion Elements: Youth

[Evening: Joshua 3 : 1- 17 or Revelation 14 : 1 - 7]

March 30, 2018, Friday

Cross: Death of Death (Good Friday)

Lesson 1 : Numbers 21 : 1 – 9 (Warden)

Psalm : 22

Lesson 2 : I Corinthians 15 : 50 – 58

Gospel : Matthew 27 : 1 – 56

Birthdays - March 2018

- Mar 01: Jerry Oommen
- Mar 11: Bobi Chandy
- Mar 16: Gabriel Thomas
- Mar 17: Sharon Jacob
- Mar 26: Minimol Daniel
- Mar 31: Amanda Oommen



Sunday Bible Readings - April 2018

April 01, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam

Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation (Easter)

Lesson 1 : Exodus 14: 5-31 (Warden)

Psalm : 118: 14-29 (Bino Thomas's Family)

Lesson 2 : Colossians 3 : 1– 11 (Jacob Chacko's Family)

Gospel : Matthew 28 : 1 – 10

Communion Elements: Mathew Varghese's Family

[Evening: Isaiah 12:1-6 or I Thessalonians 4:13-18]

April 22, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English (3rd Sunday after Easter)

Community Formation Around Resurrection Experience

Lesson 1 : Isaiah 25: 1 – 9 (Warden)

Psalm : 126 (Binu Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 4: 32–37 (Harish Sathri's Family)

Gospel : Luke 24 : 13-35

Communion Elements: Saraja Samuel's Family

[Evening: Isaiah 65: 17-25 or Acts 2: 43-47]

April 08, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in English (1st Sunday after Easter)

Encounter with Risen Lord

Lesson 1 : Genesis 32: 22 – 32 (Warden)

Psalm : 40 (Youth)

Lesson 2 : Acts 9: 1–18 (Youth)

Gospel : John 20 : 24-29

Communion Elements: Youth

[Evening: Psalm 27 or Revelation 1: 1 - 8]

April 29, 2018, Sunday - Worship Service in Malayalam (4th Sunday after Easter)

Believing in Christ: The Resurrection

Lesson 1 : 2 Kings 4: 27-37 (Warden)

Psalm : 90 (Maizy Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 26: 12-23 (Manoj Daniel's Family)

Gospel : John 11 : 17-28

[Evening: I Kings 17: 17-24 or I Peter 1:3-12]

April 15, 2018, Sunday - Holy Communion Service in Malayalam (2nd Sunday after Easter)

Identify Risen Lord in the Work Place

Lesson 1 : Ruth 2: 1-18 (Warden)

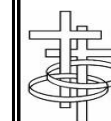
Psalm : 15 (George Cherian's Family)

Lesson 2 : Acts 9: 36-43 (Joy John's Family)

Gospel : John 21 : 1 – 14

Communion Elements: Robin Mundakkal's Family

[Evening: I Kings 19: 19-21 or Acts 16:6-15]



Wedding Anniversaries

March 23 - Mrs. & Mr. Harish Sathri

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

Holy Communion Service in Malayalam - Every 1st & 3rd Sunday; Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Holy Communion Service in English - Every 2nd & 4th Sunday; Bible Class at 9.30 am.