

## PARISH NEWS

**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.

**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. As per the instruction from the Diocese, the children who do not attend Sunday school will not get fee concession.

**WFCS:** - Every Second Sunday of the month we shall have women's fellowship meeting we would request all the women's fellowship members to attend this meeting.

**COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING:** - Every Saturday we will be having the Cottage Prayer Meeting in the Parishioner houses from 7 pm onwards. We request all our Parishioners, to attend and also let us know if you want to have Cottage Prayer Meeting in your home.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** On 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:30 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hosting our National flag.

**HARVEST SUNDAY:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of September we shall be celebrating Teacher's Day in our Church. The Worship Service will be lead by the teachers of our Parish.

## 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- 2017**

6 <sup>TH</sup>	AUGUST	2017	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
13 <sup>TH</sup>	AUGUST	2017	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
20 <sup>TH</sup>	AUGUST	2017	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
27 <sup>TH</sup>	AUGUST	2017	TWELVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### **FROM THE PRESBYTER**

Dear Parishioners,

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

We live in a chaotic and uncertain world. Events confronts us that can make us question: how can we know what God wants me to do and what is His plan for me, today? Even in the most troubled times we all can be sure that God loves us and has an incredible future planned for us.

In the Bible, God tells us "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope." **Jeremiah 29:11**. Jesus, Himself, when speaking about the people who belong to Him, put it this way: "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." **John 10:10**

Even when life seems out of control, we can be sure of this...God has a plan and a purpose for all of us. Because of God's love for each one of us, He provided a plan

for our salvation – the way that we can become a part of His family and live the life He has promised us.

Mankind is sinful. We only have to look at the world around us to know this is true. You and I have not lived up to the standard of God’s holy and perfect law. As a result of our sin, we are separated from God. In this state of separation, we cannot know God or experience the peace and hope of the life He has planned for us.

“For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” **Romans 3:23**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Romans 6:23**

“If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth.” **1 John 1:8**

But, because of God’s deep love for each one of us, He provided the way of salvation – the only way that we are able to enter a relationship with Him. This plan is called “the Gospel.” The word Gospel means “Good News.” The Good News is that God Himself has already made all the arrangements for our salvation. No matter what we have done, Jesus Christ’s sacrifice is able to pay the penalty for our sin. God loves us and wants us to be His own child.

Through Jesus Christ, we can experience a personal relationship with God and enjoy a life of peace and hope. When Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for our sin, He bridged the gap that separated us from God. The Bible outlines this incredible plan:

“God showed us how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sin.” **1 John 4:9-10**

“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” **II Corinthians 5:21**

It is not only through Jesus Christ that we can know God personally. It is through Jesus alone, that we can experience God’s love, enjoy peace and hope, and receive the gift of eternal life.

Just to give mental agreement that Jesus died on the cross is not enough. Each of us must turn to God, acknowledging our sin and powerlessness to save ourselves. We must ask Jesus to come into our lives and receive His sacrifice as total payment for our sins. We exercise our will and do this as an act of faith.

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**

May God bless us! May the joy of God’s salvation fill our heart, today and always.

### **BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST**

1. Supriya Washington
2. Wilfred Rushton
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, Rev. S. Abhishek
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell, Johnson Samuel
15. Anupama Daniel, Nancy Ruston
16. Andrea Jones, 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, Maxwell Taylor, Bishop N. M. Bagh, Priyanka Peter
25. Kevin Clifton Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph
27. Mrs. Shama Elizabeth Cak
28. Samantha Cathlene Rushton
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew
31. John Jacob

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