

WOMEN'S SUNDAY: On 3rd of March 2024 we observed the Women's Sunday in our Church. On this occasion the Women's of our Church led the entire Service. Mrs. Judy R. Joute, Professor of Leonard Theological College was the speaker for this day.

CONGRATULATIONS: We are happy to inform you that on 28th March, 2024 we celebrated The Feast of the Maundy Thursday along with the Feet Washing Ceremony & Confirmation Service. The preacher & Celebrant was The Rt. Rev. Ajay Umesh James.

On this occasion 11 candidates renewed their covenant with the Lord. We would like to congratulate all the candidates' specially the parents. The following candidates were confirmed.

1. Angelica Sharma
2. Aradhana Charles
3. Rashi Gotiya
4. Liana Baroi
5. Hazel Cak
6. Saskia Baroi
7. Harshita Chritina Thangadurai
8. Daniel Manohar
9. Aron Cak
10. Jonathan Jones
11. Armaan Williams

FEE CONCESSION: Those who want to avail the CNI Fee Concession; are requested to give an application along with the photocopy of last year result as soon as possible.

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.

RETIREMENT: Mrs. Prem Bai one of our Christ Church Cathedral employee who gave her 40 years' service in the form of cleaning polishing brass items especially at the Church Alter, got retired from her services. Without forgetting her immense Services, the Christ Church Cathedral members honoured her & felicitated her with the Bouquet, Gift Saree, and the token of love envelop in the presence of the congregation on Sunday, 31st March, 2024. We would like to thank her for her devotion and commitment shown towards the Church. We pray that God may bless her with good health and she may lead a happy retired life.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, (C.N.I), JABALPUR



(Est. 1844)

Church Service - 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL - 2024

7 TH	APRIL 2024	SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
14 TH	APRIL 2024	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
21 ST	APRIL 2024	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
28 TH	APRIL 2024	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Resurrection Day is a day of great joy for us, because we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. It is also a day when we bring and put before the altar peace offering in the Lenten freewill Envelops which our respective Church might have handed over to us. Apart from all this Lent has brought to us this season. The priests thought that by crucifying Jesus they had removed the main threat to their authority little realizing that they have done humanity a great service. Yes! Jesus has risen and the empty tomb stares at us in our face. What does the empty tomb signify to us personally?

The empty tomb means that salvation has been fully and freely made available to us if we wish to take it. This day marks the beginning of a new era in Yahweh's history, Jesus has become the way of salvation to anyone who wishes to enter God's Kingdom. In fact, on Resurrection day we celebrate Jesus as the cornerstone of our lives. On this day we declare ourselves dead to our sins through Jesus Christ and risen with a new self in Jesus Christ. On this day we are to

declare ourselves dead to our old nature and take on a new nature in Jesus Christ.

Those of us who have followed lent; are we ready to do the above? Are we ready to declare ourselves as a new person (taking the cross of the their)?. Or, are we going to continue in our old self (taking the cross of the unrepentant thief)?

Dearly beloved in Christ the moment of truth has come for us to face. What are we going to do about it? The empty tomb of Jesus stares at us. Are we going to bury the old nature of us which was part of us into that empty tomb and walk along with Jesus? Or are we going to still carry on our sin burdened life? These are pertinent questions for which each of us must individually answer. The decision is up to us.

We need to examine as to whether Jesus is the corner stone of our lives. No matter what position or profession we hold in the society, without Jesus our life will be empty in spite of our achievement and success. If in the place of Jesus, someone else or something is occupying that space then we need to dump all these into the empty tomb and put Jesus in the proper place of our life.

Dearly Beloved in Christ, the empty tomb awaits for us to put all our miss-deeds into it and be sealed forever so that we can live liberated lives in Jesus Christ.

Jesus has overcome death for our sake so that we may become dead to our sins and be alive to a new life in Jesus Christ. But the decision to live a life in Jesus Christ is ours.

Resurrection shows the power of God over death and destruction. It shows the Son of God in all his glory and power. This resurrection faith is the power of a new and vibrant life. It was manifested when resurrection changed the weak-willed; fearful disciples into bold witnesses even in the face of persecution. The disciples were thus able to be witnesses to the end of this world. Because Jesus lives we still have hope. The Christian gospel is the gospel not only of the Cross but of the empty tomb. For generations this empty tomb has filled our hearts with strength for our struggles, hope for victory and the assurance of our own resurrection into the sons and daughters of God. So, since the Lord is risen, we rejoice and say Hallelujah!

WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED RESURRECTION DAY

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

2. Christopher Rushton
4. Monishka Samuel
7. April Brown
8. Namrata Williams
10. Arnold Peters
11. Stephen Dhakrey
12. Vincent Joseph
17. Renuka Boro
18. Dr. Moni Thomas, Samuel Gregory
19. Elizabeth Rushton
20. Arpan Samuel Paul, Gaurav Samuel Bagh, Michelle William
21. Aubrey Ian Russell
23. Col. Vineet Daniel
25. Amrita Thangadurai, Anshul Moses Ranganadhan
28. Alan Ali, Robert Arnold Joseph
30. Sunil Peter

Wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3. Ashish S. Chelvam & Mrs. Neetu Chelvam
12. Ramesh & Sunita Paul
23. Emmanuel & Pearl Park
25. Stephen & Christina Dhakrey
29. Virender Lal & Shayna Lal

We wish the Couple a Happy Long Married Life with God' Choicest Blessings

PARISH NEWS

VOTE OF THANKS:

- We would like to thank all those who helped by leading reading and preaching the word of God during the Lenten **Cottage Prayer Meetings**.
- We would also like to thank all those who helped in reading the Scripture, leading Reflection Meditation prayers and preaching the word of God on the Seven sayings of Jesus on the Cross on 29th March, 2024 **Three hours Good Friday Devotional Service**.
- We would like to thank all those who helped in conducting the **Easter Fellowship Dinner**. Especially we would like to thank the convenors for this year Mr. Jason Langan, Mr. Andrew Lazarus & Mr. Samarth Gaikwad.
- We would like to thank all the **donors for the Easter Fellowship Dinner**. Rev. Richard Rodgers, Mrs. Joyce Joel, Mrs. Tajendar Thomas, Mrs. Ann Kankane & Ms. Christine Ellis. May God bless all of you.