

PARISH NEWS

NEW BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE: On 28th July 2023 the Full Episcopal Elections were held in the CNI Synod New Delhi. We are happy to inform you that Rt. Rev. Ajay Umesh James was elected as the Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese. He was installed as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Jabalpur in our Cathedral on the 31st of July 2023. We pray that God will bless him and use him for His glory.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS: Every Friday we will be having Cottage Prayer Meeting in the house of Youth Fellowship members & Women's Fellowship Members. The meeting will be conducted on 1st & 3rd Week in the Youth Fellowship member house and on 2nd & 4th Week in the Women's Fellowship member house.

YOUTH RETREAT: Our Christ Church Youth Fellowship organized One Day Youth Retreat based on the theme "**Challenges of Youth in present context**" on Sunday ie **23rd of July, 2023**. The Youth members of English Methodist Church, Mar Thoma Church and Christ Church Cathedral participated in the Retreat and all the children were benefitted from it.

BIBLE QUIZ: The Sunday school children organized the Bible Quiz for the Women's Fellowship, Youth Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship along with the Sunday School Children based on the Book of Genesis chapter 1 to 25 on the 29th July, 2023. The winners of this Quiz competition were Col. Vineet Daniel, Mrs. L. M. Sathe, Mr. Kevin Ezra and Ajinkya Shinde. We would like to congratulate all of them.

TEACHER'S DAY: On the 3rd of September 2023 we will be celebrating Teachers day in our Church. The Service will be led by the Teachers of our Church.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY: On the 10th of September 2023 we will be observing Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. This will be a day when we will be thanking God for all the blessings he has given in our life. We will request all of you to be present.

INDEPENDENCE DAY: On 15th of August, 2023 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:00 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hoisting our National flag.

SUBSCRIPTION: Dear Parishioners, all those who wish to pay their Subscription / Thanksgiving / Church offerings can pay through online.

Please write your name in remarks column while transferring the funds. For any queries please contact Mr. R. C. Joseph (Treasurer) 9300106407

OBITUARY: Mrs. Rajmani Samuel Mother of Mr. Mark Samuel and Mr Victor Samuel fell asleep in Christ on 13th July 2023.
Mr. Suman Kumar Masih Father of Mr. David Masih fell asleep in Christ on 18th July 2023.

May their souls rest in peace.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR AUGUST - 2023

6 TH	AUGUST	2023	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
13 TH	AUGUST	2023	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15 TH	AUGUST	2023	THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
20 TH	AUGUST	2023	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
27 TH	AUGUST	2023	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I was thinking why being honest to God is important.

Why is Integrity Important in the Life of a Christian?

When you hear the word 'integrity' what comes to mind? Some have defined integrity as being honest or having moral principles.

Integrity is doing what is right and acceptable before God. This is so because it is almost difficult to live in our world with total uprightness without having a God factor in you, so I think 'acceptable' and 'right' can only be achieved with a belief in God.

Rahab was a prostitute in Jericho feeling lost, alone and afraid but she played a strategic role in the victory of the children of Israel over Jericho because she knew the importance of integrity. As Christians, we can learn from her story in Joshua chapter 2, because she did what was right and acceptable before God. She knew that cutting corners cannot be done and the only way out was to believe that God was sincere and trustworthy.

The Truth about Integrity

Because of the corrupt nature of our world, these circumstances seem almost impossible and many people think it is a waste of time to try to be sincere. Well, from the story of Rahab we can observe four reasons why integrity is important in the life of a Christian.

Why is Integrity Important?

Rahab gained four benefits, and these are the reasons why integrity is important. Expanding on these might help us understand how to live our lives daily in integrity to attract these benefits into our lives.

Integrity Brings Kindness:

It means far more to God to have integrity than to exhibit religious performance. Rahab had an opportunity to help and she did not fail, she held her part of the bargain. If she had no integrity, she would have failed to help the spies, and she would not have received the kindness that was shown to her and her family. Sometimes the kindness we receive when we hold up our word might not mean anything in the short term, but it does go a long way to attract kindness from God and subsequently from man.

Integrity Grants Favor:

Another importance of integrity is the favor it brings you. A pure and upright heart brings out the best in you. When God searches your heart and finds that your intentions are true you will receive favor. Rahab received favor even though her people were destroyed because she did what was acceptable to God. Proverbs 21:3 "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

Integrity Gives You Guidance:

Integrity helps you know how to act and speak properly. Rahab lied to the king of Jericho to redirect his soldiers away from the spies, this guidance could only have come from God. Sometimes when we deal with people, we struggle to know what to say and how to say it, but spiritual guidance comes on you if you have integrity. Proverbs 11:3 says, "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity".

Integrity Ensures Security:

The choice to help and the choice to be trusted is a choice to be secure. If security is "the state of being free from danger or threat". Proverbs 10:9 tells us that "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

Why You Should Care About Integrity

Rahab showed integrity through sincerity and trustworthiness. If integrity is doing what is right and acceptable before God, it means you honor and trust because you know what God is capable of even when you are currently experiencing something different.

Sowing this uprightness as a seed in your life is understanding that you have an inheritance in the kingdom of God, and you can find security, guidance, favor and kindness in God.

Your courage will increase as you practice truthfulness and integrity. Rahab's integrity saved her entire household, her father, mother, brother, sister, and all they had was delivered from death. The Israelites got victory without a physical fight because she gave them an opportunity to spy before the attack.

You should care about integrity if you want the kind of victory that only God can give or if you are looking up to God for a miracle.

What Can Integrity Do For You Today?

Integrity is important in improving your personal life, relationship and workplace. When you are truthful and do what is right you can help your spouse, kids or colleagues become better. In a relationship, for example, if integrity means being sincere to each other, being honest will increase the trust level between both spouses over time.

Practicing integrity will make you become someone with 'words that can be trusted'. It does not matter how impossible it might seem, doing what is right and acceptable before God can give you access to God's favor, kindness, security and guidance.

So decide today to be trustworthy and maintain your integrity. Do what you can and do it well. Believe in God and all you know about him. Build integrity in your personal life, relationship and career and discover your purpose and fulfill it.

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

1. Supriya Washington
4. Clement Peter
7. Kemaya Ruth Sathe
8. Amit Bernard
9. Dr Sanjana Daniel, Shalini Oliver Raijive Martin
11. Ashnah Ellis
12. Ened Lall, Enoch Thangadurai, Ronica Lazarus
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell, Zaina Charles
15. Nancy Rushton
16. Crystal Samantha Jones
17. Liana Baroi
18. L. Clements, Collin Samuel, SimeonThangadurai
20. Vidya Rathod, Royston Gee
21. Jacqlene Elias, Ronald Moses, Jared Rodgers
22. Dr. Christopher Chien Liao, Alicia Dhakrey, Anshika Cak
24. Ruba Bernard, Priyanka Job
25. Kevin Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph, Aahaan Aashish Bernard
27. Jonathan Thangadurai
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings