

VIKAS ASHA FETE: The Vikas Asha Kendra Annual Fete will be held on 14th of December 2019 at the Christ Church Boys' Hostel ground. All of you are cordially invited.

OUR DAILY BREAD: We have received Our Daily Bread 2020. We have very limited copies, if anyone wants to buy Our Daily Bread each copy is Rs/- 120.

REVIVAL MEETINGS: The Diocese of Jabalpur will be having the inauguration of 50 Years of its glorious existence, on this occasion the Diocese of Jabalpur will be organizing the two days revival meetings on 12th & 13th of December, 2019, at Christ Church Boys' Hostel Ground from 6:30 pm. Dr. Vijay Benedict the renowned Gospel Speaker will be the guest.

CAROL ROUND PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

17th DECEMBER 2019- Bishop House Napier Town ,Christ Church Cathedral Campus, Christ Church Girls School & Christ Church Boys School, Income Tax Office Bhavarthal Garden, Disciples Church Compound, Nagrath Chowk, Near City Hospital, Silver Oaks Compound, Dr. Barat Road, Thakki Raza Hospital,

18th DECEMBER 2019 – Khamaria Road Beoharbag, CMS.Compound_Ghamapur, Adhartal, Kanch Ghar near Dr. Jethi (Road) Hospital, Upper lines, Near Danik Baskar Press, Apsara Apartment Science College Road, Gangotri Apartment, Patbaba, Oppt.R.T.O, L.T.C, Near Jackson Hotel, Dutt Arcade Phase III flat 1 Ground floor near Sonali sweets

19th DECEMBER 2019 - Gorakhpur, Railway Colony, Near S.C.A Colony, APR Colony, Katanga Christian Colony, Near Mary Home, Narmada Road, Behind Hawabagh Church, Hathital, Rampur Near Water Tank, Panch Sheel Nagar, Rampur (Jak Riffle), Gwareghat Road, Aditya colony, Gwarighat Road,

20th DECEMBER 2019 - Milonighanj City, Medical College, G.C.F Road,

21st DECEMBER 2019 - Leo Compound, Caravas, YMCA, Bilhari Road, Model Town Near Bilhari Petrol Pump Sports Club (Near) Near APN School Moti Bada,

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

MIDNIGHT MASS: Midnight Service will be held on 24th December 2019 from 10:45 pm onwards.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Christmas Service will be held on 25th December 2019 at 8:30 am. Our Bishop The Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh will be the Speaker & celebrant.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE: On 31st of December (Tuesday) 2019 at 11:00 pm we shall have our Midnight service.

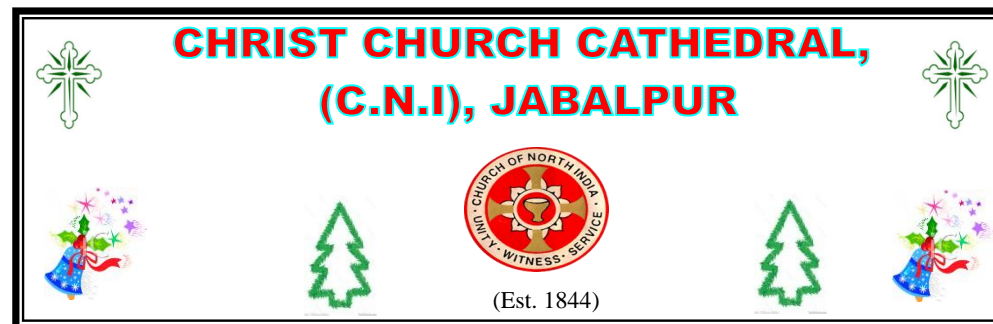
NEW YEAR COVENANT SERVICE: New Year Covenant Service will be held on 1st January 2020 at 8:30 am onwards. Our Bishop The Most Rev. Dr. P.C. Singh will be the Speaker & celebrant.

PASTORATE COMMITTEE WISHES YOU ALL



*Merry
Christmas*

& Prosperous New Year



Church Service- 8:30 am

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Sunday School- 8:30 am

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR DECEMBER - 2019

1 ST DECEMBER	2019	4 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (ADVENT - 1)
8 TH DECEMBER	2019	3 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (ADVENT - 2)
15 TH DECEMBER	2019	2 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (ADVENT - 3)
22 ND DECEMBER	2019	SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (ADVENT - 4)
25 TH DECEMBER	2019	CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
29 TH DECEMBER	2019	SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Christmas Message from the Presbyter

Christmas is a very exciting time, for adults and children alike. It's a highlight of the year and part of the excitement is the giving and receiving of gifts.

Gift giving, and sharing in the delight that the gift gives, is a highlight of the Christmas celebrations.

We know that the first visitors who came to visit the Christ-child brought gifts. The shepherds who were watching over their flocks near Bethlehem were poor but they brought the baby in the manger their love and adoration. The wise men from the east brought expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but more importantly they knelt before the little child and gave him honour and worship.

Sometimes we focus on the giving and on the gifts so much that we miss the fact that what we are celebrating at this time of the year is God's gift to us. Our gift giving is a reflection of the generous gift that God gave to us at the first Christmas – the gift of his Son. This gift from God is for all people – no one is excluded.

It is a gift given out of extreme love – a love so immense, so deep, so wonderful and powerful that we can hardly begin to fathom what kind of love it is that would cause God – the ruler and creator of everything – the supreme power that holds the universe together – to become a vulnerable and helpless baby born to human parents, subject to the laws of nature and the laws of mankind, and to come into this world in such a way that is hardly believable. God came from heaven to earth to the sound of a mother crying out in childbirth in a stable; his first bed was a manger; his first visitors strangers.

Like any new parents Mary and Joseph were overcome with emotion as they held this new life in their arms for the first time. A new life had entered the world and he was theirs to care for and to love. They also realised that this tiny bundle was God's gift not only to them but also to the world and the world would never be the same again. This child is a gift for all mankind; he belongs to everyone and he will give everyone the greatest gifts of all – peace, forgiveness, reconciliation with God, eternal life.

And like all gifts, this child in the manger, brings joy. After visiting the stable *"the shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen."* In fact, not only the people on earth but also the angels of heaven rejoiced at this baby's birth. *"A great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God."* The Christmas story is about a gift that brought joy to all people.

This Christmas gift from God changes things.

The gift that God gave us at Christmas is a Saviour. Christmas is a celebration of God becoming human, being born in a manger, for us. As unintelligible as it is to think of almighty God becoming a weak helpless baby born in a cattle shed, that is what happened so that he could be *Emmanuel*, that is *God with us*.

That is the whole point of Christmas. There may be lots of traditions, customs associated with Christmas. There may be the giving and receiving of lots of gifts. There may be Santas, Christmas parties, and Christmas Day celebrations with friends and relatives but in the end the only thing that really counts is the gift we receive from God. The gift of a Saviour is *"God with us"* in all the sin, the trouble and death of this world.

This is the gift that brings peace. This is the gift that saves. This is the gift that lasts.

Wishing you all a very happy & blessed Christmas and wish and pray that you all will have a blessed and prosperous New Year with lots of blessings.

BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER

1. Vinay Samuel Lal
3. Mrs. Manoranjini Lal
4. Poonam Daniel
6. Caroline Jean Peter
7. Robinson Shekhar, Andrea Edbrooke, Mrs. T. Daniel, Edith Zincke
8. Caroline Judith Joseph, Namrata A. Williams, Victor Samuel
10. Anita Edbrooke
11. Ernest Rushton, Rachel Jacob Taniya Raymer
12. The Most Rev. Dr. Prem Chand Singh, Joshua Thangadurai, Shanita Thangadurai
14. Glenn Langan, Leslie James Hogg, Harshita Thangadurai
15. Dhananjay Sahu
17. Malti Chelvam, Ronald Rushton, Candida Rushton
19. Cynthia Emelda Kane, Johnson Varghese
20. Jean Hookens
21. Eileen Ali, Aditya Rathore, Aadya Dwivedi
22. Kantarani Peters, Emmanuel Park, Sudha Samuel, Derick Jason Langan
23. Ryan Raymer, Margreat William
24. Samantha Ali, Abraham Thangaduari,
25. Beatrice Peter,
26. Rev. Dr. Joel Patrick, Mrs. Kajal Rao
28. Sudhir Shinde

Wish you all Happy Birthday with Gods Blessings

ANNIVERSARIES

7. Mr. Pankaj Daniel & Mrs. Desrine Sharma
10. Michael & Beatrice Peter, Preeti & Ralph Stanely Russell
19. Ernest & Cecilia Russell
20. Rev. Richard & Sunita Rodgers
21. Mr. Rahul & Mrs. Neha Rodgers
26. Alfred Clement Praveen Kumar & Sonia Patrick
27. Samuel & Malti Chelvan, Clarence & Romola Simon, Philip & Sophie Palmer, Nitin & Nomita Bagh, Ashish & Renuka Cak, Mr. Kevin Clifton Gee & Mrs. Aruna Ann Gee, Ivin & Ronika Lazarus
28. Lt. Col. Stanley & Joan page, Norman & Roseleen Kane, Ruth & Sameer Tiwari, Lionel & Nidhi Clement
29. Joseph & Olive Lazarus, Catherine & Yowan Thangadurai, Mr. Emmanuel & Mrs. Sonia Thangadurai, Andrew & Hina Lazarus, Desmond & Samantha D' Rose Rushton
30. Col. Vineet & Poonam Daniel, Mr. Manoj & Archana Chauragade

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

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREE / DINNER: - Christmas Dinner / Tree will be held on 23rd of December 2019 at Mary George Hall Christ Church Girls School, from 4:30 pm onwards. Your contribution for the Dinner is Rs.100/- per-head for Adults and for children below 12 years Rs.50/- for guests Rs/- 150. Please pay your contribution before 20th of December 2019. This year convenor for Christmas Dinner is Mr Alfred Patrick and Mr Royston Gee.

NINE LESSON CAROL SERVICE: - Our Nine Lesson Carol Service will be held on 15th of December 2019 at Christ Church Cathedral from 6:00 pm onwards.

CAROL ROUNDS: - Carol rounds will be from 17th to 21st December 2019 from 6:00 pm onwards from the Church Campus.

DWFCS SING SONG COMPETITION: The Diocesan Women's Fellowship Inter-denominational Sing Song Competition was held on 12th of November, 2019 at Christ Church Girls' Mary George Hall. We are happy to inform you that our Women's Fellowship members won the prizes in different competitions.

The following prizes for the 6th Inter Denomination Group Sing-Song Competition.

- First prize for the dance competition
- First prize for the skit competition
- Third prize for the song competition
- First prize for the fashion show won by Mrs. Priya Masih
- Third prize for the fashion show won by Mrs. Christine Dhakery
- First prize for the fun and games

SUNDAY SCHOOL: - Our Sunday School Children will be celebrating the Christmas tree programme on 8th December, 2019 at 10:00 am.