

## **BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY**

1. Trevor Hogg , Allan Jones, Manoj Chauragade
2. Diana Rachael Jones, Daniel Thangadurai, Veena Ranganadan
3. Madhumala Joseph
4. Ryan Ali, Erica Taylor
5. Jennifer Parihar
7. Preeti Irene Thangadurai, Roseleena Maria Kane, Sunita Paul, Asha Vince Samuel
9. Maureen Parmar, Raphael Thangadurai
10. Christine Ellis
12. Viresh Kumar Rathod, Saurav Hogg
13. Stephen Chelvam, Jessica Rose Gee
14. Lt. Col.. Sheeja Thangadurai,
16. Phyllis Langan, Unique Joshua Patrick
17. Bethel Cooper
18. Crystal Brown, Tony Taylor
19. Sarah Sophia Peters, Shaun Raymer
20. Yu Min Krysral Chen
21. Sharayu B, Shinde, Neha Rodgers
22. Harsha Peter
24. Beverly Rushton, Olive Lazarus, Mercy Thangadurai  
Pratibha James, Vincent Sushil Cornelius
25. Rubena Rushton, David Masih, Adrian Aristotle
26. Candida Rushton, Ingrid James, Natasha Gupta
29. Samuel Chelvam, Leonard Edbrooke
30. Pearl Park

**We wish each one of you a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessing**

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

2. Douglas Green & Sandra Russell
4. Sheil Marvin & Marvin Ali
10. Vijay & Romila David
11. Mr. Sanjay & Mrs Stella Peter
17. Mr. Terence Fredrick & Mrs. Rhonda Jones
19. Mrs. & Mr. Akash S. Chelvam
20. Varghese & Rebecca Samuel

**We wish the couples a very happy long married life with God's Choicest Blessing**



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



(Est. 1844)

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## **CHURCH CALENDER FOR JANUARY – 2022**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>NEW YEAR COVENANT SERVICE</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>EPIPHANY SUNDAY</b>
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>REPUBLIC DAAY</b>
<b>30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b>

## **NEW YEAR MESSAGE**

*Dear Parishioners,*

Greeting to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We all have entered 2022. And if we sit and ponder what this past year has brought Then by no stretch of the imagination, the past two years have not been an easy time. The pandemic has forever changed our world but still we thank God for the brand-new year 2022. Many have speculated the year 2022 will turn out to be a better year while others are not sure. It's a "Hope for the best but prepare for the worst" scenario. If you ask me, I am clueless, but remain hopeful. Here's why?

COVID-19 has changed our world, but it cannot change our God. The word of God assures he is our never-changing God in the ever-changing world, (Revelation 1:8). That promise is a fact because his goodness is a consistent reality in our life. Even as we enter another brand-New Year. God's presence will be with us all the days of our lives.

For many of us, 2021 didn't offer greener pastures but more of the same parched wasteland we've come to know. For two years now, we've struggled to stay healthy and to connect to one another. Death and discord have weighed down our hearts with world-weariness.

If our last year was unrealistic optimism, this year we fear that too many of us look to the coming year with pessimism and despair. Like God's people, the wandering Israelites, we see desert loneliness spread out toward the horizon.

As a new year dawns, we're left wondering like our ancient brothers and sisters, "Why did you bring us out here? . What have you done to us?" (Ex. 14:11-13, ).

How do we face a new year when hope feels so thin? Without the wind of optimism to fill our sails, how can we launch forward into the future with all of its unknowns? How can we continue to sing the Lord's song in a land filled with grief and disappointment and perpetual struggle?

The landscape of 2022 may hardly look different from the year that is passing, but we can be assured: God is still working. We can face the new year with hope as we watch for God's hand moving in little ways, knowing that his small provisions reflect the greater mysterious movements of a gracious and sovereign God.

### **We all need to look for the manna.**

If you anticipate another year of tight finances and strained relationships problems and difficulties, commit to looking for the manna in 2022. Instead of complaining, step outside your door each morning and look for provision. God promised the Israelites that manna would arrive like rain in the desert, new mercies deposited before their tent doors each morning. That same promise remains for us today. God is going to provide us for all our needs, he is going to take care of all our needs no matter what happens.

If looking forward with hope feels hard, simply look beneath your feet. Praise God for the small daily provisions of your life. A beautiful sunrise, a hot cup of coffee, a loving family. No gift is too insignificant. Name the manna, claim it as God's gift to you, and devour it, letting its nourishment be enough for today.

### **Remember Your Red Sea**

As the Israelites they walked through the desert for 40 years, how many times did Moses and Miriam sing softly those words they shouted beside the Red Sea? "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea" (Ex. 15:1). As dust covered their feet, when blowing sand obscured their vision, those words pulled them forward with their steady rhythm. Even when God's goodness was hard to see, Moses and Miriam could remember his work on their behalf.

As we step into this new year, we can do the same. Are you longing for God to move in big ways in 2022? Does his seeming absence in your pain cause you to doubt his goodness? If you're struggling to have hope for the future, remember your own Red Sea. Rehearse your old and well-worn songs of praise, and bring your stories of God's past provision to speak into your current pain. The landscape of your sorrow may be vast, but it's not unending. The God who loved you in years past accompanies you into the year ahead. The God who loved you in years past accompanies you into the year ahead.

### **Water from a Rock Expect**

Despair keeps our expectations low. We hedge our bets on the future by hoping for less. We hesitate to get excited about anything because we're just not sure goodness is possible anymore. We may call ourselves realists, but if despair drives our perspective on the future, our mindset is an unhealthy pessimism.

COVID surges around the country are once again making the news. There is still the fear of death of our loved ones, hospitalization and fear of death. When we consider how bad life is, it can be easy to despair. How could God fix this mess now? Is it too far gone? When despair looms large, God calls us to the desperate faith of Moses in the desert. He tells us, "I am who I am"—the daily Provider, the mighty Savior, the sovereign God (Ex. 3:14). And he implores us to have faith—to expect water from a rock.

Poor, Moses approached God on behalf of his thirsty tribe. The noise of thousands of angry, hungry, tired people rang in his ears. He knew God was good, that he could provide; but those voices wore down his hope. "What am I to do?" he cried out, and God's miracle of water from a rock silenced the crowd.

Do you expect God to work in amazing ways in 2022? Or have you hedged your disappointment with lower expectations? When you pray, does despair have the loudest voice? If the future feels bleak as you step into this new year, remember: in the midst of a pandemic, this is still God's world and he has control over it in every way. God can do the impossible in your life. You too can expect water from a rock.

Jesus assured his followers: if they had faith the size of a mustard seed, it could move mountains. Left on our own, we could never muster enough faith for hope in a new year. But, thanks be to God, his sovereign goodness reigns over all our days. As we place our trust in him and rehearse his promises, we can step into this new year with true hope. Despair and pessimism need not mark the 2022 calendar. God goes before us and walks beside us. As you enter this New Year, then, "fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today" (Ex. 14:13).

**WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2022.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We would request all the Parents to send their children to Sunday school for their Spiritual growth and development. The Sunday School Classes starts along with Church Worship Service.

**REPUBLIC DAY:** Since 26<sup>th</sup> January (Wednesday) is observed as Republic Day we shall unfurl our National Flag. We shall be having a special Service from 7:30 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation.

**NINE LESSON CAROL SERVICE:** We would like to thank Mr. Vikas Jonathan & Mr. Christopher Palmer for helping in the Nine Lesson Carol Service.

**CHURCH DECORATION:** We would like to thank all the Youth Fellowship Members for decorating our Church. Specially we would like to thank Ms. Eden Martin, Ms. Srishti Sathe, Ms. Johanna Thangadurai, Ms. Celina Thangadurai, Ms. Shanita Thangadurai Ms. Rashi Gotia, Ms. Sanskriti Gotia, Ms. Alisha Samuel, Ms. Niharika Cak, Ms. Deborah Patrick Ms. Anna Patrick, Ms. Praisly Patrick, Mr. Isaac Thangadurai, Mr. Samarth Gaikwad, Mr. Mayank Cak, Mr. Gauruv Bagh, Mr. Saransh Ezra, Mr. Christopher Rushton and Mr. Uddhar Samuel.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER / TREE:** We would like to thank all those who helped in organising the Christmas Tree and Dinner specially we would like to thank all the Pastorate Committee members & Youth Fellowship members. Specially the Convenors Mr. Abhay Kyumar Sathe Col. Vineet Daniel, we also would like to thank Mr. Joseph Lazarus Mr. Sanjay Martin, Mr. Naveen Cak, Mr. R. C. Joseph Mrs. Desrine Sharma Ms. Christine Ellis. Mr. Shobit Dakhery and Meshach Thangadurai. We would specially like to thank Mr David Masih for sponsoring Fish for the Christmas Dinner.

**CRICKET MATCH:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021 we organised the cricket match between the married and the unmarried. The married team won the match by 4 RUNS. We would like to congratulate all the married players and wish the unmarried better luck for the next year.