

PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING SCHEDULE – 2024

In accordance with the Provisions of the Constitution of the Church of North India, Part II, Chapter II, Section VII, XVI & XX, notice is hereby given for holding of the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the Christ Church Cathedral Pastorate, Jabalpur on 21st July 2024, immediately after the Holy Communion Service at 10:30 am.

In the AGM, election will be held to fill in three vacant posts 1 Male & 2 Female to the Pastorate Committee. The following is the schedule:

S. No	DETAILS	DATE
1.	Publication of list of eligible voters	30 th June 2024
2.	Last date of corrections in voters List	13 th July 2024
3.	Filling of Nominations	15 th July 2024
4.	Last date to submit the Nomination form (By 6 pm)	18 th July 2024
5.	Last date for withdrawals (By 6 pm)	19 th July 2024
6.	Scrutiny Committee Meeting	20 th July 2024
7.	ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING	21 st July 2024

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS: Every Friday we will be having Cottage Prayer Meeting in the house of Youth Fellowship members & Women's Fellowship Members.

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATION: On 16th of June 2024, we celebrated Father's Day. The Fathers of our Church led the Worship Service and the Sermon was delivered by Mr. M. Emmanuel Dutt, LTC Professor.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF WOMENS FELLOWSHIP: 2024 - 2025

On the 9th of June 2024 the Women's Fellowship held their AGM and elected the following members.

- * Ms. Christine Ellis (President) * Mrs. Jennifer Parihar (Secretary)
- * Mrs. Sonia Patrick (Vice-President) * Mrs. Mayuri Cak (Treasurer)

The following members were elected as the Convenors for various committees.

- * Mrs. Niharika Shinde - Christian Home Life Programme
- * Mrs. Sella Leslie Arthur - Prayer Warrior & Evangelical Programme
- * Mrs. Phyllis Langan - Christian Education Programme
- * Ms. Vidhya Rathod-Fellowship of the Least Coin and Stewardship Programme
- * Mrs. Samantha D'rose Rushton - World Day of Prayer Programme

BIBLE QUIZ: The Sunday School will be organizing 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 25 to 50. This Bible quiz will be held in our Church on 28th July, 2024 from 5:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: We are happy to inform you that Dr. Pranay Bin & Mrs. Sheerin Bin Hiyal were blessed with a baby boy on 12th June 2024. We would like to congratulate the parents' specially the Family Members.

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



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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY - 2024

7 TH	JULY	2024	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
14 TH	JULY	2024	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
21 ST	JULY	2024	NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
28 TH	JULY	2024	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

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

One of the dangers of Christianity is to take the blessings of God for granted. If the stars come out only once a year, everybody would stay up all night to see them. We see the stars so often that we don't bother to look at them anymore. I fear sometimes Christians have gotten accustomed to our blessings that we do not give thanks to God for them.

Ephesians 5:18-20 ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here, Apostle Paul is telling the quality of a Spirit-filled person. A spirit-filled person's heart is filled with song, and it bursts out of him. Then a spirit-filled person turns toward God, and he says thanks. One of the aspects of worship to God is to be thankful. Giving thanks is able to say in the midst of anything, good or even difficult, "God be praised, God be praised."

When are we to Be Thankful? Always

Ephesians 5:20 ...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

If you don't know what God's will is, then give thanks. This is the will of God.

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

So, what is the will of God?

Ephesians 5:20 ...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When God brings difficulties into our lives, when God brings trials into our lives and we gripe and complain and we don't understand the meaning of James 1 which says: **James 1:2-4** ²*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,* ³*because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* ⁴*Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.* Therefore, thank God even when you are facing a trial because the trials have come to perfect us.

Three Categories of Thankful People

1. They Thank God after the Blessing

They are the people who are thankful after the blessings. This is very easy. After God has just blessed you, you're thankful. Such thanksgiving is Biblical. Look at Exodus chapter 14. The children of Israel have come to the Red Sea. Pharaoh is chasing them from behind and Moses lifts up his staff and the Red Sea part and they walk across. He says, "Well, if they can do it, we can do it.". So, he marched the entire Egyptian army into the dried Red Sea road and the walls closed down and drowned them all. Therefore, they started singing to the Lord as their salvation.

Exodus 15:11 *Who among the God's is like you, Lord? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?* This is thanks after the blessing.

Beloved in Christ, we need to give thanks for what God has done in our lives. There are always some victories won by God in our lives. God has given us victory over so many things. There is always something which God has done. We ought to say thanks after the blessings.

2. Thank God before the Battle

This is the ability to give thanks even before the battle begins for the victory that is going to come. Now, this is where the people of faith come in. These are the people saying, "Lord I see a problem coming. I'm going to believe You for victory."

Jesus stands by the tomb of Lazarus. Everybody around Him is crying. They're all weeping. He says, "Remove that stone." **John 11:41-46** ⁴¹*So they took away the stone.* *Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.* ⁴²*I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."* ⁴³*When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"* ⁴⁴*The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.*

Now, that's faith. That's the ability to say thanks before the thing really even unfolds. Are you one of those people who says thanks in advance? You see something coming and you can believe God for the victory before it even arrives?

God wants your thanksgiving before the battle even begins.

Remember after the blessing, thanksgiving is easy. Before the battle, thanksgiving is harder. But the hardest of all is:

3. Thank God in the Midst of the Battle

That's tough. You can give thanks after the blessings and you give thanks in anticipation of the victory, but can you give thanks right in the middle of your battle?

In the book of Daniel, The king set out a decree that nobody else should be worshiped or prayed to but him. This did not bother Daniel.

Daniel 6:10 *Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.*

Daniel 6:11 *Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.*

Daniel 6:16 *So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den.*

They took him and threw him in the lion's den, but that was all right. He was going to give thanks to God in the midst of the trouble.

Do you remember Jonah? He was asked to go to Nineveh, but he took the ship for Tarshish. God sent a big storm and the people in the ship threw Jonah into the sea. A great fish came and swallowed Jonah up. Jonah is awake floating around in there. And then in the belly of the fish Jonah starts to pray.

Jonah 2:7 *"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.*

Jonah 2:9 *But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'*"

Jonah is thanking the Lord here. God liked that thanksgiving and prayer so much that he commanded the fish to vomit Jonah to dry ground.

No matter what lies ahead of us we should always give thanks to God. Our God will always be with us and take care of us. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

May we continue to trust him and continue to have an intimate relationship with him all the days of our lives.

BIRTHDAYS – JULY

1. Nancy Rushton
2. Anna Sarah Patrick, Solomon Thangadurai
3. Aden Lal, Rev. Sumit Baroi
5. Anubha Williams
6. Ashish Cak, Rachel Patrick
7. Dr. Winsun Chen
8. Rev. Bruce Thangaduari
10. Sheil Marvin Ali, George William
11. Aruna Ann Gee
13. Zeeshan Thomas
15. Denis Patrick, Genevieve Lal
17. Joseph Lazarus, Armaan Williams
20. Sanjay Sejoy Martin
21. Johanna Marilyn Thangadurai
23. Anand Bernard, Dr. Priyanka R. Singh, Samraddhi Boro, Maria Daniel
24. Ryan Sheri Warren, Sagar Emmanuel Paul
26. Rhonda Jones
27. Lt. Col. Jerry Manohar
28. Rev. Arvind Peter, Yash Raj Peters
29. Dhan Lakshmi
30. Michael Peters, Alen Peter, S. Alisha Manas Samuel
31. Elma Joseph, Robert Jones, David Thangadurai, Ankita Lal

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