

## PARISH NEWS

**FATHER'S DAY:** On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 we will be celebrating Father's Day. We would request all the fathers to attend the Worship Service, which will commence at 8:30 am.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are happy to inform you that Mr. Vinay Lal & Mrs. Ankita Lal were blessed with a baby girl on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024. We would like to congratulate the parents' specially the grandmother Mrs. Manoranjini Lal.

We are happy to inform you that Mr. David Thangadurai & Mrs. Deepika Thangadurai were blessed with a baby boy on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. We would like to congratulate the parents' specially the grandmother Mrs. Pushpa Thangadurai.

**NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: 2024 - 2025** On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 the Youth Fellowship held their AGM. The newly elected members of the Youth Fellowship are: Ms. Srishti Sathe - President Ms. Praisy Patrick - Secretary  
Ms. Alisha Samuel - Vice-President Mr. Christopher - Treasurer

**OBITUARY:** Mrs Elizabeth Rushton wife of Mr R B Rushton and Mother of Belinda Rushton, Olive Rushton and Audrey Rushton fell asleep in Christ on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024. May her soul rest in peace.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 we will be having a Memorial Service in loving memory of Late Mrs. Mary Dorothy Shekhar at Christ Church Cathedral at 6:30 pm. On behalf of the family members we would like to invite all of you for this Memorial meeting.

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



(Est. 1844)

**Church Service- 8:30 am**

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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE - 2024

2 <sup>ND</sup>	JUNE	2024	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE	2024	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
16 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE	2024	FATHERS SUNDAY
23 <sup>RD</sup>	JUNE	2024	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
30 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE	2024	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Presbyter's Message

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

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June we will be celebrating Father's Sunday. The concept of fatherhood is important in the Bible because God has a specific design for how the family is to operate, and at the center of it is the father. There are many different aspects of fatherhood but let us concentrate on the Father's role as a spiritual teacher to his children.

The concept of fatherhood, and in specific the concept of the father as the spiritual teacher of the children, is demonstrated throughout both the Old and New Testaments.

Overview of Responsibilities

Now a father has many different responsibilities. Some of these are a great joy and others are a little harder to accomplish. A father is responsible to:

1. Provide for his family (Mt. 7:9-1; 1 Tim 5:8)
2. Instruct his children (Prov. 1:8)
3. Exhort, encourage and implore children (1 Thess 2:11)
4. Punish unruly children (Dt. 21:18-21)
5. Raise the children in the discipline and nurture of the Lord without provoking them or exasperating them causing them to lose heart (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)
6. Discipline his children (Heb 12:7)
7. Love his wife (Eph 5:25,28,33)

#### 1. The Parent must love the Lord.

Look back at Deut. 6:6. "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart." How often parents fail in the proper rearing of their children. They may even greatly desire for their children to grow up to be moral, responsible, productive adults, but because they have no foundation in God's word on which to stand, they cannot pass on a stable foundation to their children. The children grow

up and start challenging the parents' value system. How blessed are those raised by parents who have the Word of God on their hearts. They want good for their children and so they also want their children to know God and follow Him. They strive to demonstrate in every way that God is the most important thing in their own lives. They live what they say they believe. Not only are their children blessed, but so are their children's friends who will see this as well. The parent has something that is real to pass on to the child. If a parent wants to raise their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the truths of the Word of God must be on their heart affecting their lives and not just in their minds.

## 2. The Parent must diligently teach his child.

Deut 6:7 "And you shall teach them diligently to your sons"

It is not simply giving information to your sons. The root meaning of this word means "to sharpen." The idea is an active piercing of your son's heart and mind with these truths. This means that there is work involved in teaching your children. You have to actively look for opportunities in which to teach both the information and stress the practical application of the lesson as well as the consequences of failing to apply the lesson.

## 3. The parent must model this life to his child.

Deut. 6:7-9 "and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontal is on your forehead. And you shall write them on the door-posts of your house and on your gates."

Notice the time and place that the lessons are to be taught to the children. It is during the course of normal daily activity in the common places and situations of everyday life. That is quite different from what we think should happen for our children to learn about God and how to live for Him. We have this idea that such sacred thoughts are only to occur at a sacred place, so it is supposed to happen at Church. Isn't that what the Sunday School is for? Isn't that why we have Vacation Bible School? Isn't the Church responsible for teaching the children about God? These are opportunities for your children to learn about God and how they should live, but they are not substitutes for the home. In reality the Church can only assist the parents in their responsibilities. These programs are meant to be supplemental to the parents teaching, but too often they become the only place these kids are taught anything about the Lord. We rejoice in the opportunity to bring the Gospel and some of the basic truths of God's word to children whose parents are not Christians. But it is sad when Christian parents neglect this aspect of raising their children thinking that some Church program will take care of those needs.

Look at where Deuteronomy 6 says parents should talk about God and teach their children spiritual lessons.

*A. When you sit in your house. Do you have a time of family devotions? What is the subject matter when your family gets together? What is discussed around the dinner table? If TV or something else is keeping your family from having meaningful conversation, then try something radical. Sit together during a meal time and talk about the things of the Lord. Do you talk of the Lord when you sit in your house?*

*B. When you walk by the way. When you travel with your children, do you talk about things of the Lord? Do you point out the things God has made, or point out the site of someplace where the Lord worked in your life or in the life of someone you know? Do you look for opportunities that will spark the interest of your child so that you can teach them some truth about God and how he wants them to live? Do you talk of the Lord when you walk by the way?*

*C. When you lie down. Are your thoughts centered on God when you're ready for bed? Do you spend the time to put your children to bed and pray with them? Or for that matter, do you take the time to pray with your spouse before you go to sleep? Seek to make the last act of the day one of worship. What pleasant and restful sleep there is knowing that the Lord is in control? Do you speak of the Lord when you lie down?*

*D. When you rise up. What is on your mind when you first get up? Are you one of those people that seems to consistently get up on the wrong side of bed? Are you one of those people that everyone runs away from when you get up? Why not be like David who says in Psalm 5:3, "In the morning, O LORD, Thou wilt hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch." Why not put the day into the Lord's hands and seek out ways to bring him praise in the coming day? Do you speak of the Lord when you get up?*

From a very practical standpoint it is necessary that parents be role models for their children. The question really is, *what kind of life are they demonstrating? Do they reflect a life devoted to the Lord, or devoted to satisfying their own needs? Do they show how to live a life pleasing to the Lord, or of self-seeking and pleasing to one's self? Your life is demonstrating something to your children, but what?*

***A godly father and mother will***

1. Love the Lord with all his heart, soul and might
2. Be diligent in teaching his children Biblical truths
3. Be a positive role model of a man living for God in every area of life

**Wish all the Father of our Church a very happy and blessed FATHERS DAY.**

## BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

5. Esther Chinnaswamy
7. Rebecca Samuel, Nitin Bagh, Archana Chauragade
8. Dr. Jayashree Ruth Liao
13. Priti Patrick
14. Emelda Kane, Marshal Michael Peter
15. Surendra Ali, Shayna Lal
17. Rev. Edith Karishma Martin
18. Audrey Rushton, Shifa Abraham, Jairan Ezekiel Thangadurai
19. Reuben Christopher Joseph, Albert Rushton
20. Sunita Rodgers
21. Dr. Leny Mathew, Sughashini Divine, Deeksha Noel
23. Anushree Bernard, Stella Peter
24. Harshlata Martin
25. Heber Thangadurai, Gloria Ashley
26. Catherine Thangadurai
28. Ridley Ashley Munzey
29. Belinda Rushton
30. Saransh Ezra

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8. Kant & Melody Gaekwad,
28. Heber & Caroline Thangadurai

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