

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1. Royston & Jasmine Gee
11. Ryan & Stephanie Ali
17. Ronald Brooks & Elizabeth Rushton
21. David & Priya Masih
25. Mr. & Mrs. M. R. Melville

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

## PARISH NEWS

**YOUTH WEEK:** Youth Fellowship of Christ Church Cathedral, CNI Jabalpur will be organizing Youth Week programme from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024 in our Church. Various competitions will be organized by our Church Youth members. We would request all of you to be present for these competitions.

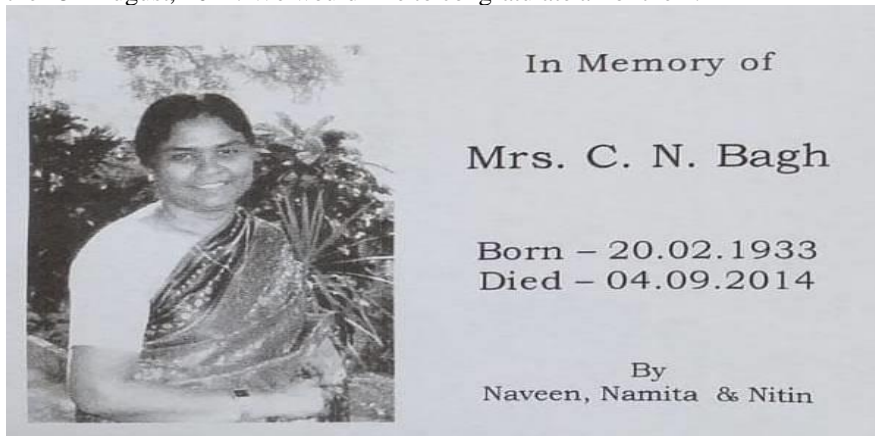
**HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY:** On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2024 we will be observing Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. This will be a day when we will be thanking God for all the blessings he has given in our life. We will request all of you to be present.

All our Parishioners to note that the offertory will be taken in the special Harvest Thanksgiving envelopes which is kept at the last pew of our Church.

**TEACHER'S SUNDAY:** On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 we will be celebrating Teacher's Sunday in our Church. The Service will be led by the Teachers of our Church.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** On 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 we had a special Prayer Service in our Church at 7:00 am. We prayed for our Nation, our Leaders and all the people who have power over us.

**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 26 to 50 on the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. We would like to congratulate all of them.



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



(Est. 1844)

Church Service- 8:30 am

Sunday School 8:30 am

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## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER - 2024

1 <sup>ST</sup>	SEPTEMBER	2024	HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
8 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPTEMBER	2024	TEACHER'S SUNDAY
15 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPTEMBER	2024	17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
22 <sup>ND</sup>	SEPTEMBER	2024	18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
29 <sup>TH</sup>	SEPTEMBER	2024	19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Presbyter's Message

**Dear Parishioners,**

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On 1<sup>st</sup> of September we will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday in our Church. If we read Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 we find that Moses is telling the people why we need to thank God. He is explaining about the Harvest Festival. To harvest crops is to bring them in, out of the cold and storms. Harvesting is a sheltering, a keeping after growing is done and a celebration at year's end. In the Old Testament, the harvest was observed by the feast of Succoth or the Feast of Booths. The feast was a reminder of God's bountiful goodness and the blessing of God's providence in the lives of his people.

This Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, we pause to ask ourselves:

- \* What, in our lives, by divine grace, has been safely gathered in, sheltered from the storms of life?
- \* What relationships have been restored?
- \* What financial difficulties have been resolved?
- \* What health problems have been cleared up?

Yes we all are thankful to God for all his blessings. Thanks be to God for all God has done!" Psalm 125:6 promises, "Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves." In one translation, this Psalm is subtitled, "A Harvest of Joy." Because if the seed we sow is according to God's commandments, then it is fed and watered by God's faithfulness and love, not our own.

We *will* each reap a harvest of joy—but in God’s time, not ours. One thing which we all know about farming is that different crops have different rates of growth. Some take longer and bear fruit later than others. But no matter how long it takes, our God is in the business of bringing in the sheaves—through the healing, restoring work of Jesus Christ. I Corinthians 9:10 encourages us: “Whoever plows should plow in hope, and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop.” We can “plow” and “thresh” “in hope” because God will fulfill God’s promises for God is the source of all good things.

### **Giving thanks is remembering God is the source of all good things.**

The ability to give thanks with a joyful heart begins with recognizing God as the source of all good things and that God is always faithful toward his children. Remembering what God has done, made possible, or mercifully prevented doesn’t just provide us with a sense of self-satisfied gratitude. Rather the book of Deuteronomy teaches *to remember*, our thankfulness to God.. We are *to remember* God is the one who is faithful and provides, not us. Giving thanks is an important corrective to our own egos. Giving thanks helps us remember who is in charge. Giving thanks helps us remember God is the landowner and we are only stewards.

Human nature hasn’t changed much since the days of ancient Israel. Humans being still feel the need to pat ourselves on the back when things go well, but blame God when they go wrong. The Bible warns us never to forget that God and God alone is the source of all that we have, all that we are, and all that is to come. Because of this, it is our spiritual duty to share God’s gifts and our blessings with others.

### **Giving thanks is sharing God’s gifts and blessings with others.**

Few farmers hoard what they harvest. They must part with their crops so that both they and their neighbor may eat. As Christians, we can’t hold on to what isn’t ours to start with. Psalm 24 declares, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, and they that dwell therein.” And if everything we have really belongs to God, how can we not share God’s things with those whom God created, loved, and for whom God sent Jesus to die? Paul emphasizes that it is God who makes it possible for us to be as generous with others as God has been with us, so that, through our generosity, thankfulness to God will abound all the more.

A generosity of spirit is vital to Christian discipleship. Not only do we need to thank God, but we need to express appreciation to one another. How often do you thank anyone who helps us? The store clerk? Your kids? Your spouse? Thank someone today for who they are, or for making your life what it is.

We are called to be generous with our thanks, and to give of ourselves in love and kindness, in thoughtfulness, compassion, and self-sacrifice. It is these traits of Jesus that we need to offer abundantly to one another. We have so much for which to give thanks.

Sharing God’s generosity with others is the very act of giving thanks. We give thanks every time we place our tithe in the offering plate and remember God has been gracious to us. Giving thanks is sharing God’s blessings with others.

### **Giving thanks means thanking God with a joyful heart.**

We’ve all heard said, “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). But we rarely quote all of what Paul originally wrote to the Corinthian church, “Each one of you must make up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” We too are compelled to make up our minds to offer what we have with joyful heart. If we thank God out of bitterness or conceit we are not thanking God. We thank God out of the sheer joy of having received abundantly.

Our God is an abundant God offering abundant life to all. Remember how Jesus said, “I have come that you might have abundant life” (John 10:10). We need only open our eyes, our hearts to hear his invitation to receive that abundant life. When we have accepted God’s gracious offer of life everlasting, we know the joy that comes from deep within and bubbles up as thanksgiving. Give thanks then with a joyful heart now and always.

### **BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER**

1. James Page
3. Eva James, Sereina Leslie Arthur
4. Sakshi Noel
7. Sandeep Sathe
8. Lionel Clement, Julius Jordan Thangadurai, Mark Samuel, Mabel Samuel, Lillian Raymer, Betty Jones
10. Deanna Raymer, Shirley Vince, Sherman Gunnion, Jemimah Lazarus
12. Dr. Alfred Chien Ho Liao, Bryan Munzey, Rosyline Linda Jones, Jane Brook Jones
13. Joyce Joel, Brandon Ernest Russell
14. Su Ying Liao, Nikhil S. Lall, Priyanna Jirah, Sharon Arland, Sheerin Bin
15. Marian Deepanjali Ellis, Aman Williams, Raphael Ali, Enrique Samuel, Shemone Milton
16. Ernest Kane, Ivan Vishwas Rathod,
17. Pamela Thangadurai, Jason Langan, Jovannah Jane Lazarus
18. Alvin Lazarus
19. Elvis Kane, Abhay Kumar Sathe, Samarth Gaikwad, Ashley Samuel, Priyanka Lyall, Sarita Charles
21. Millicent Gee, Suresh Abraham
22. Ralph Russell, Beatrice Rushton, Michael Thangadurai
23. Shilpa Chowdhary
24. Aaradhana Charles
25. B. C. Melville, Enosh Masih
26. Sophie Palmer, Stephanie Ali
27. Eshan Masih
29. Arul Parmer

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