

## PARISH NEWS

**VOTE OF THANKS:** We would like to thank all those who helped by leading reading and preaching the word of God during the Lenten Cottage Prayer Meetings. We would also like to thank all those who took part in the Good Friday Service, like preaching on the seven words, Meditation and reflection prayers and reading the Scripture readings.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are happy to inform you that on 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2021 i.e. on Maundy Thursday 11 candidates were confirmed in our Church. We would like to congratulate all the candidates specially the parents.

The following candidates were confirmed:

1. Ms. Neeharika Neomi Cak
2. Ms. Alicia Elizabeth Dhakarey
3. Ms. Anna Sarah Patrick
4. Ms. Sherly Vince Samuel
5. Ms. Maryann Kane
6. Ms. Praisy Alishiba Patrick
7. Ms. S. Alisha Manas Samuel
8. Mr. Aubrey Ian Russell
9. Mr. S. Uddhar Shalom Manas Samuel
10. Mr. Eshan Masih
11. Mr. Christopher Rushton

**ORDINATION SERVICE:** On Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 we had the Ordination Service in our Christ Church Cathedral, four Candidates received their Ordination. Three candidates were ordained as Deacon and one candidate was ordained as the Presbyter. The Ordination Service was blessed by the presence of The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh the Moderator of CNI, Synod, Rev. Shailesh Dennis Lall the General Secretary of CNI, Synod and The Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan the Bishop of Bhopal Diocese and the Local Presbyters Rev. Ajay Umesh James the Vice President of our Diocese and the Presbyter of St. Paul's Church, Rev. Suhendra Nilesh Singh the Presbyter of Disciples Church of Christ.

We would like to congratulate all the ordained candidates and pray that God may continue to bless them and use them for His glory.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are happy to inform you that on 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021 Ms. Edith Karishma Martin ordained as Deacon. We would like to congratulate her specially the parents.

**OBITUARY:** Mrs. Fay Wills mother of Mr. Glenn Warren, Mr. Nigil and the sister of late Mrs. Robinson fell asleep in Christ on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. May her soul rest in peace.

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



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### CHURCH CALENDER FOR APRIL - 2021

1 <sup>ST</sup>	APRIL	2021	MAUNDY THURSDAY
2 <sup>ND</sup>	APRIL	2021	GOOD FRIDAY
4 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL	2021	EASTER DAY
10 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL	2021	ORDINATION DAY
11 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL	2021	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
18 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL	2021	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
25 <sup>TH</sup>	APRIL	2021	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

### Presbyter's Message

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

On 4<sup>th</sup> April we celebrated the resurrected day of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Resurrected day is an important day for all of us because of the Resurrection of Christ we are alive today.

Because of the Resurrection of Christ we have hope in this world.

Because of the Resurrection of Christ we have joy in the world. Because of the Resurrection of Christ we have an assurance that Christ is with us.

It is because of this Resurrection that all our fear is gone.

As 1 Corinthians 15:14 If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain.

This Resurrection day brings lots of joy and happiness.

As that beautiful song says  
Because he lives I can face tomorrow  
Because he lives all fear is gone  
Because I know yes I know  
He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just  
Because he lives.

As we all live in fear during this Corona times not knowing what the future holds for us.

Let us remember that Christ has been raised from the dead to give us new life and new hope.

He says “Do not fear I am with you”

He says “I will never leave you nor forsake you”

Our God who has promised so much for us will take care of us and bless us and guide us in the days to come.

So let us with firm assurance surrender our lives into His hands and be rest assured that he will never leave us nor forsake us.

### **Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ Important**

The resurrection of Jesus is important for several reasons. First, the resurrection witnesses to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then He has power to raise the dead. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. Only He who created life can resurrect it after death, only He can reverse the hideousness that is death itself, and only He can remove the sting and gain the victory over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:54–55). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the “sign from heaven” that authenticated His ministry (Matthew 16:1–4). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:3–8), provides irrefutable proof that He is the Savior of the world.

Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God’s “Holy One” would never see corruption (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (see Acts 13:32–37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, “Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin” (Acts 13:38–39).

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not only the supreme validation of His deity; it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus’ suffering and resurrection (see Acts 17:2–3). Christ’s resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14–19).

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than give life; He is life, and that’s why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11–12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win (1 Corinthians 15:53–57).

Jesus is “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). In other words, Jesus led the way in life after death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is important as a testimony to the resurrection of human beings, which is a basic tenet of the Christian faith. Unlike other religions, Christianity possesses a Founder who transcends death and promises that His followers will do the same. Every other religion was

founded by men or prophets whose end was the grave. As Christians, we know that God became man, died for our sins, and was resurrected the third day. The grave could not hold Him. He lives, and He sits today at the right hand of the Father in heaven (Hebrews 10:12).

The Word of God guarantees the believer's resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the rapture. Such assurance results in a great song of triumph as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (cf. Hosea 13:14).

The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord now. Paul ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ's sake (verses 30–32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection.

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18). Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? It proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life.

**Wish you all a very happy and blessed Resurrection Day.**

## BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

1. Samir Shinde
2. Christpher Rushton
7. April Brown
8. Namrata Williams
10. Arnold Peters
11. Stephen Dhakrey
12. Vincent Joseph
17. Renuka Boro
18. Dr. Moni Thomas, Samuel Gregory
19. Elizabeth Rushton
20. Arpan Samuel Paul, Gaurav Samuel Bagh, Michelle William
21. Brenda D'Rozario, Aubrey Ian Russell
23. Col Vineet Daniel
25. Amrita Thangadurai
28. Alan Ali, Robert Arnold Joseph
30. Sunil Peter

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

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3. Ashish S. Chelvam & Mrs. Neetu Chelvam
12. Ramesh & Sunita Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Vandana Lal
23. Emmanuel & Pearl Park
25. Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Christina Dhakrey
29. Mr. Virender Lal & Mrs. Shayna Lal

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