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This is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Isaiah 43:1



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From the Presbyter's Desk

Dear friends in Christ, I wish you all a very very happy New Year. May the good Lord bless each and every one of us with good health and all the riches of this world. As we begin this New Year 2023, we once again hear the spread of the virus Covid-19. Even though we are trying to forget the past evil and trying to have a new beginning, this news is disturbing the whole world. Our hearts are melting and we are not very sure of the future because of the past experience. In this situation Our Lord's assurance is "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze" (Isaiah 43:1-2).

Is this chapter the Lord comforts his people who were under afflictions, with many precious promises; asserts his deity against the idols of the nations; promises deliverance from Babylon. The Lord claims his interest in his people, not only on the foot of creation, but of redemption and calling, and promises them his presence in the midst of afflictions, Isa 43:1, 2, puts them in mind of what he had done for them; and assures them of future layouts, as the effect of his unchangeable love to them.

Here God compares their sufferings with walking through waters and fire. Though both are opposite to each other in nature when we go through waters and fire any human being would be drowned or consumed to death in few seconds. But the assurance which is given to the mankind by God is that He would be there always with us in any kind of situations. Our God is a God who can walk on the troubled waters and He can save us from any situations as He rescued Peter from drowning when he was walking on the water.

Dear friends, do you think that you are in a situation like walking on the water or going through flames, do not worry about the situation, the Creator of this universe is with you. Just turn your face towards Him and He would still the storm of your life. The scripture tells us “not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-8). Let us show our faith in God by removing the anxiety from our heart and sincerely follow where He leads us. I am sure he would make us to lie down in green pastures and lead us beside quite waters. May the good Lord bless all of us abundantly with good health and long life.

Rev. Dr. K. Azariah

Priest-in-Charge.

IN AND AROUND
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

a) **SPYF:**

Sunday 4th December 2022 – SPYF session was taken by Mr Arun David on the topic “Walking wisely in a foolish world” based on Proverbs 3: 5 – 6. Practice for the Church Christmas programme was also held.

Sunday 11th December 2022 – Practice was held by the SPYF for the Christmas programme.

b) **WFCS:**

The members of the WFCS held their Christmas Programme on Saturday 10th December 2022. It began with a service in Church by singing a few songs and carols. The message was given by Mrs Julia Lavanya wife of Dr Stanley Jones, Faculty (UBS). She is

presently pursuing a PhD in pastoral care and counselling at the UBS Pune. They are blessed with two daughters. In her message she spoke about “Empowered Women” in today’s world. She compared the lives of Hannah and Mary the mother of Jesus. There was a time of fun, games and a quiz time led by Mrs Suhasini. Christmas gifts were distributed among the ladies. A group choreography was conducted by Mrs Rajashree during the Church Christmas tree on 17th December 2022, which was much appreciated by everyone.

c) **Sunday School:**

On 10th December 2022, a Christmas party was held for the Sunday School children. It was a time of games conducted by the respective class teachers. Gifts and snacks were contributed by the Church. The Christmas play on 17th December 2022

was a great success. The theme for the play was “A night before Christmas”. The message was given by Mr Dan Elvis Felton one of our Sunday School teachers. The stage arrangements were done by Mr Jim Charles.

d) **S P Med Fellowship:**

1. The members of the Medical Fellowship contributed and put up the Tea and Coffee stall during the Church Harvest Festival, held on 20th November 2022.

2. The members also held their Annual Christmas party for the inmates of the Eventide Home on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 12.00 noon. It was an enjoyable time of Carols, gift distribution and fellowship over lunch.

e) **The Church Christmas Tree Programme:**

This was held on Sat 17th December 2022 at 7 p m. It was a time of great Christmas cheer with special programmes conducted by the Sunday School, the Women’s Fellowship, and the Youth Fellowship. This was followed by a contributory dinner for all those who attended the programme.

f) **Carol Rounds:**

The Church Carol rounds were conducted between 12th and 16th December 2022.

Many thanks to the enthusiastic band of carolers who spread much Christmas cheer to the homes who welcomed them. God bless you all.

g) **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on Sunday 18th December 2022 at 6 p m.

It was a beautiful service with a message given by our Presbyter Revd Dr K Azariah.

The Choir sang two special songs. “There’s a song in the air” and “Fairest Lord Jesus”. The service closed with carol singing in the Church quadrangle with candle light, followed by light refreshments.

h) **Obituaries:**

1) Dr P S Jacob, husband of Grace, father of Nitya and Smriti, passed away on 16th December 2022 in Decatur, Georgia, USA. He was the former Principal of Ahmednagar College, a visiting Professor at Union Biblical Seminary Pune and

later interim Principal between 2009 – 2010.

2) Revd Dr Brian C Wintle, former Principal of Union Biblical Seminary, former associate Presbyter St Paul’s Church, Pune and former Chairman St Helena’s and Bishop’s School passed away on 25th December 2022 at Coimbatore. He is survived by his wife Phyllis and daughters Faye and Naomi.

Our prayers and condolences to the bereaved families.

h) **Outreach Ministry:**
Saved to Serve

1) **Food Distribution Programme**

This Outreach Programme of our Church is being held regularly by a dedicated group of Church volunteers every Sunday afternoon. Food packets are distributed to the poor and needy. Kindly

donate generously towards this cause to the Church Office.

2) Update on Missionary Asha Mahure of Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM)

MVM Report -

Prayer Meetings and Promotion work were held in November in these areas: Nasirabad, Ayodhya Nagar, Junakhedi, Mahabal Nagar, D. S. Phouse, Deepak Nanavare, and Kheri.

The Bible study group was conducted in Jogi people's houses. The missionary systematically taught them about the word of God, prayer, belief in God's character and spiritual life. The people are slowly growing in their faith. Fasting prayer was held 4 times. They also prayed for the sick. They also visited the Alliance Church in Jalgaon four times in November.

The MVM would like to thank and praise God for our church ministry and they have been remembering and praying for our church. They have requested us to continue to pray for their ministry.

Report from Washim Mission Field of IEM (Indian Evangelical Mission) - Missionary Mr Srikanth



Christmas celebrations at kuttardoh village on 25th, December. 30+ have attended



Christmas celebrations at kothari village on 25th, December and 30 people have attended



Christmas celebrations at Jaulka village 25th, December two families have attended.



Christmas celebrations at Medshi village on 22nd, December and 10 people have attended

Praise:

1. Praising God for His faithfulness in Christmas programs at three (Medshi, Kothari and Kuttardoh) villages and about 30 people have heard the gospel.
2. Praise God for His help in prayer bhawan construction work at Kuttardoh village as we have put the slab work.

Pray:

1. Please do pray for 30 new people who have heard gospel on Christmas day might be saved.
2. Please do pray for fourth and final phase prayer bhawan construction work at Kuttardoh village.

Messages from the Pulpit

Sunday, 4th December 2022, the message was given by our presbyter Revd Dr Kenseelan Azariah. Isaiah 40: 1–11, Rom 15:4–13, Luke 4: 16–21.

The theme of his message was, “Through the Holy Scriptures God gives us encouragement and hope.”

The Bible shows us the way where we stand in our Christian life and how to correct ourselves. We need to obey and listen. The Scripture encourages us e g God told Joshua “Be Strong”.

Jesus said we need to preach the Gospel and He will be with His disciples to the end of the earth.

How can we prepare our life for the Lord?

1. Open the Bible and seek God Ps 119: 18.
2. Ps 23, God’s way is the best. He is with us.

During this Advent season let us look to the Scriptures for encouragement and learning. 1 Thess 4: 18.

Sunday, 11th December 2022, the message was given by Revd S Sarkar, visiting pastor from Kolkata.

Theme: “John the Baptist. A model for Christian ministers”. Isaiah 11: 1 – 9, 1 Cor 4: 1 – 5, Matt 3: 1 – 12

“Adventum” Means coming
John the Baptist foretold the coming of the Lord Jesus.

All of us are called to be ministers. A minister is a

servant or a slave. It is a threefold ministry.

1. Priestly
2. To offer sacrifice. Christ sacrificed his life for us.
3. To offer our will to God.

What do we learn from John the Baptist?

His was a prophetic ministry. To teach, preach the good news of salvation and to be baptised with the Holy Spirit and start a new life.

John lead a simple and austere life He prepared people for the coming of Christ.

Sunday, 18th December 2022 – the message was given by Revd Dr K Azariah.

Theme: “Mary’s Son is Emmanuel” God with us.

Isaiah 7: 1 – 6, Gal 4: 1 – 7, Matt 1: 18 – 25

Unless we receive the Prince of Peace, we will not experience peace. We have to accept Jesus as King and be covered by His grace.

Let us prepare a room for Him in our heart. Love God, love our neighbour and experience peace in our lives.

Sunday, 25th December 2022 – the message was given by Bishop Andrew Rathod.

Theme: “The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh”.

Micah 5: 2 – 4, Ps 98: 1 – 5, Titus 3: 4 – 7, Luke 2: 1 – 16
The angels appeared to the shepherds and asked them “not to be afraid” Lk 2: 11.
The Word became flesh. In Him dwelt the fullness of life and God head. Col 2: 9.

Messiah in Hebrew meant “The Christ” In Greek Christos. The Saviour of the World.

1) Jesus saves us from the wrath of God, Rom 5:9

2) Jn 1:29, John the Baptist, proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

He is coming again and will give us everlasting life in the presence of God.

Special Days in the Church
Calendar from the
2nd Sunday of January
2023 to 1st Saturday of
February 2023

January

13 *Nilakanta*
Devasahayam Pillai, of
Kerala (1752): Martyr

16 *Robert de Nobili, of*
Madurai (1656): Evangelist

17 *Anthony of Egypt*
(356): Hermit

24 *Timothy: Companion of*
Paul, Evangelist

25 **The Conversion of**
Paul

26 **Republic Day**
Polycarp of Smyrna
(about 155): Bishop, Martyr

February

02 **The Presentation of**
Christ in the Temple

Notice



All Donations in cash/cheque to the wings of St Paul's Church, Pune – 1, viz. Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and Medical Fellowship, are to be given to the Hon Treasurer of the Church Pastorate Committee who will issue a Receipt and account the same and the information of the Donation will be intimated to the particular wing and given to them for the said purpose. All cheques are to be crossed and drawn in favor of '**The Society of St Paul's Church**'.

Church Subscription / Freewill Offering / Tithe / Thanksgiving Offering / Donations in the form of financial giving can also be made through Bank Transfer. Details are as follows:

Bank Name: BANK OF INDIA, Pune Main

Account Name: THE SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Account No.: 050010100069789

IFSC Code: BKID0000500

MICR Code: 411013002

Kindly remember to inform the Hon Treasurer or send an Email to stpaulchurchpune@gmail.com mentioning your Name, Amount and Purpose of Giving.

Donations can be made for the following causes / purposes which need to be clearly mentioned:

- a) Donation to needy Churches / Diocese / Priest
- b) Donation to Christian and Missionary Organisation
- c) Donation to Poor, Needy & Sick
- d) Financial support to Theological Students & Institutes
- e) Feeding of the Poor
- f) Sponsoring Pastors' Children's Education of Pune Diocese – CNI

Please Note – Donations towards "**Church Building Maintenance**" can be made through bank transfer, details as follows;

Bank Name – BANK OF BARODA

Account No.- 75980100000094

Account Name – Society of St. Pauls Church

IFSC Code – BARB0VJCAMP (Fifth character is zero)

MICR Code – 411012074

**Schedule and Rota of Sunday Worship Services from
3rd Sun of January 2023 to 1st Sun of February 2023**

DATE / TIME / SERVICE	WORSHIP SERVICE DETAILS	NAMES
<i>15th January 2023</i>	<u>3rd Sunday after Christmas: Baptism of Jesus</u> Theme: At his baptism Jesus is revealed as the Son of God.	
8.00 a. m. The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1 – 7	Mr Joseph Chaly
	Psalm: 2: 1 – 8	Lay Leader
	Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 38	Mrs Mayura Rao
	Gospel: Matthew 3: 13–17	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr & Mrs Manoj Adhav
6.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper	Theme: At his baptism Jesus is revealed as the Son of God.	
<i>22nd January 2023</i>	<u>4th Sunday after Christmas – Ecumenical Sunday</u> Theme: Jesus is revealed as 'the Lamb of God'.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Exodus 12: 1 – 8	Mr Manoj Bhatt
	Psalm: 40: 5 – 9	Lay Leader
	Epistle: 1 Peter 1: 13 – 21	Mr Praveen Paranjape
	Gospel: John 1: 29 – 37	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr & Mrs Nitin Angre
6.00 p.m. Even Song	Theme: Jesus is revealed as 'the Lamb of God'.	

29th January 2023	<u>5th Sunday after Christmas: Leprosy Sunday</u> Theme: God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14	Mr Hemant Korabandi
	Psalm: 123	Lay Leader
	Epistle: Acts 5: 12 – 16	Mrs Jean Samuel
	Gospel: Mark 1: 40–end	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Aruldas Jasper & Mrs Sophia
6.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper	Theme: God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.	
5th February 2023	<u>9th Sunday before Easter (Septuagesima)</u> Theme: God creates and redeems all things through Christ.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Gen 1: 1 – 5, 26 - 31	Mr Stanly Jones
	Psalm: 104: 24 – 30	Lay Leader
	Epistle: Col 1: 15 – 20	Lt Col Moses Sibloon
	Gospel: John 1: 1 – 13	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Eugene & Sunalini Bankapur
6.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper	Theme God creates and redeems all things through Christ.	

**St Paul's Day
25th January 2023**

**List of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries for the month
from 2nd Sunday of January 2023 to 1st Saturday of
February 2023**

BIRTHDAYS	
<u>Birthdays for January</u>	
09	Mrs Supriya Kashyap
10	Ms Renee Samson Mrs Anupama David
11	Ms Natasha David
13	Mrs Lulu Eapen
15	Mr Samuel Eden Mrs Richa Bhalerao Ms Leha Divakar
16	Mrs Sarah Angre Kevin Dhayalan Mr Arnav Harry Eric Khan Mr Dan Felton
17	Mrs Mayura Rao Mrs Emma Madhok Merchant
18	Mr Arpan Rao Mrs Andrea Irani
19	Mr Arvind Wairagar Mr Joseph Zacharias
20	Mr Varghese Kurien Mrs Sheba Telore
21	Mr Joseph Chaly Ronald Rao Mrs Ida Frederick Ms Archisha Daniel
22	Mr Manoj Bhatta
24	Mrs Minal Chougule Mrs Priya Samuel
25	Mrs Supriya Manmothe
26	Mrs Ragini Waghmare
27	Mr Praveen Paranjape Anshdeep Suren Ms Pranali Pawar
28	Mrs Anila Soans Mrs Yvonne Shishupal Mr Hemant Korabandi
30	Mrs Chandrika Sampson Mrs Alka Jadhav
31	Mrs Anita Rao Mrs Jean Samuel
<u>Birthdays of February</u>	
01	Mrs Enid David Rachel Bell Ivan Samuel
02	Mr Ramesh Jadhav
03	Tiara Chatterjee Elliana Charles
04	Mr Stanley Jones

WEDDING**ANNIVERSARIES****Wedding Anniversaries for
January**

- 08 Dr Mahindra & Dr (Mrs)
Geeta Chitre
Mrs Mona & Mr Samuel
Bhite
- 10 Mr Jebastin & Mrs Peggy
Johnson
- 16 Mr Arpan & Mrs Garima
Rao
- 17 Mr Jason & Mrs Mohana
Charles
- 18 Mr Nelson & Mrs Suman
Bell
Mr Manoj & Mrs Trupti
Adhav
Lt Col Anmol & Mrs
Anupama David
Mr Joseph & Mrs Beena
Mani
- 21 Mr Uday & Mrs Vaishali
Borde
Mr Vikrant & Mrs Supriya
Manmothe
- 23 Mr Nitin & Mrs Sarah
Angre

- 24 Mr Anil & Mrs Manila
Williams
- 25 Mr Ashish & Mrs Anshu
Dutta
Mrs Kavitha & Mr Aswin
Gunasekaran
- 26 Lt Col N O Abraham & Mrs
Annie Abraham
Mr Varun & Mrs Vaishali
Korabandi
- 27 Mr Jeyakumar & Mrs
Angeline Peter
Preeti Johnson & Arthur
Alva

**Wedding Anniversaries for
February**

- 01 Mr Abhishek & Mrs Smriti
Laxman
- 02 Mrs Ramona & Mr Amit
Kamath
- 03 Mr Haribabu & Mrs Arti
Boyini

Pray for the Aged, Sick and the Housebound

Mrs. Rachel Chacko, Mrs. Laura Young, Mr Virgil Daniels,
Ms Hepzibah Arthur

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The Lord's Supper (H.C.)	8 a.m.
The Lord's Supper (H.C.) 1 st , 3 rd and 5 th	6 p.m.
Evening Worship - 2 nd and 4 th	6 p.m.
Contemporary Service - 1 st	10.30 a.m.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Wed. The Lord's Supper (H.C.)	7.30 a.m.
Thur. The Lord's Supper (H.C.)	8.15 a.m.
Fri. The Lord's Supper (H.C.)	7.30 a.m.

(H.C. i.e. Holy Communion)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sunday School – 8.15 a.m.

Youth Fellowship – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sun. 10.30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship for Christian Service–3rd Sun. 10 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group –1st, 3rd, 4th Sat. 3 to 5 p.m.

Medical Fellowship – 2nd Sun. 10.30 a.m.

Fasting & Prayer – 2nd Sat. 3 to 5 p.m.

Choir Practice – Fri. 6.30 p.m.

Teens Fellowship –1st, 3rd Sunday 8.30 a.m.

Senior Citizen's Fellowship – 2nd Sun. 10 a.m.

Happy New Year 2023