



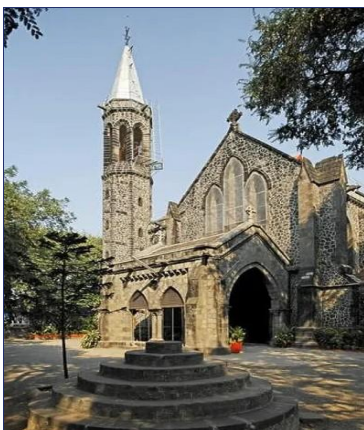
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“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

(Ephesians 5:15–16)

From the Presbyters Desk

Revd. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah



Dear Friends in Christ, Greetings.

September reminds us that time is moving forward. Paul exhorts us in Ephesians 5:16 to “*redeem the time*” or “*make the most of every opportunity.*”

Benjamin Franklin once said, “*Lost time is never found again.*” In other words, every day given to us by God is a gift to be used wisely. This message will remind us of the importance of valuing time, using it for God’s purposes, and living with eternity in mind.

1. Time is God’s Gift – Use it Wisely

- The psalmist prayed: “*Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*” (Psalm 90:12).
- Every new month is not just a calendar page, but a fresh opportunity to live faithfully.

Let us not waste the days of September on trivial things. Instead, let us use them in prayer, in serving others, and in deepening our relationship with God.

2. Redeem the Time – Opportunities are Precious

- Paul says the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). In a world filled with distractions and sin, believers must seize opportunities to do good.

- Character Example: Esther, when faced with the crisis of her people, seized the moment. Mordecai told her: *“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”* (Esther 4:14). She redeemed the time, and God used her to deliver Israel.
- D.L. Moody once said, *“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And what I can do, by the grace of God, I will do.”*

What opportunities is God giving you this month? A chance to encourage someone? To share your faith? To reconcile with someone? Do not delay.

3. Live with Eternity in View

- James 4:14 reminds us: *“What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”*
- Jesus Himself said in John 9:4 – *“As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.”*
- A missionary once carried a small hourglass with him when he preached. He would turn it upside down and remind his listeners: *“This is your life—grain by grain, moment by moment—it is passing away. Are you using it for God?”*

As we step into September, let us not just live for the present but for eternity. What we do for Christ will last forever.

Beloved, time is short. September is not just another month—it is another opportunity to walk in wisdom, to redeem the time, and to live with eternity in view.

Let us echo the words of the hymn:
*"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
 Only what's done for Christ will last."*

May God give us the grace this September to use our time for His glory, to bless others, and to grow deeper in faith. Let us live wisely, redeeming every moment for Christ.

With Prayers and Blessings
 Rev. K. Azariah

Reports from the various wings of St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Youth Fellowship (SPYF)	Advisors – Mr. Benjamin & Mrs. Mrinal Johnson President – Mr. Rohan Rajkumar
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3rd August- SPYF spent time in fellowship and games.

10th August- Ms. Sharon Moses led a Character bible study on Esther.

17th August- Mr. Rajiv Adhav led the session from Genesis chp.40

24th August- Mr. Sandeep Daniels led the session on the topic "Spiritual Gifts" from Romans

chp.12 v. 3-8, 1 Corinthians chp 12 v. 4-11, Ephesians chp.4 v. 11-13, 1 Peter chp.4 v. 10-11.

31st August- SPYF spent time in fellowship. 5th Sunday being the youth Sunday, youth of the church took part in church service and sang "God So Loved- by We The Kingdom"

St. Paul's Teens Fellowship	Advisors – Mr. G Kumar & Mrs. Vinodhini
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3rd August 2025 (Retreat)

A one-day retreat was held for the Teens in the Parish Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The sessions were led by Bro. Naren, who spoke on the following topics:

Sin & Holiness

Me and Gadgets

The Support System required for Teens

A total of 10 Teens participated and were greatly blessed through the retreat.

10th August 2025

The Teens attended the Defence Sunday church service.

17th August 2025

The fellowship began with Praise and Worship, followed by a session on "How and When to Pray."

24th August 2025

The Teens gathered for Praise and Worship, after which a session was conducted on "How to Lead a Disciplined Life."

31st August 2025

After Praise and Worship, an interactive session on "Task and Time Management" was conducted by Mr. Oswin Samuel.

**Women's Fellowship For
Christian Service (WFCS)**

**President – Mrs. Sophana Kenseelan
Secretary – Mrs. Rhitu Bell**

The WFCS met after the Sunday morning worship service on 24th August 2025. There was a short devotion on Ps.118: 22-24 on the theme, 'This is the Day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it'. It was followed by a time of intercession.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

St. Paul's Sunday School (SPSS)	Superintendent – Mrs. Priscilla Victor
<p>13th July 2025 Mission to the Blind: Mr. Pramod Mane representative from the Outreach Planning committee introduced the Missionary Mr. Manoj Tayade from the Mission to the Blind (MTB) in the Sunday School, Sunday School children and teachers donated clothes, footwear, toys and groceries.</p>	
<p>3rd August 2025 Praise & worship: by Ms. Sana Sampson Devotion: by Mrs. Saphiwanna Laloo on Friendship Day After the general assembly, there were regular classes.</p>	
<p>10th August 2025 Assembly by Juniors Class- Defence Sunday Assembly, Praise & Worship & Devotion/Skit on Defence Sunday was taken by Juniors class students under the guidance of Mrs Priscilla Victor, Mrs. Soniya Mudliar, Mrs. Saphiwanna Laloo and Mrs. Nalini Singavarapu. After the general assembly, there were regular classes.</p>	
<p>17th August 2025 Praise & worship: by our Sunday School children: G Hannah, Trephena Jemy, Vivaan Lodha, Ivan Benjamin, Grace Im, Evelyn Benjamin & Mr Kevin Victor & Mrs. Minhee Im Devotion: by Mrs Daisy Petrisia on Prayer After the general assembly, there were regular classes.</p>	
<p>24th August 2025 Story Narration Competition Praise & worship: by Mr Benjamin Johnson This was followed by the Bible Story Narration Competition. Children of all ages participated and they dressed up as Bible characters and used their creative props to narrate the Biblical stories beautifully.</p>	
<p>31st August 2025 Praise & worship: by our Sunday School children: G Hannah, Sameeksha Mikili, Tarun Rao, Ivan Benjamin, Grace Im,</p>	

Evelyn Benjamin & Mr Kevin Victor, Mr Aarul Daniel & Mrs Minhee Im
Devotion: by Mrs Anubha Daniel on Making Choices that please God
After the general assembly, there were regular classes.

Our Sunday School teachers are putting a lot of effort in imparting the Word of God. All glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Priscilla Victor (Sunday School Superintendent)

Outreach Ministry

Saved to Serve

Updates on St. Paul's Church sponsorship of Mr. Shrikanth, missionary at Kuttardoh mission field, of Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM) a missionary organisation, at Washim Dist. Maharashtra.

Revd. Kunal Paricha, and Revd. Samuel visited Kuttardoh, and Kothari village and their visit was a blessing to all the believers. Rev Kunal Paricha preached from Book of Acts.

Sunday service took place regularly. Every Wednesday night we sing Bhajans and, on every Friday, Fasting and Prayer service take place. All the believers are blessed.

Compound wall work around the church is in progress.

Praise points:

1. Praise God for as one of believer has got discharged from the hospital after the successful surgery on him and he is doing well.
2. Praise God for His help to one of the believer's son who was not well is healed completely.

Prayer Points:

1. Please pray for church compound work that it will finish soon.
2. Please pray for the sick and old.
3. Please pray for the missionary Mr. Shrikanth and his family.



Revd. Kunal Paricha, and Revd. Samuel visited Kuttardoh and shared the word of God



Compound wall work around Kuttardoh church is in progress

In & Around St. Paul's Church

The **Annual General Body Meeting** of the *Society of St. Paul's Church* will be held on **Sunday, 28th September 2025**. Kindly refer to the church notice board for the **agenda and further details**.

Upcoming Events (Tentative):

- **Thanksgiving Sunday** – 9th November 2025
- **Harvest Festival** – 16th November 2025

Membership & Subscriptions: Please ensure your **subscription for the previous fiscal year** is paid. Members with unpaid dues will **not be included in the electoral rolls**.

If your subscription has been **unpaid for the past three years**, your **membership will be annulled**.

For any queries or clarifications, kindly contact the **church office**.

Events in Church History

1st Sunday of September'25 to 1st
Saturday of October'25**September**07 *Abraham Malpan (Th.), 1846*08 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*13 *Narayan Seshadri (Conv., Ev.) Bap. 1843*14 *Cyprian of Carthage (Bp., Th., Mar.) 258**John Chrysostom (Bp., Th.), 407*21 **Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**29 **Michael & All Angels***Pandita Ramabai (Conv., Ev.), Bap. 1883***October**04 *Francis of Assisi (Monk, Ev.), 1226***Messages from the Pulpit****3rd August 2025****1st reading---** Job 29:1&7-16**2nd reading---** James 2:14-18 & 26**Theme: 'who is my neighbour'****Message by Rev. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah**

When a lawyer asked Jesus, 'who is my neighbour?' then Jesus answered him by telling him a parable of the good Samaritan. By the end of the parable the man understood that the one who showed mercy, is indeed a good neighbour. We must always remember that

our every action, every spoken word and even our every thoughts will be judged by the Lord. *Joseph showed mercy to his brothers and forgave them for the evil they did to him. *David forgave Saul and honoured God's anointed king (king Saul) even though Saul tried to kill David. David had many opportunities to kill Saul. But he chose the fear of the Lord. We all want to follow Christ, want to have eternal life, even want to have peace and health, but we refuse to carry the cross. To show mercy especially to those who have hurt us the most requires us to carry the cross and follow Jesus Christ. Only our Love for the Lord and also understanding the value of the price paid by Christ makes us forget every hurt and bitterness and to show mercy to the one who caused us pain.

10th August 2025 (Defence Sunday)

1st reading --- Deuteronomy 6:20- 25

2nd reading --- Galatians 5:1&13-18

Message by Rt. Revd. Alfred C Tiwde

Through Christ we have been set free from the slavery to sin (Romans 6:22). Therefore, let us not yoke ourselves back to the sins of this world. Things Christ has freed us from are : *freedom from Carnality (freedom from physical lust)—set your hearts on things above (possible only if we are in Christ). * freedom from materialism, *freedom from ritualism, * freedom legalism, *freedom from fear, *freedom from factionalism, *freedom from pessimism. Through Christ we are free from all kinds of things that hinders us in our walk with the Lord, our God.

17th August 2025

1st reading--- Genesis 18:20-23

2nd reading--- 1John 5:13-21

Theme: 'Lord, teach us to pray'

Message by Dr. J. Stanley Jones

In the Gospel of John chapter 11, the disciples of Jesus asked HIM to teach them to pray. St. Luke gives special attention to the times Jesus prayed (which HE did at all important moments of HIS life). The three parables on prayer in the gospel are recorded in Luke's Gospel. The disciples knew that if they could pray like Jesus then they would live like HIM and minister like HIM. Prayer is a powerful tool, a dynamite, that has the power to shake the heavens. Three lessons on how to pray--*we learn to pray when we know whom we are speaking to. *our prayer should align our hearts with God's will---if we ask anything according to HIS will, he hears our prayers. *accept God's answers—even if it is a 'NO' or sometimes 'WAIT'. True prayer is not just asking, but also learning to rest in God's response, knowing that HIS ways are higher than ours.

24th August 2025

1st reading---Genesis 28:10-17

2nd reading---Revelation 21:9-11

Theme: 'St. Bartholomew Day'

Message by Rev. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah

Nathanael (Bartholomew) is not very popular character in the Bible. John 1:46-47, when Nathanael meets Jesus, he calls HIM the 'Son of God'. And Jesus addresses Nathanael as a true Israelite in whom is no deceit. How will the Lord address us when we meet HIM? Noah and Job were addressed by God as righteous men, who walked with God. God called Abraham as HIS friend. David was called a man after God's own heart. Jacob was given a new name as Israel. What will God call you and me? Just as Nathanael's life was changed when HE met Jesus, so should be ours. When we go to Jesus with doubts and questions—HE will lead us to a greater mission. We move from glory to glory. God would reveal greater things to us if we live holy like Nathanael.

31st August 2025**1st reading---Genesis 13:2-12****2nd reading---1Corinthians 6:1-11****Theme: 'How to use our wealth'****Message by Rev. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah**

It is so difficult to let go of money and power. We cannot give up these.

*1Timothy 6:10-love of money is evil. The money starts controlling us and give into the lust of it. We want to live like Jeus but deny carrying the Cross. *Luke 9:29—what good it is to gain the whole world and loose your soul. *Luke 12:18—the kingdom of God is what we should seek and all the other things will be added to it, because God knows our needs. *the Good Samaritan- was generous in spending his money to help the man who was beaten up and left to die. When we use our wealth in helping someone who is in need, God is delighted with us. *Luke 15:11-24(the Prodigal Son) the youngest son wasted all of his father's wealth without any regard to it. *Prodigal son's brother (Possession without Joy)-the brother complained to his father, that he was not given any special privileges or extra attention. What do we do with our money requires wisdom and discernment and both of these are given to those who ask for it.

(Gist of the Sermons are compiled by Mrs. Milka Khanapur)

Church Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Service	Volunteers
14-September-2025	14th Sunday after Pentecost Theme – God has called us to be free.	
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament – Numbers 14: 1 – 10a	Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj
	2 nd Reading – Galatians 4: 8 – 11	Mrs. Kavitha Gunasekaran
	Gospel – Luke 13: 10 – 17	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr. Rajesh & Mrs. Prachi Borde
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme – God has called us to be free.	
21-September-2025	15th Sunday after Pentecost Theme – Thanksgiving for the call of Matthew to be an apostle.	
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament – Isaiah 33: 13 – 17	Mrs. Soniya Mudliar
	Psalms – 119: 113 – 117, 120	Lay Leader
	Epistle – 1 John 2: 15 – 17	Mr. Arun David
	Gospel – Matthew 9: 9 – 13	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Priya Chaly
6:00 PM The Lord's supper	Theme – Thanksgiving for the call of Matthew to be an apostle.	
28-September-2025	16th Sunday after Pentecost Theme – The cost of discipleship.	
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament – Joshua 24: 14 – 24	Dr Mrs. Neetika Gaikwad
	Epistle - 1 Thess 3: 1 – 8	Mr. Apoorva Kasbekar
	Gospel – Luke 14: 25 – 33	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr. Jim & Mrs. Christinal Charles
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme – The cost of discipleship.	
05-October-2025	17th Sunday after Pentecost Theme – God does not abandon his people when they go astray.	
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament – Hosea 11: 1 – 11	Mrs. Sulbha Shantwan
	Psalms 90: 1 – 2, 13 – 17	Lay Leader
	Epistle – Philemon 7 – 20	Mrs. Priya Chaly
	Gospel – Luke 15: 1 – 10	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr. Joshua & Anjani Chinthala
6:00 PM The Lord's Supper	Theme – God does not abandon his people when they go astray.	

Birthdays– (1st Sunday of September'25 to 1st Saturday of October'25)

Birthdays in September			
07	Mrs. Natasha Samuel	20	Mrs. Serena David
	Mrs. Lisy Kaunds		Mr. Amar Mane
	Mr. Mark Deane	21	Ms. Preeti Johnson
	Mr. Alexander Leenus	22	Angelina Manmothe
08	Dr. Sanjay Christian		Mrs Sarani Matcha
	Mrs. Prachi Borde	23	Dr. Mrs. Neetika Gaikwad
	Kevin Das		Ms. Aaishwarya Gaikwad
09	Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, PVSM, SM, ADC		Jeremiah Shirsat
	Mrs. Ruby Lala	24	Saniya Kolhatkar
	Noah Puri		Dr. Mrs. Grace Jacob
	Shawn Aikin		Mrs. Anshu Sonia Dutta
10	Mrs. Motimary Kaunds		Mr. Samuel Shrisunder
	Mrs. Annie Lateef		Mr. Apoorva Kasbekar
	Mr. Karunakara M D	25	Adv Ms Maria Balachandran, LLM
11	Mrs. Kavitha Gunasekaran		Sameeksha Mikkili
	Mr. Haribabu Boyini	26	Mr. Rodney Kaunds
13	Aryan Bhite		Davina Chelliah
14	Mr. Jair Dsouza		Mr. Adit Maark Yvon
15	Mr. Kunal Chakranarayan	27	Mrs. Suhitha Kaunds
	Mr. Herbert Domathoti		Mr. Lester Vaz
	Mrs. Vaishali Korabandi		Mrs. Marilyn Newby
	Mrs. Soniya Mudliar		Mrs. Sulbha Shantwan
	Mr. Daniel Rogers	28	Mrs. Manila Williams
16	Mr. Arun David		Samaira Korabandi
	Mr. Ajay Salvi		Mrs. Snehil Gianchandani
	Mrs. Sonal Peppin	29	Mrs. Priya Chaly
18	Mrs. Lalitha Domathoti		Mrs. Christinal Charles
19	Mr. Terence Wordsworth	30	Myra Bell
	Mr. Prashant Gaikwad		
	Mrs. Shobhana Azariah		

Birthdays in October

02	Lt. Col. Jayant Barla	04	Evelyn Benjamin
03	Mrs. Rebecca Kurien		
	Mr. Jonathan Jeyakumar		

Wedding Anniversaries**(1st Sunday of September' 2025 to 1st Saturday of October' 2025)****Anniversaries in September**

11	Mrs Manjushree & Mr Lalith James
19	Mrs Priya & Mr Indranil Basu

Anniversaries in October

02	Mrs Priya & Mr Jonathan Samuel
03	Mrs Mrinal & Mr Benjamin Johnson

Prayer Requests –

1. Pray for Aged, Sick and the Housebound
 - a. Mrs. Rachel Chacko
 - b. Mr. Virgil Daniels
2. Pray for Missionaries/Organizations Supported

#	Organization Name	Missionary Supported
1	Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM)	Mr. Shrikant (Washim Mission Field)
2	Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM)	Mr. Shankar Jungare (Asgaon Mission Field)
3	Indian Missionary Society (IMS)	Mr. Motilal Joel (Pentri Mission Field, Gadchiroli)
4	The National Missionary Society of India (NMSI)	Mrs. Sumalatha Reguntwar (Nandgaon Mission Field, Chandrapur)
5	Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB)	Mr. Shrinivas Rao (Jawahar Mission Field, Palghar)
6	Mission to the Blind (MTB)	Mr. Manoj Tayade (Pune Mission Field, Pune)
7	Children Evangelism Fellowship of India (CEF)	Mr. Yohan Dasanla (Ministering to St. Crispins Home children, on behalf of St. Paul's Church)

Donations –**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**

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 church 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'.

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 Organization
- 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

Church Subscription / Freewill Offering / Tithe / Thanksgiving Offering / Donations in the form of financial giving towards specific purpose can also be made through Bank Transfer.

Donations towards “**Church Building Maintenance**” can be made through bank transfer to;

Bank Name – BANK OF BARODA**Account No.- 75980100000094****Account Name – Society of St. Paul's Church****IFSC Code – BARB0VJCAMP (Fifth character is zero)****MICR Code – 411012074**

Church Services

Sunday	8-9:30 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service) 6-7:30 pm – The Lord's Supper (HC Service) – 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays 6-7:30 pm - Evening Worship Service - 2nd and 4th Sundays
Wednesday	7:30-8 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)
Thursday	8:15-8:45 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)
Friday	7:30-8 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)

Other Activities

Sunday	8:15-9:30 am – Sunday School for Children 8:30-9:30 am – Teens Fellowship meeting – 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10:00-11:30 am – Youth Fellowship meeting - 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10:00-11:00 am – WFCS meeting on 3rd Sunday 10:00-11:00 am – St. Paul's Medical Fellowship meeting on 2nd Sundays
Friday	6:30-7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Saturday	3 pm to 5pm – Women's Prayer Group (1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays) 3 pm to 5pm – Fasting Prayer meeting (2nd Saturdays)
As per schedule	Cottage Prayer Meetings/Bible Study Fellowship - as decided by groups

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE THROUGH A REVISED MEMBERSHIP FORM ABOUT

CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER.

CHILDREN OF MEMBERS AGED 18 AND ABOVE SHOULD SUBMIT A SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP FORM AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Post wedding change in name (Ms./Mrs., middle or last name is changed) to be notified via membership form to church office!

CHILDREN'S C O R N E R



Happy Teacher's Day to our wonderful Sunday School Teachers! This Teacher's Day, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our Sunday school teachers. Your dedication to sharing God's Word with the next generation is a precious gift to our church family.

Every week, you serve our children with patience and love, planting seeds of faith that will last a lifetime. You answer a special calling from the Lord—not just to share stories, but to invest in the spiritual lives of our children. Your commitment, patience, and love do not go unnoticed.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).

The kingdom of heaven is made up of those who come to Jesus like little children (Matthew 19:14), and you are instrumental in leading them to Him. You are laying a foundation of faith that will help them "not depart from it" when they are older. (Proverbs 22:6).

Let's take a moment to hear what the Bible says about teachers and teaching. In Matthew chapters 5 to 7, and Luke chapter 6, we see that Jesus is the greatest teacher of all. God has given us the Bible to help us learn about Him — and He has also given us special teachers to help us understand it.

Teachers are guides Proverbs 22:6 says: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This verse reminds us that teachers are guides. They are planting seeds of faith in our hearts. Seeds that will grow and stay with us our whole lives and show the right path, like a map helping you find your way. Psalm 32:8 says: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

Teachers share God's wisdom They help us understand what we did not know before, so we can grow closer to Him. A good teacher doesn't just tell us what to do — they help us understand why it matters. That wisdom shapes our choices, our character, and our lives.

Hebrews 13:17 reminds us: "Remember your leaders who taught you God's word. Look at the good things that have come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith." Teachers are examples to us. They show how to be kind and loving, like Jesus the greatest teacher.

When they prepare lessons, pray for us and show patience, they are serving Jesus too. When teachers teach, they work willingly, doing their best as if they were working for the Lord, not for people. Colossians 3:23 says: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for people."

Imagine a garden, the teacher is like the gardener who prepares the soil, plants the seeds, waters and protects the plants. The students are the plants that grow. And when they grow, the gardener rejoices. But God is the sun and the rain who makes everything grow. We need all three: God, teachers, and students working together.

So, let's apply this:

- Students — say thank you to your teachers. Listen carefully, bring your Bible to class, and be kind and helpful.
- Teachers — keep praying for your students and remember, your work matters to God. We also recall the words from Deuteronomy 32:2 "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Just as rain nourishes the ground and helps new plants grow, your teaching provides the nourishment of knowledge and wisdom that supports our children on their spiritual journey. Your work is a beautiful reflection of God's love and generosity. We are so grateful for the time and energy you pour out in His service. We pray that as you continue to refresh and instruct others, you will find yourselves refreshed as well (Proverbs 11:25).

Thank you for your tireless effort, your faithful example, and your unwavering heart for our children. Your labour in the Lord is never in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58).

May the Lord continue to fill our teachers with wisdom and joy as they point us to Jesus.

May God bless you richly for all you do.

- Saphiwanna Laloo

Aundh-Baner Fellowship



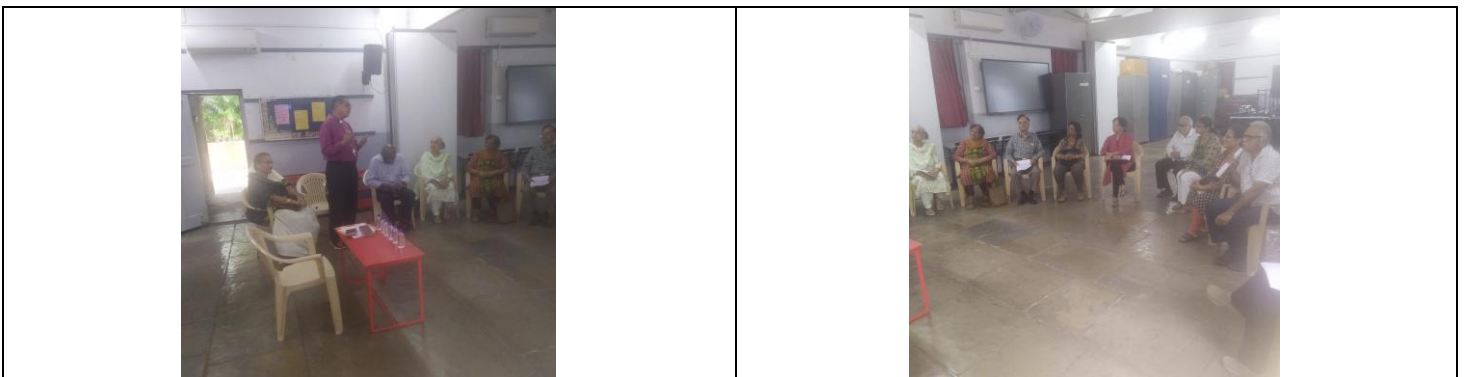
Viman Nagar Fellowship



Hadapsar Fellowship



Camp Fellowship



Bible Study Groups - We encourage you to join one closer to your residence