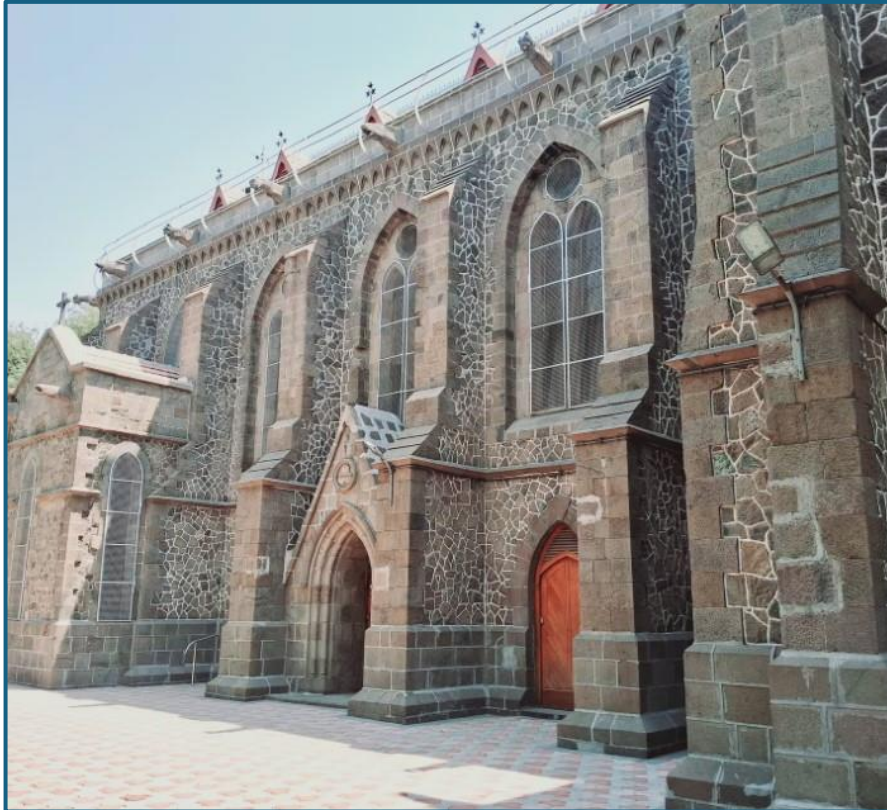


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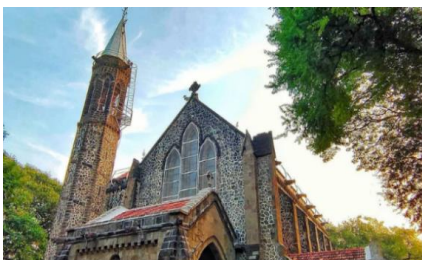
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“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

*John 13:35*

## From the Presbyterian's desk

**Revd. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah**



Dear friends, as we have successfully completed one month in this New Year, with gratitude and faith let us begin this new month called “February”.

February is often associated with love (due to Valentine's Day), so focusing on biblical love can set the tone for the month. God's love is not meant to stay within us; it's meant to flow through us to others. When we demonstrate love in our actions, we become living testimonies of Christ's presence in the world.

Living love out loud means letting the love of God permeate every aspect of our lives and showing it through tangible actions. Love is not merely a feeling or a thought; it is expressed through what we do and how we treat others.

**In our Family:** Families are often the first place where love is tested and displayed. Demonstrating love in the family involves speaking words of encouragement, forgiving quickly, and being present for one another. It means setting aside distractions and making time for meaningful interactions. For example, when a family member is struggling, offering a listening ear or a helping hand can reflect God's unconditional love.

**In our Church Community:** The church is a unique place where people of different backgrounds come together, united by Christ's love. Living out love in this context means supporting one another in times of need, serving faithfully, and creating a welcoming environment. When we practice hospitality, celebrate each other's victories, or pray for those who are hurting, we build a community that reflects God's heart. A church where love is active becomes a beacon of hope to the world.

**In our Workplace and Neighbourhood:** In the workplace and neighbourhood, living love out loud often involves simple yet powerful actions. Being a source of peace in a tense situation, lending a helping hand to a co-worker, or speaking kindly to a neighbour can open doors for deeper relationships. As followers of Christ, our actions should make others curious about the hope we carry. Even small gestures, like showing gratitude or offering a word of encouragement, can leave a lasting impact.

A single candle can light up a dark room. Imagine the impact if every believer lit their corner of the world with love. Just as Jesus fed the hungry and healed the broken, we are called to meet the practical and spiritual needs of those around us. Commit to one intentional act of love each day this month. Whether it's writing a note of appreciation, volunteering your time, or simply being patient with someone who tests your limits, these acts can transform hearts and bring glory to God. As we prepare our hearts for love, remember that God's love is the foundation. He equips us to embody the attributes of love and to live it out boldly. Let's challenge ourselves this month to reflect His love in all we do. Imagine how our families, church, and community could transform if we lived out 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 daily. Pray for God to fill your heart with His love and reveal specific ways to demonstrate that love to others. Let's be a church known by our love—for each other and for the world.

With God's richest Blessings

**Revd. K. Azariah**

Priest-in-charge

**Reports from the Wings of St. Paul's Church -**

<b>St. Paul's Youth Fellowship (SPYF)</b>		Youth Advisors – Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Mrinal Johnson President – Mr. Rohan Rajkumar
5 <sup>th</sup> January	The session was led by Ms. Neeta from Acts chp 27	
12 <sup>th</sup> January	The session was led by Mrs. Mrinal Benjamin on the topic "Contentment" from Philippians chp 4 v.10-13	
19 <sup>th</sup> January	The session was led by Mr. Rajiv Adhav from Genesis chp 37	
26 <sup>th</sup> January	The session was led by Ms. Neeta where a quiz was conducted on account of Republic Day.	

**St. Paul's Teen's Fellowship**

Advisors – Mr. G Kumar and Mrs. Vinodhini

12-Jan-25 – Session on "Communication with parents" was taken by Mr. Arun David after the Praise and worship.

19-Jan-25 – We had praise and worship with an interactive session with teens on various queries and doubts they had.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan – A days retreat for Youth and Teens was led by few members of our church. Mr. Jair D’Souza took session on identity and leadership. Mr. Rohit Bell took a session on Communication & Emotional Intelligence. Mr. Robert John took a session on decision making and to dare to be different. Mr. Oswin Samuel took a session on Artificial Intelligence. Mr Suresh J Chelliah took a session on Finance and Stewardship. Mr. S D Rajkumar took a session on teamwork. The sessions were quite knowledgeable and helpful for young adults of our church, which was well appreciated by those attending.

**Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)**

President – Mrs. Sophana Kenseelan  
Secretary – Ms. Veronica Bhalerao

The WFCS ladies gathered on 19th of Jan. They sang a few songs and WFCS members thanked the Lord and shared their personal testimony with a grateful heart for all the good things The Lord has done for them and for their family and their loved ones in the previous year.

The President of WFCS Mrs. Sophana Kenseelan shared the word of God on Isaiah 41, 42. The devotion was followed with a closing prayer.

**St. Paul’s Sunday School**

Superintendent – Mrs. Priscilla Victor

12<sup>th</sup> January

Praise & worship was led by Mr. Kevin Victor  
Devotion was led by Mrs. Soniya Mudliar on seeking God first(Mt 6:33) followed by regular classes.

19<sup>th</sup> January

**Poster and Coloring competition**

Praise & worship was led by Mrs. Minhee Im  
We had a poster making competition for the children attending Sunday school. The children beautifully illustrated on the given themes – “Heroes of Faith” for Pre-primary, “The Ten Commandments” for Primary, “Miracles of Jesus” for Juniors, “Faith in Action/Walking in the footsteps of Jesus” for the intermediate class. Beginners class participated in the coloring competition bringing to life the entire story of Noah’s Ark with their bright and cheerful colors. Their creativity and dedication shone

through filling the classrooms with colors and inspiration as they expressed their love for God through their drawings.

26<sup>th</sup> January

**Movie Sunday**

Praise and Worship was led by Mrs. Anagha Mane

This was followed by a movie for children in the Parish Hall with popcorn and Nachos to watch a captivating film on the life of Joseph. As his journey of faith, perseverance and gods divine plan unfolded on screen , they remained engrossed taking in valuable lessons on trust and forgiveness while enjoying the fun-filled experience.

Our Sunday school teachers are putting lot of efforts in imparting to our children 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 Mrs. Sumalatha, missionary at the Nandgaon mission field, Dist. Chandrapur of National Missionary Society of India (NMSI).

We thank our Lord and God Jesus Christ for your prayers and support to our mission field at Nandgaon village.

We celebrated Christmas on 24th and 25th of December 2024 with all our believers at Nandgaon and Lalpeth mission field. We sang Christmas songs in Marathi and some in English language. Spread the Good News among the people. We distributed snacks to those attending as well.





God bless you all for your support and prayers, which helps us to conduct such outreach programs and enhances our givings for such missionary works.

### Updates from St. Paul' Church office -

St. Paul's day thanksgiving service with fellowship dinner was appreciated by many of those attending, we felicitated successful students and new members who joined the church in the past year and gave an opportunity to introduce themselves to the congregation. The convenors Mrs. Rajashree Kaunds and Mrs. Anjani Chinthala conducted the program very well and sumptuous dinner arranged by Mr. Franklin Bell was appreciated as well. We thank the volunteers and participants who attended the program.

Special Budget General Body meeting is scheduled on 16<sup>th</sup> February after the Sunday morning church service. Please come prayerfully to attend and discuss our spendings on various activities of the trust and how we plan to support the needs around us.

### Events in Church History

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of February 25 to  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March 25

#### **February**

- 02 **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
- 05 *The Martyrs of Japan (1597)*
- 06 *Titus: Companion of Paul, Evangelist*
- 10 *Narayan Vaman Tilak, of Maharashtra (baptized 1895): Convert*
- 12 *Alexander Duff (1878): Educationalist, Evangelist*

- 13 *Christian Frederick Schwartz (1798): Evangelist*
- 15 **Stephen, the first Martyr**
- 18 *Martin Luther (1546): Theologian*
- 24 *Matthias: Apostle*
- 28 *Kali Charan Bannerji, of Bangal (Baptized 1864): Convert, National Leader*  
*Brother Lawrence (1691): Monk, Mystic*

## Messages from the Pulpit

## Sunday sermons

### 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

1<sup>st</sup> reading –Jeremiah 31: 1 and 7-9

2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Romans 8: 11-17

Theme: “we are Heirs in the son-ship of Christ”

Message by Rev. Mithra

Christ came to this world as the true Messiah of the world to save humankind from the burden of sin and its consequence. John writes in his gospel (John 1:10-11) that the very people HE created and set apart as HIS inheritance, rejected HIM. The religious leaders who studied the law knew about the prophecies about the Messiah coming and giving up HIS life for HIS people. But they failed to see these signs which followed every work Christ did. The apostle continues in verse 12, that all those accepted HIM, are given the right to be called Children of God. They are all given the entitlement of son-ship -- those who do God's will. St. Paul writes to the church in the epistle to the Romans 8:11-17, describing even further that the Spirit of God always leads these Children of God. We have been given opportunity after opportunity to listen to God's word in simple spoken language, from the pulpit messages, through various version and simplified Bibles; but it is falling on to deaf ears. Therefore, Christ Jesus has repeatedly spoken this line, saying 'he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches'. Are we all ears to the voice of the Holy Spirit who is actively participating in the transformation of souls? It is when we align our lives with the Will of God; we see that we walk in the power of Christ and will be able to do things that HE did.

## **12<sup>th</sup> January 2025** (Morning Service)

1<sup>st</sup> reading--- Isaiah 42:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> reading--- Acts 8:26-40

Theme: Jesus' baptism signals the coming of a new age

Message by Rev. Devdas Matcha

Epiphany is a Greek word, which simply means “Manifestation”. This is Manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Magi, or the manifestation of a great man of God - in Biblical terms, the Son of God. Indeed, the festival of Epiphany celebrates God's self-disclosure. God by nature reveals Himself in order to bring salvation to humankind. Creation is one such self-disclosure of God.

1) Creation as the self-manifestation of God's salvation act: In the creation story in Genesis 1:1-5 we have the first day of creation. The story begins with God's creative activity. The Spirit of God was hovering upon the surface of the waters, says the account. Hovering is the imagery of a bird, laying eggs and covering them under its pinions flying up and flying down to cover them. It is just the nature of God that He would always care for His creation. Moreover, through creation God manifests and saves. 2) Manifestation through the chosen servant of God: Isaiah 42:1-4 talks about God's manifestation through the chosen servant of God. The Lord called His servant to be a light to the nations. HE manifests the Father through HIS person. At the end of the Gospel story we see that a Gentile Centurion says 'Truly, this man was the Son of God'—after he witnessed HIS power in submitting to the will of the father in silence and humiliation of the cross. This shows how committed and obedient HE was to God and HIS calling. HE also manifested God HIS Father through His actions (Isaiah 42:7), Like HE opened the eyes of the blind, released the prisoner and also brought good news to all. Every miracle He performed, every word He spoke revealed His Father who called Him for this purpose. 3) Son of the Father and Father of the Son: Luke 3:22b says, “And the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased’, this affirmation from heaven came at the time of Jesus's baptism. The first three evangelists recorded the statement of affirmation. The Baptism of Jesus was a revelation unto salvation. Baptism was an act of relationship. The one who is baptized becomes a child of God and God becomes his Father. Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee. This calling out from Nazareth has a significant for our baptism. Jesus left His family, (mother and brothers), His occupation,



(carpentry), His entanglements with the surroundings, the comfort and security of a home. This, He demanded even from His followers that they should be prepared to deny everything to be His disciples. In our baptism, the same thing applies a complete denial of our self-interests, our comfort zones and family and friends. When God called Jesus to be His Son to fulfil His Mission, He did not indulge in any of these excesses. He simply laid a responsibility on Jesus His Son to fulfil His Mission. So, our own discipleship to Jesus is demonstrated in fulfilling that responsibility at any cost.

### **12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Evening Service)**

1<sup>st</sup> reading – Isaiah 42:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Acts 8:26-40

Theme: “God’s concern is to bring salvation to all humankind for which He called the Son”.

Message by Rev. Devdas Matcha

John the Baptist was baptizing people to repent and prepare themselves for the coming of the Saviour. It implies that we must prepare ourselves for something to happen with our circumstances and ourselves. Perhaps this is true even when we enter this sanctuary. Without such expectation, we simply come and go and there is no change in ourselves or in our circumstances. We are in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means “manifestation”, and it is known as a Festival of Light. During the season of Epiphany God reveals and manifests Himself to us if we are truly and expectantly waiting for Him. God’s revelation is always purposeful. 1) The Elements of Epiphany-the manifestation of God: In the scripture portions, we have heard God used to manifest Himself A) The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit: The very first book of the Bible, Genesis begins with the Spirit of God. God’s Spirit is already connecting the material world and the Divine being. Genesis 1:2 says, “and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” God’s footprint was clearly seen in the order of creation and its self-propagation. He also instituted a language that tells of His glory. The psalmist therefore says that “the heavens declare the glory of God” in Psalm 19:1. Nature reveals the existence of God. Again, in the book of the prophet Isaiah, we see a reference to the Holy Spirit in Chapter 42:1 “I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.” It is a verse loaded with the call of the servant, giving him the knowledge of justice and even to realize the all-encompassing realm of God. This is all the work of the

Holy Spirit, And the Lord Holy Spirit continues to work. In Acts 8:29 we read “The Spirit told Philip, Go to that chariot and stay near it”. That day God touched not only the life of the Ethiopian, but also of Philip. B) Angels, Stars, Fire: The second way of Manifestation that I would like to draw your attention to is through Angels, Stars and Fire. There are no limits to what God can use to manifest Himself. Across the Bible we read angels were God’s messengers. God sends them to convey His messages even before He visits the place. In Amos 5:8 the prophet Amos says that Pleiades and the Orion, the seven sisters in the sky, were created by God to turn blackness into dawn and darkens day into night. In Deuteronomy chapter 4, Moses warned the Israelites not to think of the stars as gods and worship them because they are only God’s instruments to reveal His glory. In addition, symbolism of fire was used several times to inform of God’s presence with the people of Israel. The Lord revealed Himself to the Israelites there through the fire. 2) The message of Baptism: The first one is the Spirit Baptism. The Lord put His spirit in Him whom He called. The other is Water Baptism. Through our baptism, we become the members of the Body of Christ. That is where our mission begins. And Jesus is our model even for our own baptism. Conclusion: The season of Epiphany reminds us of God’s revelation to us. We only can hear and see if we are open to God. Prayer, as Jesus practiced, opens us to God. God is interested in our joining His movement. Are we ready?

### **19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> reading – Isaiah 25:6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Galatians 3:23-29

Theme: ‘Jesus brings joy through the fulfilment of God’s gracious purpose’

Message by Rev. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah

The Birth of Christ came as a good news to all the people in the world. The Angels gave the good news to the shepherds saying ‘Peace on earth and goodwill towards men’; but humanity is still missing to understand the gospel message of peace and joy that would come through Christ alone. The purpose of Jesus’ death was that no one should perish but everyone through Christ have eternal life. Yet, how many of us do understand the depth of HIS sacrifice? Why are we not able to experience true peace and joy as a result of faith in Christ’s redemptive plan. \*We have to make the Lord of peace as our own: 2 Thessalonians 3:16‘ Now may the

Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.' Many a times things might go awry in our life, but if we hold on to the Lord we will face the tough times in peace and with sound mind just as the scripture says in 1Thessalonians 5:23 'Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ'. \* Follow HIS commandments – we preach the gospel of Christ to others but if we fail to observe HIS commandments or fail to practice them, we fail to have true peace. Isaiah 48:22 says, "There *is* no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked." \* Only those who lead a righteous and holy life have true peace and joy in their life.

### **26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> reading – Nehemiah 5: 14-19

2<sup>nd</sup> reading – 1 Peter 2:11-16

Theme: 'Prayer for our country'

Message by Rev. Milind Sojwal

All of us live in two different kingdoms. We live in the kingdom of this world and yet we are part of an eternal kingdom of God that shall never end. As Christians, we are called to obey the scripture (1Timothy 2:2), that we honour those who are in leadership positions, men and women who are ruling over us, because our God establishes them. At the same time God commands us to give God what is HIS alone (Praise and honour and glory and all that we have and are) as spoken by Jesus Christ in Matthew 22:21. When Jesus says give to Caesar, what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's, HE is essentially saying there is nothing that is outside the purview of God, everything is owned by God alone. The Bible tells us that we are HIS holy people, set apart for HIM alone, and that our ultimate allegiance is to the God who gave HIMSELF up for us. God calls us today to be faithful, serving and praying citizens of this country but ultimately acknowledge our citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

## Church Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Service	Volunteer
9-February-2025	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Christmas: Healing Sunday</b>	
	Theme – God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.	
8:00 AM	Old Testament – 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14	Miss Rachel Bell
The Lord's Supper	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Acts 5: 12 – 16	Mrs Tuhina Adit Maark
	Gospel – Mark 1: 40–end	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Nitin & Mrs Sarah Angre
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme - God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.	
16-February-2025	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Septuagesima)</b>	
	Theme – God creates men and women to be joint heirs of his kingdom.	
8:00 AM	Old Testament – Gen 2: 4b-8, 18 - 25	Mr Stanley Jones
The Lord's Supper	Psalm – 148: 7 – 14	Lay Leader
	Epistle – 1 Peter 3: 1 – 7	Mrs Rebecca Dubois
	Gospel – Mark 10: 2 – 9	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Jasper & Mrs Sophia Aruldas
6:00 PM The Lord's supper	Theme - God creates men and women to be joint heirs of his kingdom.	
23-February-2025	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Sexagesima)</b>	
	Theme – Only by the grace of God can our hearts be made pure.	
8:00 AM	Old Testament – Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10	Mrs Jyoti Khisty
The Lord's Supper	Epistle – Romans 7: 15—8:2	Mrs Prithika Modi
	Gospel – Mark 7: 14 – 23	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Eugene & Mrs Sunalini Bankapur
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme - Only by the grace of God can our hearts be made pure.	
2-March-2025	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter (Quinquagesima)</b>	
	Theme – God has promised forgiveness to the penitent.	
8:00 AM	Old Testament – Ezekiel 18: 25 – 32	Mrs Indira Johnson
The Lord's Supper	Psalm 6: 1 – 9	Lay Leader
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading – Acts 26: 12 – 20	Mr Walter Tresslor
	Gospel – Luke 15: 1 – 2, 11 – 32	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Dr Aharon & Mrs Anita Bansode
6:00 PM The Lord's Supper	Theme – God has promised forgiveness to the penitent.	

**Birthdays– (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of February'25 to 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March'25)**

Birthdays in February			
02	Mr Ramesh Jadhav	16	Mrs Vaishali Borde
	Rev. H G Mithra		Jessica Joseph
	Mrs Tuhina Adit Maark	17	Nathaniel George
03	Tiara Chatterjee	18	Mrs Sandra Kaunds
	Elliana Charles		Norah Rogers
04	Mr Stanley Jones	19	Ms Andrea Samuel
05	Mrs Rebecca Du'bois		Mrs Bella Donald George
	Mr Deepak Mallic		Mr Vinu Mathew
	Mr Rohit Isaac	20	Mrs Pooja Joseph
	Mrs B Bobby Vinodhini		Ms Hazel Bruce
06	Col Arthur Samuel		Mr Madhu John
07	Mr Walter Tresslor	21	Mr Tejas Mirpagar
	Mr Andrew Pillay		Mrs Rashmi Lodha
	Avantika Modi	22	Mr Vinit Jadhav
08	Mrs Neha Chinthala		Mr Kuresh Sutterwalla
09	Ethan James	24	Mrs Irene Smith
	Jayden Bell	25	Alan Angre
11	Lt Col Moses Sibloon		Mr Rohan James
	Lt Col Peeyush Paul		Mrs Prithika Modi
	Pratiti Patlia		Mr Ammoon Shirshetty
12	Ms Ria Borde	26	Mrs Jyoti Khisty
	Ms Myrtle Massey		Ms Emily Prasanna
13	Mr Ramesh Telore		Mr Ahab Daniel Asher
	Ms Aava Asher	27	Mr Ninaad Jadhav
14	Col Anmol David	28	Ms Vinita Thomas
	Mr Amit Kamath		Mrs Annie Deane
15	Mrs Rachel Chacko		
	Mr Victor Massey		
	Mrs Cecilia James		
	Mr Ezra Sahu		



**Wedding Anniversaries –**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of February'2025 to 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March'2025)**

<b>Anniversary in February</b>	
02	Mrs Ramona & Mr Amit Kamath
03	Mrs Arti & Mr Haribabu Boyini
05	Mrs Jennifer & Mr Arun James
	Mrs Aiman & Mr Terence Wordsworth
07	Mrs Sophana & Rev Dr Kenseelan Azariah
	Mrs Abha & Mr Sunil Christian
08	Mrs Asima & Mr Rohan Das
09	Mrs Jolly & Mr George Phillip
10	Mrs Shreya & Mr Tejas Mirpagar
	Mrs Andrea & Mr Sean Salins
11	Mrs Akanksha & Mr Apoorva Kasbekar
12	Mrs Suneetha and Dr Suresh Mekala
	Mrs Tina & Mr Shirish Gaikwad
13	Mrs Anagha & Mr Pramod Mane
14	Mrs Aarti & Mr Jefferson Sathik
	Mrs Anupama & Mr Devkumar Kank
	Mrs Sulbha & Mr Vinay Shantwan
15	Mrs Vijaya & Mr Hemchandra Hiwale
	Mrs Wrunalini & Rev Mohan Paranjape
	Mrs Deepshikha & Mr Vaibhav Samuel Raghava
19	Mrs Jacqueline & Mr Percival Aikin
21	Mrs Pearl & Mr Sanjeev Daniels
23	Mr Madhu & Mrs Payal John

**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 (Ministering at St. Crispin's Home on behalf of St. Paul's Church)

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- 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

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**Church Services**

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

**Other Activities**

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

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM CHURCH OFFICE 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, IF NOT DONE ALREADY.**

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

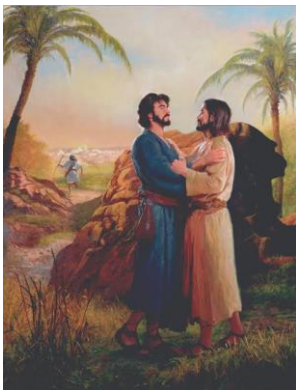


### Love is in the Air: Celebrating Friendships on Valentine's Day

**Who says Valentine's Day is just for romance? Discover the amazing friendships in the Bible that will make your heart smile!**

Hey kids! Do you know what Valentine's Day is all about? It's not just about romantic love; it's also about celebrating the special people in our lives, like our friends! As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's look to the Bible for some amazing examples of friendships that inspire us to love and care for one another. From loyal companions to kind neighbors, the Bible is filled with stories of incredible friendships. Let's dive in and explore some of these awesome friendships!

#### **Jonathan and David: Best Friends Forever!**



Imagine having a best friend who sticks with you no matter what! That's what Jonathan and David had. They met when David was just a young boy, and Jonathan, the king's son, became his best friend. Even when Jonathan's dad, the king, didn't like David, Jonathan still stood up for him. What a true friend!

Jonathan and David's friendship was built on trust, loyalty, and sacrifice. They made a promise to always be there for each other, no matter what dangers or challenges lay ahead.

#### **Ruth and Naomi: Kindness Matters**

Ruth and Naomi's story shows us that kindness and love can cross even cultural boundaries! When Ruth's husband died, she chose to stay with her mother-in-law, Naomi, instead of going back to her own family. Ruth took care of Naomi, showing her kindness and compassion. They became irreplaceable to each other! Ruth's kindness and devotion inspired Naomi to see God's love and care in her life. Their friendship reminds us that even in tough times, we can find hope and comfort in each other.





### **Barnabas and Saul/Paul: Helping Each Other Grow**

Barnabas and Saul/Paul's friendship is an amazing example of how friends can help each other grow! When Saul became a Christian, Barnabas befriended him and introduced him to the other apostles. Barnabas believed in Saul/Paul and helped him become a great leader in the early church.

Barnabas's friendship helped Saul/Paul to see his potential and to use his gifts to serve others. Their friendship shows us that when we support and encourage each other, we can achieve great things!



So, how can we celebrate our friendships on Valentine's Day?

- Write a heartfelt card or note to your friends, telling them how much they mean to you.
- Plan a fun activity or outing with your friends, like going to the park, playing a game, or having a picnic.
- Show appreciation for your friends with small handmade gifts or acts of kindness.

Remember kids that friendships are a precious gift from God!

Jonathan, David, Ruth, Naomi, Barnabas, and Saul/Paul's stories inspire us to nurture our friendships.

Let's show love and kindness to our friends, just like they did!

We can do this by:

Being loyal and supportive, like Jonathan was to David

Showing kindness and compassion, like Ruth did to Naomi

Believing in our friends and helping them grow, like Barnabas did with Saul/Paul

By following these examples, we can build strong and meaningful friendships that bring joy and happiness to our lives.

So, let's make a conscious effort to celebrate and nurture our friendships, not just on Valentine's Day, but every day!

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of friendships. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loyal friends, just like the friends we learned about in the Bible. Bless our friendships and use them to bring joy and happiness to our lives.

Amen.

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