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"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." REVELATION 22:2:



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From the Presbyter's Desk

Dear friends in Christ, Greetings to you. God has blessed us with another month. In this month let us meditate about bearing fruit. In the book of Revelation 22:2, we read about the tree of life which would bear fruits all through the year. We are called to bear fruits. God hates barrenness and loves fruitfulness. That is very true, every month we ought to bear a good fruit to nourish our spiritual life on earth. There are 12 fruits, one for each month, according to the word of God in the scripture above. Therefore, February must have some heavenly-ordained fruit for our destiny, know that now if you are unaware of that spiritual fact.

Jesus could have miraculously brought fig from that tree, but was angry because of the strange deceptive behaviour of the tree. It was not the time of fig but this strange tree brought out leaves, giving impression that it has fruit. That was a strange game, particularly on a very important and sensitive subject of fruitfulness. In the Garden of Eden, the first set of blessings by God upon man was BE FRUITFUL!!! Our Lord Jesus did not waste time with semantics or diplomacy, He cursed that fake tree from the roots!!!

Now let us do some spiritual exploration. The journey of every fruit began from the seed. From the seed-stage, it grows into the tree-stage. From the tree-stage, it flourishes into the fruit-stage. Whenever the fruit-stage is due and if we are not seeing any result of fruitfulness, then there is a trouble that we must deal with it. That means it is time for us to fertilize our life with prayers and water it with spirituality.

There is a similar story in Luke 13:6-9: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why spoils it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

Is there any situation in our life which had a sprinkle of testimonies in years past, and after the initial testimony, there was a freeze: has stagnated and refused to grow or move forward? That sprinkle of testimonies was when the situation grew from seed-stage to tree-stage with green leaves, but suddenly refused to bear fruit. This is our month, get ready to prepare the heart and the victory is ours.

Since the journey of every fruit begins with the seed. The seed is the word of God, in our mouth boldly declared and turned into effectual fervent prayers, they shall not fall to the ground without accomplishing the things which we send them to arrest. May the heavenly seed in our mouth germinate and bring forth bountiful harvests of fruits.

God Bless and keep you all safe all through this new month.

Rev. K. Azariah

Priest-in-charge

IN AND AROUND
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

a) **SPYF:**

Sunday 8th January 2023 – SPYF members met for a time of prayer and intercession.

Sunday 15th January 2023, the SPYF session was taken by Rev Renison Christian, on Acts 6: 6 – 10, “Dealing with closed doors”.

Sunday 22nd January 2023, the SPYF session was taken by Rajiv Adhav on Gen Ch 20.

Sunday 29th January 2023, being Youth Sunday the SPYF members actively participated in the morning worship service.

They sang a special number, “Rend collective – build your Kingdom”.

Mr & Mrs Mahure from the Jalgaon mission field of MVM spent time with the SPYF members.

b) **WFCS:**

The members of the WFCS met on 15th January 2023 after the morning service. They read Ps 20 and sang two hymns, “Lead kindly light” and “Take my life”. The opening prayer and message was given by Mrs Kenseelan and the closing prayer by Mrs Enid David.

The members of the WFCS sang a special song on 25th Jan 2023, St Paul’s Day.

c) **Sunday School:**

Sunday School started after the Christmas break. Classes were held regularly.

d) **St Paul’s Day:**

St Paul’s Day was celebrated on 25th January 2023. There was a service at 6.30 p m followed by a lovely time of musical performances.

The evening ended with fellowship over dinner. Our presbyter Rev Dr K Azariah thanked everyone who organised the programme to make it a great success.

e) **Travel Mercies:**

Our faithful and dedicated lay leader Mr Varun Korabandi left for Germany on the 29th January 2023.

We wish him God's blessings and all good wishes as he settles down to a new job assignment.

f) **Mission Work:**

Our Church supports the Maharashtra Village Mission regularly. A missionary couple Suresh and Usha Mahure gave a report of their outreach work of 23 years in Thane, Bhandara Dist and Jalgaon Dist during the morning worship service on 29th January 2023. They requested prayer for their ministry and thanked the Church for their support to the MVM.

g) **Achievements:**

a. Mr Enoch Daniels a nonagenarian member of our Church, legendary film music arranger composer and piano accordion expert was honoured with the PIFF

distinguished award for outstanding contribution to Indian Cinema recently at Pune.

b. Christi Dharmachi Olakh A book written by Dr Ranjan Kelkar, in Marathi will be released on 11th February 2023 at the Patrakar Bhawan, Pune.

Our congratulations to Mr Enoch Daniels and Dr Ranjan Kelkar.

h) **Outreach Ministry:**

Saved to Serve

1) **Food Distribution Prog.**

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 Mr Shrikanth of Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM)*

Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM)



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, 1st January 2023, the message was given by our presbyter Revd Dr Kenseelan Azariah. Theme: “Do not remember the former things” Isaiah 43: 18- 19.

He stressed on the following points:

- 1) Trust in the Lord. Prov 3: 5 – 6, Ps 22: 4 Our ancestors believed in God.
- 2) Do not lean on your own understanding. Depend on God. 1 Sam 9: 2, Let God control our lives. He has good plans. New beginnings
- 3) Submit to God’s power and authority. Job 22: 1.

Sunday, 8th January 2023, the Epiphany of our Lord. The message was given by Rev Dr K Azariah. Epiphany is when we remember the

visitation of the wiseman. Matt 2: 1 – 12.

The manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles. Theme: “How can we lead mankind to Christ”. Isaiah 49: 6. God will make us a light in this world so that the world may know He is the Messiah.

“Arise shine” we must reflect His Light and lead people to Jesus Christ.

We must wake up from our sleep and create an impact Eph 5: 14.

Repentance and revival is needed in the Church.

Let this be our message this Epiphany.

Sunday, 15th January 2023 – the message was given by Revd Dr K Azariah.

Theme: “At his baptism Jesus is revealed as the Son of God”

Isaiah 42: 1 – 7, Ps 2: 1 – 8,
Acts 10: 34 – 38, Matt 3: 13
– 17

Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God. His grace alone can save us. We must repent and accept Jesus. 3 imperatives were given by Jesus:

- 1) Love God, Love your neighbour Jn 14: 21
- 2) Repent Matt 3: 13 Turn to Jesus
- 3) Do not store treasures on earth for where your treasure is there your heart will be.

Sunday, 22nd January 2023

– the message was given by Mr Cyril Georgeson.

This is also Ecumenical Sunday, dedicated to promoting Unity in the Church of Christ.

He spoke on John the Baptist. John 1: 29 - 39. The one sent

from God. “The voice of one crying in the wilderness make straight the way of the Lord”. The herald to the coming of the Messiah, a witness to testify about the Light, so that all may believe in Him. He led a simple life and was direct in His message which was a call to repentance.

In John 1: 29 – 34, he proclaimed and pointed to Jesus the Son of God. The basis of unity in the Church is beholding the Lamb of God in our lives. We are redeemed with the Blood of the Lamb from the futile ways of the world to live a life of purpose for the Lord.

Sunday, 29nd January 2023

The message was given by Rev Dr K Azariah.

Theme: “God suffers in all those who suffer in this world.”

2 Kings 5: 1 – 14, Ps 123,
Acts 5: 12 – 16, Mark 1: 40.

Many of the disciples of Jesus had a cruel death and were martyred e.g. Simon, Andrew, James, St Thomas was martyred in India.

The disciples lived closely with Jesus and preached the Gospel wherever they travelled.

Why is there suffering? we all go through it. But God is with us as He was with Jonah.

Isaiah says “God is with you when you go through waters”.

In 2 Kings 20: 5, God says “I have seen your tears”. John 11: 35, Jesus wept. Rev 21: 4, “He will wipe away all tears” is a promise.

Let us have faith that God suffers with us.

Notice
SBGBM 2023 – 2024

The Special Budget General Body Meeting of St Paul’s Church will be held on Sunday 19th February 2023, after the morning worship service at 10.00 a.m.

Lenten Devotions –
Every Wednesday
at 7 pm

Special Days in the Church
Calendar from the 1st
Sunday of February 2023
to 1st Saturday of March
2023

February

- 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

22 **Ash Wednesday**

24 *Matthias: Apostle*

28 *Kali Charan Bannerji,*
of Bangal (Baptized 1864):
Convert, National Leader
Brother Lawrence
(1691): Monk, Mystic

March

04 *Abdul Masih (baptized*
1811): Convert

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
2nd Sun of February 2023 to 1st Sun of March 2023**

DATE / TIME / SERVICE	WORSHIP SERVICE DETAILS	NAMES
<i>12th February 2023</i>	<u>8th Sunday before Easter (Sexagesima) – Healing Sunday</u> Theme: Our sins begin with refusing to hear God.	
8.00 a. m. The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Isaiah 1: 1 – 9	Med Fellowship
	Psalm: 51: 1 – 8	Lay Leader
	Epistle: Romans 1:18–25	Med Fellowship
	Gospel: Matthew 13: 10 – 17	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Med Fellowship
6.00 p.m. Even Song	Theme: Our sins begin with refusing to hear God.	
<i>19th February 2023</i>	<u>7th Sunday before Easter (Quinquagesima)</u> Theme: It is God's will that all people should be saved.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Issaiah 56: 3 – 8	Ms Andrea Samuel
	Psalm: 100	Lay Leader
	Epistle: 1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7	Mr Madhu John
	Gospel: Matthew 8: 5 – 13	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Dr Bansode & Mrs Anita
6.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper	Theme: It is God's will that all people should be saved.	

26th February 2023	<u>6th Sunday before Easter (Lent 1)</u> Theme: God's Word gives us strength to resist temptation.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8: 1 – 5	Mrs Jyoti Khisty
	Psalm: 91: 9 – 12, 14, 16	Lay Leader
	Epistle: 1 Cor 10: 6 – 13	Mrs Prithika Modi
	Gospel: Matthew 4:1 –11	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Anil & Mrs Daphne Bhalerao
6.00 p.m. Even Song	Theme: God's Word gives us strength to resist temptation.	
5th March 2023	<u>5th Sunday before Easter (Lent 2)</u> Theme: Christ gives the 'living water' of the Spirit.	
8.00 am The Lord's Supper	Old Testament: Exodus 17: 3 – 7	Mrs Ramona Kamath
	Psalm: 104: 10 – 15	Lay Leader
	Epistle: 1 Cor 10: 1 – 5	Mrs Indira Johnson
	Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42	Presbyter
	Element Bearers	Mr Vilas & Mrs Vanita Bhalerao
6.00 p.m. The Lord's Supper	Theme: Christ gives the 'living water' of the Spirit.	

Pray for the Aged, Sick and the Housebound

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

List of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries for the month
from 1st Sunday of February 2023 to 1st Saturday of
March 2023

BIRTHDAYS	
<u>Birthdays for February</u>	
05	Mrs Rebecca Dubois Mr Deepak Mallic Mr Rohit Isaac Mrs B Bobby Vinidhini
06	Col Arthur Samuel
07	Mr Walter Tresslor Theo Rustom Vazifdar Mr Andrew Pillay Avantika Modi
08	Mrs Neha Chinthala
09	Ethan James Jaden Bell
11	Lt Col Moses Sibloon Lt Col Peeyush Paul Pratiti Patlia
12	Ms Ria Borde Ms Myrtle Massey
13	Ms Avaa Asher
14	Lt Col Anmol David Mr Amit Kamath
15	Mrs Rachel Chacko Mr Victor Massey Mrs Cecilia James Mr Ezra Sahu
16	Mrs Vaishali Borde Jessica Joseph
17	Nathaniel George
18	Mrs Sandra Kaunds
19	Ms Andrea Samuel
20	Mrs Pooja Joseph Ms Hazel Bruce Mr Madhu John
21	Mrs Juliet Mathew Mr Tejas Mirpagar Mrs Rashmi Lodha
22	Mr Vinit Jadhav Mr Kuresh Sutterwalla
24	Mrs Irene Smith
25	Alan Angre Mr Rohan James Mrs Prithika Modi
26	Mrs Jyoti Khisty Ms Emily Prasanna Mr Ahab Daniel Asher

27 Mr Ninaad Jadhav
28 Ms Vinita Thomas
Mrs Annie Deane

Birthdays of March

01 Mrs Ramona Kamath
Namrata Gaikwad
02 Mrs Mohana Jadhav
Mrs Susan Kurian
03 Mr Victor Kashyap
04 Mrs Indira Johnson

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

Wedding Anniversaries for February

05 Mr Arun & Mrs Jennifer James
Mr Terence & Mrs Aiman Wordsworth
07 Rev Kenseelan & Mrs Shobhana Azariah
Mr Sunil & Mrs Abha Christian
08 Mr Rohan & Mrs Asima Das
09 Mr George & Mrs Jolly Phillip
10 Mr Tejas & Mrs Shreya Mirpagar
Mr Sean & Mrs Andrea Salins

11 Mr Apoorva & Mrs Akanksha Kasbekar

12 Mrs Suneetha and Dr Suresh Mekala

13 Mr Pramod & Mrs Anagha Mane

14 Mr Jefferson & Mrs Aarti Sathik

Mr Devkumar & Mrs Anupama Kank

Mrs Sulbha & Mr Vinay Shantwan

15 Mr Hemchandra & Mrs Vijaya Hiwale

Rev Mohan & Mrs Wrunalini Paranjape

Mr Vaibhav & Mrs Deepshikha Samuel

19 Mrs Jacqueline & Mr Percival Aikin

21 Mr Sanjeev & Mrs Pearl Daniels

23 Mr Madhu & Mrs Payal John

26 Mrs Roshni & Mr Joshua Graham

Wedding Anniversaries for March

03 Mr Ashok & Mrs Monica Murishwar

Supplement Lent Meditations 2023

‘But I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified’ 1 Cor 9:27 (RSV)

(Repeated epistle reading for Ash Wednesday)

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ”

(Used as liturgical call at Ashing ceremony)

“Ash “in the ashing ceremony is a symbolic act and also a metaphor to critically reflect upon. Ash is a symbol of mortality, the realisation of which may lead us to repentance. This is not just a forty-day exercise. This is an opportunity set apart for meditation on the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To create a special disposition of heart and mind, a time to think of the other world.

Christian faith is not a world denying but a world affirming faith. God created this world for us to enjoy and be thankful to Him. But we are naturally attracted to its power, possessions, passions, and popularity, at the cost of the other world. The truth is that what we see, touch and enjoy are temporal and what cannot see, touch, and feel, the world above is real and everlasting. So, the truth lies in our understanding of the temporal and the eternal. (2Cor. 4:18)

“Lent season” is a deliberate decision of the elders of the church in the past to clear a space to gear our heart and mind to think about the other world and to train ourselves to be fit for it. (1Cor. 9:27)

During Lent we basically meditate about Jesus Christ, His death on the Cross and His Resurrection. Jesus Christ is an enigmatic person, and it takes a good deal of time and effort to fathom Jesus and the necessity of the Cross. The cross he bore for us is not ornamental but central to our faith. Therefore, in the supplement lent meditations, I am inspired to draw your attention to simply “surveying the wondrous cross”.

PS: You can contact me on 9665584418. Your response is greatly appreciated.

Rev Devdas Matcha

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.