

FROM THE PRESBYTER'S DESK

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Stewardship always starts with a repentant heart, a change of mind concerning our opinion about earthly values." (John A. Knight)

This month we are meditating about Stewardship which I consider is an important aspect in regard to an individual's life and also in the Church. Stewardship was assigned by God to Man from the beginning of the Creation. In Gen 15:2-3, it refers to Abram's servant Eliezer becoming heir of his house as he was childless. This was because during the ancient period there would be a chief servant in most of the houses and he would be responsible for looking after the household and all the financial matters. In New Testament we see this word firstly in Luke 12:42 in a parable of the faithful or the unfaithful slave. Stewardship touches all aspects of an individual's life, that is, our time, possessions, talents, etc. The main aim of God giving us all these things is to glorify His Name.

The qualities of a Steward are:

➤ **He should be sincere: 1 Cori 4:1-2** - In these verses Paul says that they should be found trustworthy because what we have been given is from God and to protect and to enhance it is our responsibility. We should not be destroying what He has given us.

➤ **He should use time aptly: 1 Peter 5:8** - "Discipline yourself and keep alert". We should be vigilant all the time because we are responsible persons. The opportunities that we get in our life may be only for once, may be that is the time where we could stand for our Lord and be a witness, because we are accountable for the time that God has given in our life. To utilize our time properly we should be well disciplined.

➤ **He should set a goal in life:** Life without a Goal is worthless. A pre-set goal prevents a man to deviate from his Path. God wants the same thing from us, the Goal what we set in our Life should be God-centred as this prevents us from falling in the snare of the Devil. This helps us to utilize the maximum of the gifts that God has given us and to multiply them so that at the end when the Master asks us about our Talents we can be called as a Good and Trustworthy Steward (Matthew 25-14-30). This world is changing at a great pace, to keep us with the pace we also are running after many things. In this pace we are leaving behind many essential and valuable things behind.


I would like to request my Parish members not to be in a haste but take some time for the Lord as He is the one who has given us Time in our Life. Come to Church regularly, send your Children to Sunday school, participate in the Church Services actively, have regular Prayer in the families and meditate on the Word of God continuously. Let us grow together in Spirit of the Lord, and this will indirectly help our Church to develop more spiritually.
May the Almighty Lord Bless you All.

Yours in Christ,

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 CALENDAR- JULY 2015		
04 Jul	1500	WF Cottage Prayer in the Residence of Mrs. Omana Thariyan, Pimpri
05 Jul	1045	6th Sunday after Pentecost – Stewardship: Transparency & Accountability (Bicentenary Sunday) – Matins in All Saints' Church I Lesson Exodus 36:2-7 - Mr. Tharian Mathew Psalm 116:12-19 - Mrs. Ancy Manoj II Lesson Phil. 4:10-20 - Mr. Johnson Kuruvilla Gospel Luke 19:11-27 Offertory - Mr. & Mrs. Alex John
11 Jul		Second Saturday – Chain Prayer
12 Jul	1030	7th Sunday after Pentecost – Theological Education Sunday: Knowing and Doing Faith - Holy Communion Service in St. Paul's Church I Lesson Exodus 3:1-12 - Mr. Joseph C. Eapen Psalm 111 - Mrs. Annamma Samuel II Lesson 2 Timothy 2:1-13 - Mr. Sunny Oommen Gospel John 12:20-26 Kiss of Peace & Offertory - Mr. & Mrs. Shiraj Johnson Elements - Mr. Morris Bethel WF Meeting after the service.
	1045	Matins in All Saints' Church
16 Jul	1900	Managing Committee Meeting in the old Parsonage.
17-19Jul		Youth Fellowship Retreat – Convent of Jesus & Mary, Khandala
19 Jul	1045	8th Sunday after Pentecost – People of God: Salt and Light - Holy Communion Service in All Saints' Church I Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7 - Mr. Stephen Daniel Psalm 27 - Mrs. Saramma Thomas II Lesson Ephesians 5:1-5 - Mr. Ashwin Varghese Gospel Matt. 5:13-16 Kiss of Peace & Offertory - Mr. & Mrs. P. C. Cherian Elements - Mr. Liju K. Alex WF Meeting after the service.
22 Jul	1930	Cottage Prayer in the Residence of Mr. Abraham Mathew, Nigdi
25 Jul	1600	WF Cottage Prayer in the Residence of Mrs. Rajam Jeji, Aundh Road

26 Jul	1030	9th Sunday after Pentecost – Ordained Ministry: Marked by the Wounds of Christ – Holy Communion Service in St. Paul's Church <i>I Lesson I Samuel 22:12-23</i> - Mr. Thomas Varghese <i>Psalm 56</i> - Mrs. Suja Graham <i>II Lesson Galatians 6:11-18</i> - Mrs. Deepa Varghese <i>Gospel John 21:15-19</i> <i>Kiss of Peace & Offertory</i> - Mr. & Mrs. Aju Thomas <i>Elements</i> - Mr. Naveen V. Adolph
	1045	Matins in All Saints' Church
31 Jul	1000	Fasting Prayer – Old Parsonage
02 Aug	1045	10th Sunday after Pentecost – Laity Sunday: Walk With Heads Held High – Holy Communion Service in All Saints' Church <i>I Lesson Leviticus 26:6-13</i> - Mr. Abraham Mathew <i>Psalm 112</i> - Mrs. Shiny Jose <i>II Lesson Romans 6:7-16</i> - Ms Marlene Mathew <i>Gospel Luke 13:10-13</i> <i>Kiss of Peace & Offertory</i> - Mr. & Mrs. Thariyan Varughese <i>Elements</i> - Mr. Johnson Peter WF Meeting after the service.

Bible Class 19.00 HRS - JULY



Date	Day	Area	Name
14	Tuesday	Khadki/Pashan/Aundh	Mrs. Suzie Korah Mathew
23	Thursday	Pimpri	Mrs. Annamma John Isaac
24	Friday	Pune	Mr. Varghese George
25	Saturday	Vishranthwadi	Mr. M. E. Verghese
30	Thursday	Pimpri	Mr. Godwin Jose S



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

WISH YOU ALL MANY MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY

04. Mr. Chandy Mammen, Mr. Johnson Kuruvilla
05. Mr. Shibu T Mathew
07. Mrs. Alice Cherian, Mr. Sunny Oommen
08. Mrs. Sosamma Chacko
11. Mrs. Grace Samuel
12. Mr. Sanish Stephen, Mr. Anil Cherian
13. Mr. Gopinathan Panicker
15. Mr. John P. V.
17. Mr. Lijo T Thomas
18. Ms Riya S. Biju, Ms Julie Thampy
19. Mrs. Priscilla Panicker
20. Mrs. Lissy Pramod, Mr. Titus Samuel
21. Mrs. Rohini Ninan, Mrs. Beena Varghese
22. Mr. Abraham Mathew, Mrs. Leelamma Sam
23. Mrs. Saritha Sara George, Mrs. Jesuslit E Jose
25. Mr. Oommen M. O.
26. Mr. Thariyan Varughese, Ms. Shwana Jacob
27. Mrs. Annamma John Isaac, Ms. Marlene Mathew
28. Master. Ashley Jeji
30. Ms Suzanne Kurien, Mrs. Ancy Manoj
31. Mrs. Jessy Benny

AUGUST

01. Master Benson Mathews
02. Mr. Jacob K. Jacob, Master Ayaan Roy



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

JULY

PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU ALL
FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPY MARRIED LIFE

- 05. Mr. Shajan Samuel and Mrs. Suby Shajan
- 09. Mr. Liju K Alex and Mrs. Juhie Liju
- 10. Mr. Shiraj Johnson and Mrs. Sanitha Shiraj
- 12. Mr. Kurian K. G. and Mrs. Elsie Kurian
- 18. Mr. Regin Thomas and Mrs. Ashwini Regin
- 19. Mr. Cherian P. C. and Mrs. Mariamma Cherian
- 20. Mr. Aayush Giri and Mrs. Poonam Giri



NEWS Tit-Bits

SS Teachers' Meet

Our Sunday School Teachers met on 13th June in the old parsonage. Rev. Christy David Daniel presided over the meeting. He shared his thoughts and discussed on many issues pertaining to SS events, study material and also about the awareness of God and His word to our children. The Khadki SS started on 21st June and at the start of the classes, Achen and Kochamma spent some quality time with the children. By the time this TRUMPET is released, Pune SS would have begun on June 28th. Let each parent vow that his/her child/children regularly attend the Sunday School. We would happily welcome every child to the Sunday School.

The SS Team for 2015-16 now comprises, under the guidance of Rev. Christy David Daniel:

Mrs. Omana Tharian, Head Mistress; Mrs. Reena Aju, Coordinator for Pune; Mrs..Babykutty Sam, Coordinator for Khadki & Committee Representative and Mrs. Latha Johnson, Secretary.

= Latha Johnson – Secretary =

Pray for the Children, Pray Like the Children

Jesus paid a lot of attention to children, and so should we. Jesus was indignant when his disciples tried to keep the children away from him. Perhaps they thought he had more important things to do than to pray for children. But Jesus did not think so.

Trust and receptivity come naturally to children. Maybe that is why Jesus so wants us to bring children to him. It is their nature trust. If they don't have him to trust, they will trust something else. How vulnerable they are to those whose only desire is to steal, kill and destroy them (see John 10:10)! Unless they are brought to Jesus, their very strength of their faith becomes their fatal weakness. Those who think children should be left alone to decide for themselves about Jesus don't understand children or Jesus. Children need his touch and blessing.

Not only should we pray for children, but we should pray like children. Jesus showed that children have a lot to teach us about prayer. He said the Kingdom of God belongs to those such as children (Mark 10:14), and those who will not receive the kingdom like children will never enter it (verse 15). In prayer, we speak to God as Father. Who is better able to understand this concept than a child who has a loving father? Think of it. They give their hearts willingly and uncritically. Grace is a given. Love is expected. Nothing complicated here.

Prayer: Kind and merciful Jesus, bless these children I know (say their names) and bless me to know how to be like them in simple trust.

YF News

The Youth Fellowship has been busy with lots of activities in the last couple of months. After Rev. Christy David took over charge as our new Presbyter, we all met him in his parsonage on the 23rd of May when we briefed him about our regular activities. There it was resolved to restart the YF activities with a new zeal.

To begin with, as part of our visitations to the senior citizens, we have gathered on 13th June at the residence of Mr. K. G. Kurian in Dehu Road. All of us had a nice time there. Our next gathering was on 20th June at the residence of Mrs. Ponnamma George who has been unwell for long time. We prayed for her speedy recovery. This visitation was also blessed experience.

Continuing with our activities, on 27th June, we have gathered again in the new parsonage with the objective of motivating our fellow members to get more involved in the related activities.

Going further, we will be organizing our Annual Youth Camp from 17th -19th July at the picturesque venue of Convent of Jesus and Mary, Khandala. The fee per head is budgeted at Rs.2,000 per person. However, to encourage non-earning members, there is a subsidy, by the courtesy of our Parish, of Rs.1,500/- which means they have to pay only Rs.500/- each. All young people of our Parish, between the ages 14-35 years, are most welcome to participate. The resource person will be Rev. Thomas K. Jacob, Vicar of St. John's Mar Thoma Church, Khadki. Our Achen and Kochamma will be the leaders. Mr. Godwin Jose and Mrs. Omana Thariyan will oversee the logistics.

We have many youth members in our Parish but only a few are really active and participating in our projects. I earnestly request all the young friends to attend the Youth Camp as it will indeed be a blessed event. Please register your name with paying Rs.300 on or before July 12 to assess the number of persons attending this seminar.

For any clarifications regarding the Youth Camp, please feel free to contact me or any of the YF committee members.

= Naveen Adolph YF Secretary =

Funds Needed

The landed property we have acquired in Theregaon needs immediate security fencing to prevent encroachment. You all know that such trespasses

are very common all over and once it happens, often with political backing, it would be a difficult and time-consuming task to regain the plot from the intruders. It is therefore imperative that we get the place properly secured by providing compound wall and fencing with locked gate to prevent any invasion. For this purpose we need to raise immediately at least about Rs.1,000,000 (Rs. ten lakhs) so that we may complete this project soon. There is no doubt that you will readily rise to the occasion to raise the fund as you have done in the past. Please give your cheque to the Treasurer on or before July 12, 2015 so that we can complete the work within July itself. May God's manifold blessings be with you for any financial support you may extend.

This is also a gentle reminder to those who had promised certain amounts to the Building Fund earlier but not fully or partly fulfilled their commitment. If realized, that alone should fetch us Rs.4-5 lakhs. You have made a promise for a divine purpose and is it right to be a defaulter? Let's utilize this opportunity to clear the dues.

Offertory

You may have seen media reports that government is encouraging plastic money which means monetary transactions with credit/debit cards. There are several reasons for this new concept; mainly i) minimize the cost of printing and distribution of paper currency and ii) prevent money laundering. Another development is that many nationalized banks in particular are resorting to Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) for money transactions and the old system of cashiers receiving or dispensing cash is progressively being eliminated. In this digitized process our bank is reluctant to accept ten rupee notes because they have to be fed through ATM which will be a very time consuming job. You must also know that these machines eject soiled or wrinkled notes. Each note has to be individually fed and therefore it will be a time-consuming process for whoever goes to deposit cash with lots of ten

rupee notes. So, if affordable, let us all endeavor to put notes of higher denominations in the offertory bag and clean notes at that. You know, God loves a cheerful giver.

Parsonage Requisites

A contingency has arisen in our new parsonage where two rows of tiles have popped up in the living room, from kitchen to balcony, due to improper workmanship. The tiles need to be replaced – not just the two rows alone but the entire room as, otherwise, similar defect can occur in another portion. The second need is of curtains which are torn. Some have been salvaged but many have to be replaced. The third requirement is of a new fridge, as the existing one has outlived its life. The total expenditure could be in the region of Rs.50,000/-. If any of you wish to contribute towards the cost partly or fully, that gesture will be most welcome and greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer will be pleased to receive your donations to both the 'Fencing' and the 'Parsonage' Funds.

Thanksgiving Offerings

Herewith is the list of members who have made thanksgiving offerings during April-June. May the good Lord continue to bless them.

Master Benson Mathews (twice), Mrs. Susan Johnson, Mrs. Lata Johnson, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Mrs. Anu Giri, Mr. Johnson Peter, Mr. Jacob Zachariah, Mr. Stephenson A. Daniel, Mr. Joseph C. E., Mr. Mathew George, Mrs. Elsie Kurien, Mr. Bright Singh, Master Dinnu Bright, Master Aby Johnson, Mr. Rijo V. George, Mr. Sujo Graham, Ms. Angela Jacob, Ms. Sarah Thariyan, Mr. Sajan Varghese, Mr. Sijo Varghese, Ms Sophie Mathews and Mr. E. V. Samuel.

Let's Meditate

This is a new section being introduced; recapitulating the sermons of the last weeks so that we may meditate on them

Date: 17th May 2015 - Theme: Waiting for the Holy Spirit -

Key Verses: Acts 1:1-11

“Church is not an Organization but it is an organism of the Holy Spirit.”

- *Waiting for the Holy Spirit is an experience of Fellowship. (Acts 1:4)*
- *Waiting for the Holy Spirit is an experience for Revival. (Acts 1:5-6)*
- *Waiting for the Holy Spirit is a period for preparing as a Witness for Christ. (Acts 1:8)*

(24&31/5 – Guest Speakers)

Date: 7th June 2015 - Theme: Wisdom from Above -

Key Verses: James 3: 17-18

Characteristics of Wisdom That Is From Above

- ❖ *Wisdom from above is **Pure***
- ❖ *Wisdom from above brings **Peace***
- ❖ *Wisdom from above is **Gentle**.*
- ❖ *Wisdom from above is willing to **Yield**.*

Our Action/Attitude When We Have Wisdom From Above

- ☛ *Will be **full of mercy and good fruit***
- ☛ *Will be **impartial***
- ☛ *Will be **without hypocrisy***

Date: 14th June 2015 - Theme: Creation Proclaims Glory of God - Key

Verses: Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalms 19, Luke 8:22-25

World Environment Day theme for the Year 2015 by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) “SEVEN BILLION DREAMS, ONE PLANET. CONSUME WITH CARE.”

Why Should We Protect The Nature????

- ☪ *Nature Reveals **God's Infinite Wisdom***
- ☪ *Nature Reveals **God's Glory***
- ☪ *Nature Reveals **God's Holiness***

“Nature is the Gift from God. Man is not the Owner of the Creation but Steward.

We should use the Environment according to the Will of God.”

“Earth can sustain without Man, but Man cannot sustain without Environment if it becomes poisonous.”

Date: 21st June 2015 - Theme: Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit - Key

Verses: Isaiah 6:1-8

St. Augustine, “Thou hast made us for thyself, and our heart is restless till it rest in Thee.”

What Is Worship????

- *Worship is a sense of the greatness of God.*
- *Worship is the Praise of God.*
- *Worship is the Personal Meeting with God.*
- *Worship is Sacrifice.*

Phases of Worship in Truth And Spirit.

- ☛ **Conviction** (Isaiah 6:5)
- ☛ **Confession** (Isaiah 6:5 b)
- ☛ **Cleansing** (Isaiah 6:7)
- ☛ **Consecration** (Isaiah 6:8)
- ☛ **Commission** (Isaiah 6:9)

“Worship is not an external Performance but it’s an Experience.”

THE WAY for Your Spiritual Growth

Carry out this exercise every day for your spiritual growth:

- ◆ *“Begin the Day with God; Kneel down to Him in prayer,
Lift up your heart to His abode, And seek His love to share.*

- ◆ *“Open the Book of God, And read a portion there;*

That it may hallow all your thoughts, And sweeten all your care.

- ◆ *“Go through the day with God, Whate’er your work may be;
Where’er you are – at home, abroad, He still is near to you.*
- ◆ *“Converse in mind with God, Your spirit heavenward raise,
Acknowledge every good bestowed, And offer grateful praise.*

- ◆ *“Lie down at night with God, who gives His servants sleep,
When you tread’st the vale of death, He will thee guard and keep.”*

@ THE WAY by Dr. E. Stanley Jones

“It’s good to have money and the things money can buy, but it’s good, too, to check once in a while and make sure that you haven’t lost the things that money can’t buy.” = George Lorimar =

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