

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and My God". (St. John 20:28)



# ST. THOMAS messenger

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## COMBINED AREA PRAYER MEETING



Guest Speaker:  
**Rev. Sajan P. Mathew**

Date : 21 August 2020  
Friday : 6:30PM

### സഭാ വിശേഷ ദിവസങ്ങൾ

01	ശനി	പതിനഞ്ച് നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം.
02	ഞായർ	മിഷൻ സൺഡേ.
06	വ്യാഴം	മറുരൂപ പെരുമാൽ (The Feast of Transfiguration)
09	ഞായർ	പെന്തക്കുസ്തിക്ക് ശേഷം പത്താം ഞായർ.
15	ശനി	പതിനഞ്ച് നോമ്പ് വീടൽ.
16	ഞായർ	സഭാനവീകരണ ദിനം.
23	ഞായർ	പെന്തക്കുസ്തിക്ക് ശേഷം പന്ത്രണ്ടാം ഞായർ.
30	ഞായർ	പെന്തക്കുസ്തിക്ക് ശേഷം പതിമൂന്നാം ഞായർ.

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## From the Vicar's Desk ....



Beloved in Christ,

We live in an age of "tooth for tooth" and "eye for eye" and hate campaign. What looms large everywhere is the language of hate and revenge. Even within the Church, we are not able to vindicate our claim of a faith community set apart for a divine duty in the world. Even in this pandemic situation we hear about several brutal murders for money. Addiction to wealth and power leads to revenge and brutal murder.

In the life and teachings of Jesus, we have both continuity and discontinuity with the Jewish tradition. For example, Jesus says: "I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfil", its continuity. But when he says: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends and hate your enemies. But I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you', he means its discontinuity. This ought to be the norm for our life and ministry in the Church. More than ever before, the world stands in need of this insight.

During the American civil war, many blacks and whites were wounded and killed. Abraham Lincoln, the visionary President at that time had a tough time dealing with the communal avalanche. Once he made it a point to visit the victims and the wounded. First he visited the blacks who were in a separate wing. Then he was moving on to the place where the whites were admitted. A black activist tried to stop Lincoln by saying, "Don't go there. They are our enemies." Lincoln responded: "I am trying to destroy my enemies by loving them!" Then he visited the whites who were equally wounded. New Testament scholars tell us that the Greek word "Agape", that is translated as "Love" in the New Testament is used as a verb. (Jn.3:16) In other words, love is not just an emotion or an attitude; it has to be manifested in our deeds.

Today, the last words of George Floyd, the black man who was brutally crushed to death by a police officer reverberates in the air: "I cannot breathe". It is commendable that the police chief in Houston apologized to the public for the atrocity from his corps. Yes, we need such people who dare to be different in their actions and options.

In the month of July we started our ordinary worship service on every Tuesday from 5to 6.30 pm. But attendance was very poor due to obvious reasons. I urge upon all the parish members to attend it regularly. We don't know when we will be able to start our Holy Communion Service. The pain of being aloof is very deep and unfortunately today most of us are facing the same. Some people don't even share their problems with others because they know nobody can resolve it. The pandemic changed the external situations but has it changed us as individuals? We are still hard-hearted and self-centred. We are avoiding our relationship and most valuable virtues in the name of covid-19.

In the midst of covid- 19 our Sunday School conducted a virtual VBS. Rev. John Wilson Achen directed the VBS from Snehatheeram, Manjalamoodu, Trivandrum. Mr.Jinu Chacko Thomas prepared the platform for the VBS. Our VBS team convenor Mrs. Anett Thomas and her team deserve great appreciation ; they made the virtual VBS a real one. Thanks to our Headmaster Mr. George Kuruvilla and office bearers who decided to conduct the VBS 2020 with a very timely theme "Fear Not" (Isa 41.10)

The Covid- 19 has mostly affected our children and youth. Our children are struggling with their education and further studies. They missed their freedom and merry days with their friends. Many of our youth lost their jobs and many more are under the threat of termination. Let us hope to overcome the current pandemic situation soon.

This month also we conducted Zoom prayer meetings. Rev.Dr.Mothy Varkey was our guest speaker for the combined prayer meeting. Achen gave a powerful message to the parishioners who have been passing through the agonising corona crisis.

May God Bless us with sufficient strength to overcome this pandemic situation.

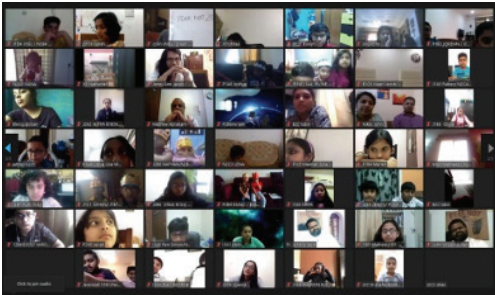
Yours Lovingly

Jiji Achen

### Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 2.00 to 4. 30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd week of Monday cottage prayer
Junior Choir	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm	Sevika Sanghom	Saturdays 5.15 pm
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 pm	Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7.00 pm

# VBS 2020



Our Sunday school this year added a new leaf to its glorious fruitful tree. A power packed online VBS 2020 from July 17th to July 24th was conducted. It was 8 days of the Lord's abundant grace, mercies and provisions. Our Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew Achen assured and encouraged the Sunday School team and its teachers that an online VBS should be implemented and voila ! We had a blessed VBS 2020 led by Rev. John Wilson.

The theme for this year was 'Fear Not' (Isaiah 41:10). We had over 265 students participating through the online medium-Zoom. Each day was divided into different themes and with dress codes. There were daily tasks given to

the children and it was uploaded online the next day with full participation at all times.

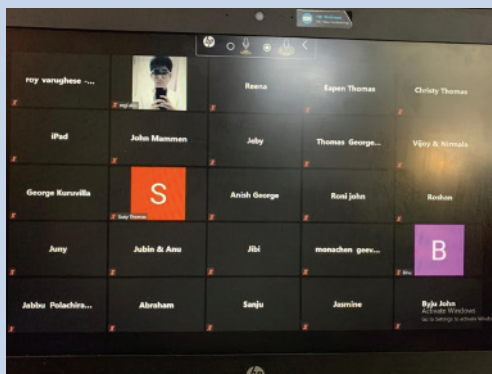
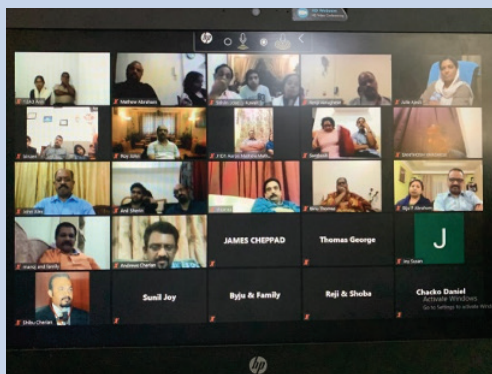
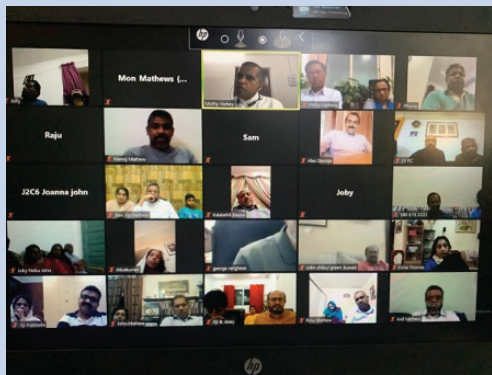
The highlight was the dedication day where almost every child dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. The final day was a day that would be etched in every one's heart forever with celebration programs conducted by all our children along with their Sunday School teachers.

The Sunday School children yet again proved that with Christ nothing is impossible. VBS 2020 was a blessing to all and praying every word that was sowed into the children's lives will reap its fruits one day.



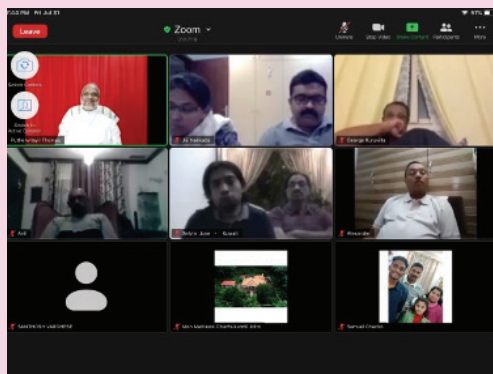
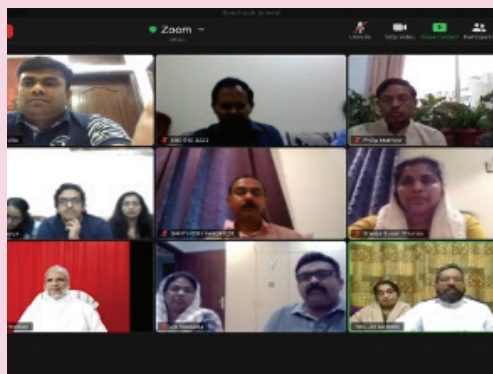
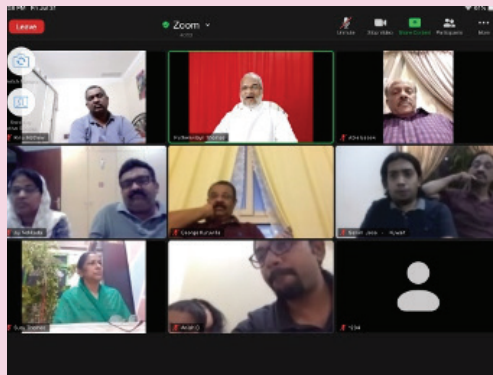
# COMBINED PRAYER MEETINGS

## COMBINED AREA PRAYER



Combined virtual Area Prayer Meeting held on 17-07-2020, Rev Dr. Mothy Varkey (Theological Seminary, Kottayam) delivered the word of God.

## SAYANDANA DHYANAM



Sayandana Dhyanam (Evening Devotion) hosted by Yuvajana Sakhyam, held on 31.07.2020. Rev. Dr. P.P. Thomas (Trinity MTC Trivandrum) delivered the word of God.

## FAREWELL



Mr. Mathew C. Oommen, (Joychen) family# 131, Canaan Prayer Group is leaving Kuwait. We express our gratitude for their fellowship and support rendered to our Parish. He has been an active member and a dedicated leader of our choir also. May God Bless them for their Onward Journey.

## NEW MEMBERS



### MR. BINU MATHEW & FAMILY

Family# : 617  
Prayer Group : Bethel  
Mob : 67786346  
Mother Parish : Marthoma Church, Punthala



### MR. SAJU VARGHESE & FAMILY

Family# : 618  
Prayer Group : Olivet  
Mob : 99759183  
Mother Parish : Sharon MTC, Palarivattom



### MR. JOHN CHACKO K.

Family# : 619  
Prayer Group : Hermon  
Mob : 51009043  
Mother Parish : Marthoma Syrian Church, Chemboor.

## WORSHIPS NECK



Parasyaradhana at NECK-HOP on 14.07.2020, Celebrant Rev.Jiji Mathew



Parasyaradhana at NECK-HOP on 28.07.2020, Celebrant Rev.Shibu.K

FOR I KNOW

*the plans* I HAVE FOR YOU  
DECLARES THE LORD,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
*hope and a future*  
JEREMIAH 29:11





## BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	ALEXANDER VAIDYAN P. K.	00601	EPHRAIM
1	ALICE KURIAN (DR.)	01532	GETHSEMANE
1	ALEENA RACHEL TIJU	03253	MIZPAH
1	JOSHUA ABRAHAM JACOB	04164	HERMON
1	EMILY ANN RENGIT	04523	JERUSALEM
2	EVELYN SARA SUNLEY	01773	ARARAT
2	SUMI ANTAONY	05042	MIZPAH
2	ANISH CHACKO K.	05491	HERMON
3	SUSAN JOHN MATHEW	00242	EMMAUS
3	TIA ANILA SARI SANJAY	02463	MIZPAH
4	REBEKAH ELIZABETH SUNIL	00814	MAHANAIM
4	MARIAMMA OOMMEN	01912	EPHRAIM
4	MATHEW PARAPPATTU	02003	OLIVET
4	SHINU ABRAHAM VARGHESE	04181	JERUSALEM
4	AUJU THOMAS	05812	JERUSALEM
5	MATHEW ABRAHAM	00281	OLIVET
5	ANU ALICE ANDREWS	00402	OLIVET
5	RACHEL ALEXANDER	00602	EPHRAIM
5	THOMAS VARGHESE K.	03741	OLIVET
5	PRIYA SAIRA ABRAHAM	04502	EMMAUS
5	JOEL THARAKAN JACOB	05433	JERUSALEM
7	SUNLEY P. VARGHESE	01771	ARARAT
8	CHERIYAN T. CHERIYAN	02931	MIZPAH
9	SARAH PHILIP	00192	EDEN
9	SHEENA ELIZABETH MATHEW	01792	JERUSALEM
10	TIJO JOHN ABRAHAM	05321	MIZPAH
10	JASMINE ANNIE JACOB	05831	GIHON
11	ANDREA ANN ABRAHAM	01913	EPHRAIM
11	ALAN VARUGHESE ABRAHAM	01914	EPHRAIM
11	KRISTEF VARKEY CHACKO	03504	EPHRAIM
11	JEWEL ELSA JERRY	03993	JERUSALEM
12	JERIN ANIL	00904	EDEN
13	ANOOP K. ALEX	02911	ARARAT
14	RIYA MEERA KURIAN	03022	JERUSALEM
14	JIJIN CHERIAN JOSE	04533	HERMON
15	NISSY SARA GEORGE	00894	MIZPAH
15	ALVIN ROY JOHN	01114	HERMON
15	DENNY JACOB ALEXANDER	01304	MIZPAH
15	EZEKIYA AUSTIN MATHEWS	04835	ARARAT
16	SAMSON MANOJ	00593	MIZPAH
16	ABRAHAM MATHEW	01543	GIHON
16	JOBY GEORGE CHERIAN	03763	EPHRAIM
17	SHERIN VARGHESE	01154	JERUSALEM

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	KESIA ANN JAMES	03353	ARARAT
18	GLYN RACHEL GEORGE	01994	MIZPAH
18	GEORGE MATHEW. K	03151	EPHRAIM
19	ANGELA SUSAN ALEX	01333	JERUSALEM
19	SEBINA THOMAS	01733	EDEN
19	ELIZABETH ZACHARIAH	02802	JERUSALEM
20	JOHN MATHEW	00241	EMMAUS
20	SHIBU CHERIAN	00411	HERMON
20	NANCY WILSON	04112	GETHSEMANE
20	SUBY M. VARGHESE	04162	HERMON
21	FINN ANOOP	02914	ARARAT
21	NORA P. DEEPU	03723	ARARAT
21	GIBI SKARIA	03901	EPHRAIM
22	ANISH GEORGE	00961	EDEN
22	VILAS VARGHESE	03341	MAHANAIM
22	ALLAN VINCE VARGHESE	04113	GETHSEMANE
22	MIDHU ABRAHAM	05152	OLIVET
23	MATHEW P. JACOB	02901	OLIVET
23	MIJI TITUS	05451	JERUSALEM
24	BEN GEORGE THOMAS	03333	ARARAT
24	JOE ABRAHAM ALEX	05524	GIHON
24	JOE PHILIP	05861	EMMAUS
25	SAM GEORGE	00211	OLIVET
25	ABHILASH A. ABRAHAM	01641	CANAAN
25	KRIS JAMES	03354	ARARAT
25	ABEL ZACHARIAH TINKU	03984	MAHANAIM
26	MANU ABRAHAM C. JOHN	01751	EMMAUS
26	SUSAN KOSHY	03673	ARARAT
27	REEVES THOMAS GEORGE	00625	ARARAT
27	SIBU THOMAS	00835	EMMAUS
28	ANI ISNARENI SANJAY	02462	MIZPAH
28	BIJIYA BABU	05712	EPHRAIM
30	LINCY SOSA VARGHESE	01132	GIHON
30	RIYA MARIA SAM	04764	HERMON
30	NINAN VARGHESE VAIDYAN	05841	EPHRAIM
31	SHINY N SAM	03652	GETHSEMANE
31	BLESSON DANIEL PHILIP	04091	MAHANAIM
31	SANTHOSH JOHN VARUGHESE	04141	EMMAUS
31	JOSEPH ABRAHAM EAPEN	04991	HERMON

*Thanking God Almighty for His mercy.  
May Lord God Bless you abundantly.*

*Happy Birthday*



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
3	JACOB P. JABBU KOSHY & RACHEL JACOB	00318	MAHANAIM
3	SIMMY VARGHESE & SOJI JOHN	00219	OLIVET
4	MANOJ K. VARGHESE & RAKHEE ELIZABETH MATHEW	00347	ARARAT
4	BYJU P. MATHEWS & LENA MARIUM THOMAS	00200	OLIVET
4	SUNLEY P. VARGHESE & JULIE ELSA JACOB	00177	ARARAT
7	Rev .JIJI MATHEW & BINCY JIJI	00001	CANAAN
9	THOMAS MATHEW & SHEEJA SUSAN THOMAS	00404	CANAAN
9	JOBY C. GEORGE & BINCILY K. IDICULLA	00352	ARARAT
10	CHACKO PHILIP & SHEENA KOSHY	00156	ARARAT
12	MATHEW P. JACOB & NIMMY ELIZABETH KOSHY	00290	OLIVET
13	MATHEW VARGHESE & GIGI OOMMEN	00229	JERUSALEM
14	JOSE PALATHINKAL JOY & BEENA ANNIES JOSE	00453	HERMON
14	FEBY MANI MATHEW & CISAL GEO	00058	HERMON
16	THOMAS C. GEORGE & LALIAMMA THOMAS	00333	ARARAT
16	SUNIL C. JOSE & ANCEY ANIYAN	00370	JERUSALEM
17	REJIMON P VARGHESE & RIXY REJIMON	00565	ARARAT
17	MATHEW CHERIAN & DEEPTI SUSAN VARGHESE	00533	MAHANAIM
18	JEEVAN RAJ & SUBY BABU	00535	MIZPAH
18	CHERIYAN MATHEW & ANU CHERIYAN	00528	CANAAN
18	BIJESH THOMAS & ROSHIN THOMAS	00559	MAHANAIM
18	MATHEW CHERIAN & SHEBMYOL RAJU	00443	MIZPAH
19	RENGIT GEORGE (DR.) & JOLLY RENJIT (DR.)	00452	JERUSALEM
19	ANISH CHACKO K. & RIYA THANKAM NINAN	00549	HERMON
19	CHERIYAN T. CHERIYAN & SUNITHA ANNIE CHERIAN	00293	MIZPAH
20	RAJAN DANIEL N. & SUSY RAJAN	00033	CANAAN
21	GEORGE CHERIAN K. & SUJA GEORGE CHERIAN	00376	EPHRAIM
21	BINU THOMAS KUREEKATTIL & BIJINU K. BINU	00238	OLIVET
21	NIKHIL MATHEW THOMAS & RINCY MIRIAM ABRAHAM	00514	JERUSALEM
22	MARIAMMA JOHN & MADATHILPARAMPIL VARGHESE JOHN	00432	GETHSEMANE
23	SAM GEORGE THOMAS & REENA ELIZABETH CHERIAN	00070	ARARAT
23	JOMON M.BABY & SARA AYIEN THOMAS	00593	OLIVET
24	MATHEWS KOSHY & SICY MATHEW	00050	CANAAN
24	VIJI VARGHESE & JILSA V. VARGHESE	00368	EPHRAIM
26	SATISH MATHEW KAITHOTTA & JASMINE SATISH	00226	OLIVET
26	SAM MATHEWS & MOLLY SAM	00402	EPHRAIM
26	JOHN KURUVILLA & SHINTA ANN JOHN	00474	OLIVET
29	MATHEW JOHN & SHERLY MATHEW	00354	EPHRAIM
30	ARUN ZACHARIAH & RAJI SUSAN JOY	00477	EDEN
30	NISHAD THOMAS & EMY NISHAD	00497	HERMON

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

### CONDOLENCE ON THE SAD DEMISE OF:

† Mr. A.T. Mathew (97), Anjilimoottil House, Uthimood, Ranni, Mother of Mrs. Sosamma Abraham (Family#168, Mahanaim PG) and Mrs. Jessy A Mathews (Family#150, Bethel PG), Father in-law of Mr. Abraham T.M and Mr. Abraham Varghese (Prasad).

† Mr. Joseph Varghese. P (82), Puthen purayil Santhi Bhavan, Chumathra P.O, Thiruvalla, Father of Mr. Jibu Chacko Varghese and Jimmy Cherian Varghese, Father in law of Mrs. Swapna Elizabeth Joseph & Mrs. Priya Varghese (Family#405&406, Ephraim PG)

† Mr. George Oommen V (72), Vathalloor Vadakkedathu House, Venmony, Chengannur, Father of Mr. Jerry George Oommen and Father in law of Mrs. Jincy Sara Jose (Family #399)

St. Thomas family express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

MATTHEW 6:33

Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

*Happy Wedding Anniversary*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
4 - TUE	5:15-6:15 PM	NECK - HOP	Gospel for all people (Mission Sunday)	Parasyaradhana	Isa 55:1-5	Acts 10:34-43		Luke 4:16-22	CANAAN PG
11 - TUE	6:00 - 7:30 PM	NECK - HOP	The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana: Celebration of Salvation:-	Parasyaradhana	Gen 14:17-24	1Cor 11:23-34		Mark 14:12-26	EDEN PG
18 - TUE	6:00 - 7:30 PM	NECK - HOP	Reformation Sunday: Faith Community which has to be Reformed by the Word of God	Parasyaradhana	2Kings 23:1-6	Rev 1:1-9		Matt 7:21-27	EMMAUS PG & EPHRAIM PG
25 - TUE	6:00 - 7:30 PM	NECK - HOP	Christian witness among people of other Faiths	Parasyaradhana	Dan 1:1-21	Acts 10:9-16		Matt 5:13-16	GETHESEMANE PG&GION PG

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