

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



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Apostle

Thomas is mentioned among the number of the Apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John's gospel that his significance is revealed. Firstly, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judaea with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when he talked about where he was to go elicited the answer that Jesus was himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the Apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in his hands and feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's gospel by saying to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Homeland Fellowship 2019

At Thomas Mar Athanasius Memorial
Research & Orientation Centre, Kottayam

Date: 26th July 2019

Time: 9.00 am to 2.00 pm



Our Ex-Vicar : **Rev. Bobby Mathew**
shall preside the meeting,
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03	ബുധൻ	മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്രീഹാ നാൾ
07	ഞായർ	ദശാംശ സമർപ്പണ ഞായർ
14	ഞായർ	പട്ടുതു ദിനം പെന്തിക്കുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 5-ാം ഞായർ
21	ഞായർ	പെന്തിക്കുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 6-ാം ഞായർ
25	വ്യാഴം	മാർ യാക്കോബ് ശ്രീഹാ നാൾ
28	ഞായർ	പെന്തിക്കുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 7-ാം ഞായർ

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From the Vicar's Desk



We are living in a very busy world and as such we do not have enough time to spend with God. Jesus is the real role model who showed us how and when to spend time with God. We have lots of misconception about "spending time with God". Is it only a fraction of a minute or is it hours together

with God ?

"Spending time with God" is more than this. "Practising the Presence of God" is a classic book on how to develop constant conversation with God. This book was written in the seventeenth century by Brother Lawrence, a humble cook in a French Monastery. He was able to spend time with God even in the common places while doing menial jobs like preparing meals and washing dishes as in the acts of praising and worshiping God in churches. He says the key to be in the presence with God is not changing what we do, but changing our attitude towards what we do. What we normally do for ourselves we should learn doing it for God, whether it is eating, bathing, working, relaxing or taking out the waste from our house to the garbage.

As I said earlier we have a wrong notion about the presence of God such as in worship place only or at the time set apart for personal or family prayer only we can feel the presence of God. This is because we haven't learnt to practise his presence all the time. Dear brothers and sisters as Brother Lawrence we have to learn to worship God through the common activities of our life for which we don't have to get away from our daily routines. We should realise that we are doing everything for the Glory of God.

In the month of May we conducted two programmes. First one was the Retreat for the Kaisthana Samithi and prayer group office bearers. Another one was the Lay training programme. This year we concentrate on two topics namely The History of the Mar Thoma church and Faith and Practices of the Mar Thoma Church. Rev. Baiju Samuel, Vicar, Kuwait City

Mar Thoma church and Rev. Sam Thomas, Vicar, Ahmmadi Mar Thoma Church took classes on these subjects. The sessions were interesting as well as meaningful. Another event was our "Ente Malayalam" class. The main aim of this programme was that our children should learn to read their mother tongue Malayalam so that they will get to know the rich heritage and cultures of Kerala. They should feel proud of their language as people of any other nationalities do. (Am I correct to say that Malayalees are the only people in the whole world who feel proud of not knowing their mother tongue and knowing somebody else's language !) 60 children and 16 teachers and volunteers attended the programme. This year also our Yuvajana Sakhyam members and senior friends conducted the programme very efficiently and I congratulate all those who have been part of it.

I appreciate Mr. Mathews Koshy and friends who are voluntarily taking special interest in nurturing our teens through the 'Teens on Move' programme on ever Saturday which is intended to develop physical and mental health. During these vacation days 'Teens on Move' will be organised on the Sunday school timings. I urge all the parents to make use of this valuable time for your teen- aged children.

In the last two months I could visit almost all the members of the prayer groups of Ararat, Canan, Ephraim, Eden, Emmaus, Gethsamane, Gihon, Jerusalem, Mahanaim, and Mispah. I couldn't visit some members because they were not known to the prayer group leaders. We have to think of some ways to locate them.

Many of our members are travelling in this month on vacation. May God keep them safe in their journeys. Those who are in Kerala kindly attend our 'Home Land Fellowship' and convey my greetings to our dear ones. May God Bless You all.

Yours in His Service

Jiji Achen

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 2.00 to 4. 30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st and 3rd Fridays after the Worship service
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

Retreat and Sacred Music Café - Choir



Choir Retreat was held on 5th June and was attended by members of both Junior and Senior choir members along with other church members. The session was led by Rev. Jiji Mathew. In the devotional message Achen spoke on this year's theme of the Parish, Parish a healing community. Music provides a healing touch to both body and soul. A song sung from within can touch many hearts. Achen emphasized that both in Psalm 23:1 by King David and Psalm 73: 23-24 by Asaph the musician, that God is your Shepherd and will hold on to your right hand.

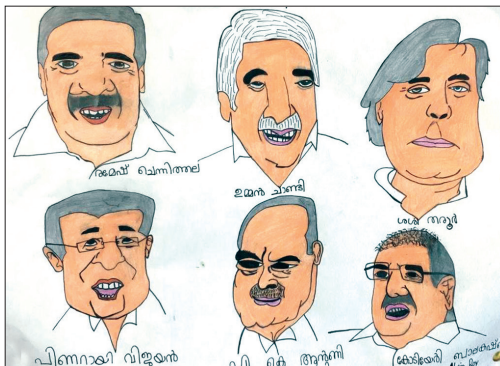
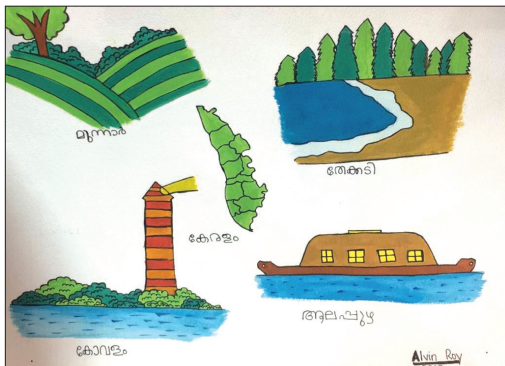
Achen stressed that each choir member is not appointed but being anointed by God to glory Him.

The singing and Workshop was led by Choir Master, Joychan who gave a short glimpse on chorale singing, voice modulation, blending, and emphasized on breath control so as to produce good vocal quality.

The session started with a prayer by Abel. Welcome speech was given by Andrews Cherian. Jerina and Allen assisted with organ in singing session. Feba spoke on how being part of this choir had enabled her to provide leadership to other choirs. The session closed with prayer and benediction by Achen followed by Lunch.



“Ente Malayalam-2019”



Our church's Malayalam Learning Class for kids in association with St Thomas Yuvajana Sakhyam happened from 7th to 14th June at St Thomas center as scheduled. In this 1 week program, 60 students participated which were divided into 7 classes. Different classes & sessions were handled by of our church members.

The 7 classes were given the Malayalam names of days of a week. During this 1 week our kids studied Malayalam songs, alphabets, words & small sentences. The different theme for these days were **Day 1-“PRAKRITHI”**. **Day 2- “BHOOPRAKRITHI”**. **Day 3- “KARSHIKARANGAM”**. **Day**

4 – “VINODHASANCHARAM”. **DAY 5-“NETHAKKAL”**. **DAY 6-“KALAROOPANGAL”**. Students showcased their artistic skills by different drawings, paintings & writings about these topics which was exhibited in the church.

Final day was celebrated as “KERALA DAY” in where kids & teachers came in their traditional Kerala dress. Also they were served with a special Kerala Sadhya on the banana leaf. The delicious lunch was followed with different cultural programs like Nadodi Ganam, Vaakuporu, Vallam Kalli etc.

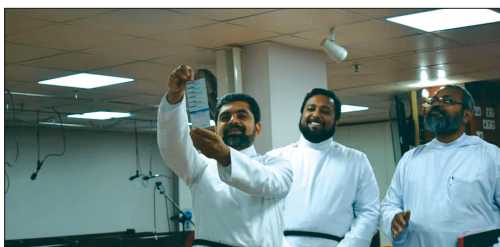
All the students & teachers participated were felicitated with certificates.

Yuvajana Sakhyam - Activity Inauguration 2019-20



The Yuvajana Sakhyam Activity inauguration of the year 2019-20 conducted on 24th May 2019, Friday at St.Thomas Centre after the Holy Qurbana. Our Vicar, Rev.Jiji Mathew presided the meeting and Rev.Shibu Kochunnoony, St.James MTC,Vicar, inaugurated the meeting and released the year plan of 2019-20.

Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Activity Inauguration 2019-20



The Kuwait Centre Mar Thoma Yuvajana Sakhyam Activity Inauguration meeting was held at St. Thomas MTC,Salmiya on 21st June 2019. Rev Thomas K Prasad ,Vicar of St. Peter's CSI Church,Kuwait inaugurated the activities for the year 2019-2020 and Rev.Jiji Mathew, Rev. VT Yesudas, Rev. Shibu K & Rev. Sam Thomas blessed the meeting with their esteemed presence.



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
2	JACOB JOSEPH VELLOOR	01831	GETHSEMANE
2	ALEX M. GEORGE	02501	CANAAN
2	MATHEW C. ABRAHAM	04801	JERUSALEM
3	ABEY P. THOMAS	03581	CANAAN
3	SAMGEO PHILIP	04501	EMMAUS
3	ASHA MATHEW	04802	JERUSALEM
4	JIJI IDICULLA JOHN	01361	HERMON
4	SEEMA RAJESH VARKEY	01932	EDEN
5	BETH JOSEPH KOLLAMALA	00734	EMMAUS
5	NANMA MARIAM MATHEWS	01743	JERUSALEM
5	AARON MATHEW MATHAI	03244	MAHANAIM
5	STEFFY MERIN SUNIL	04103	MIZPAH
6	SUNIL PHILIP	00811	MAHANAIM
6	ALEYAMMA ISAAC	00972	ARARAT
6	ANNE THOMAS	01052	CANAAN
6	CHACKO PHILIP	01561	ARARAT
6	ANGEL MARIAM SUNNY	03433	OLIVET
6	ABEL JOSE SUNIL	03703	JERUSALEM
6	JEFFREY RONI JOHN	04083	MIZPAH
7	MARIYAMMA SAM	00212	OLIVET
8	DEEPTI SUSAN VARGHESE	05332	MAHANAIM
9	ANU THOMAS	05342	MIZPAH
10	DANIEL THOMAS KOLETH	00493	EMMAUS
10	RON PHILIP IDICULLA	00984	JERUSALEM
10	RUTH ELSA NISHAD	04974	HERMON
10	BIJESH THOMAS	05591	MAHANAIM
11	SEENA M. MATHEWS	01742	JERUSALEM
11	VARGHESE PHILIP	02874	MIZPAH
12	PRAKASH JOHN MATHEW	00284	OLIVET
12	REVITHA THANKOM GEORGE	00623	ARARAT
12	SMITHA THOMAS	02392	MAHANAIM
12	JERRIN VARUGHESE	02611	ARARAT
12	ANNIE SHYLA PHILIP	04221	JERUSALEM
12	SIJU THANKACHAN	05561	GETHSEMANE
13	REUBEN RENJI VARGHESE	00944	OLIVET
13	ANN MARY SAJI	02134	HERMON
13	RIYA GEORGE MATHEW	03154	EPHRAIM
13	JACOB P. JABBU KOSHY	03181	MAHANAIM
14	JEFFREY GEORGE MATHEW	00244	EMMAUS
14	ASHLY SHIBU CHERIAN	00414	HERMON
15	ELIZABETH JESSY MATHEW	00032	GETHSEMANE
15	TOBY GEORGE MATHEW	01515	MIZPAH
15	SHIJU MAMMEN GEORGE	02821	JERUSALEM
16	KEZIA ALEXANDER	00782	MIZPAH
16	SLINJU MONCY	04032	EPHRAIM
16	ABEN BIJU VARGHESE	04293	MAHANAIM
16	AGASTYA RAJAN AVINASH	04904	EDEN
16	SANJU MATHEW VARGHESE	05691	GIHON
17	SUSAN JACOB (DR.)	03092	OLIVET
17	RIYA RAICHU SAJAN	05423	MIZPAH
17	ALEXANDER ABRAHAM	05521	GIHON

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
18	KRIPA ELSA VARGHESE	01393	HERMON
19	SHIBU THOMAS JOHN (DR.)	01261	EMMAUS
19	SINI SOJI PHILIP	01522	OLIVET
19	VINCE VARGHESE	04111	GETHSEMANE
20	MOLCY RACHEL ABRAHAM	00443	GETHSEMANE
20	PREETHI JAMES	01982	MAHANAIM
20	BABUKUTTY P.	02181	ARARAT
20	ABEL SAM MATHEW	03824	GIHON
20	RAJI SUSAN JOY	04772	EDEN
20	EVAN MATHEW JOSEPH	05894	MAHANAIM
21	NEVIN MATHEWS KURUVILLA	01603	OLIVET
22	JACOB MATHEW	01544	GIHON
22	CIBI AJU	02322	MIZPAH
22	SANDRA BIJU VARGHESE	02394	MAHANAIM
22	ABRAHAM T. MATHEW	02421	ARARAT
22	ANNETTE THOMAS	05442	MAHANAIM
23	MATHEW P. ALEXANDER	00031	GETHSEMANE
23	SARAH GRACE MATHEW	01104	MIZPAH
23	MATHEW CHERIAN	04431	MIZPAH
24	DIYA SUSAN VINOD	04383	CANAAN
24	ALINA MARIAM MATHEW	04854	CANAAN
25	GEORGE KURIAN	00641	MAHANAIM
25	DANIEL MATHEW GEORGY	03104	ARARAT
25	ALVIN ABRAHAM MATHEW	05856	EMMAUS
26	ANN SUSAN PHILIP	04863	GETHSEMANE
27	ANDREWS CHERIAN	00401	OLIVET
27	ROHAN JACOB MANI	02073	OLIVET
27	ASHA MARIAM JACOB	02074	OLIVET
27	MATHEW JOHN	02081	MIZPAH
27	ROBY D. MATHEWS	02661	EMMAUS
27	MADATHILPARAMPIL VARGHESE JOHN	04321	GETHSEMANE
27	JOJU P MATHEW	04661	HERMON
27	ABEL SAM JOHN	05303	GIHON
28	KUNJAPPAN ALEXANDER	00781	MIZPAH
28	MATHEW K.C.	00971	ARARAT
28	IRENE MARY KURUVILLA	01604	OLIVET
28	TOJAN VARGHESE MATHEW	03973	CANAAN
28	JOHN JACOB KOSHY	04354	MAHANAIM
29	MILAN KOSHY PHILIP	02493	CANAAN
29	ALAN THOMAS BINOY	03714	HERMON
29	SABU GEORGE	04071	HERMON
29	ABIGAIL GRACE MATHEW	05855	EMMAUS
30	SHARON ELIZABETH MATHEW	00245	EMMAUS
30	JIJI MATHEW GEORGE	01711	CANAAN
30	JACOB MATHEW CHUDUKATTIL	03091	OLIVET
30	MATHEW KOSHY CHERUKARA	04823	MAHANAIM

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
5	THOMAS PHILIP KOLETH & SHERIN THOMAS	00049	EMMAUS
5	JIJI ISSAC JACOB & SHINU MATHEW	00013	CANAAN
7	TOBBY MATHEW VARUGHESE & BEENA ANN TOBBY	00397	CANAAN
7	GEORGE MATHEW & SUMA P. EAPEN	00199	MIZPAH
8	SAM RAJAN & SUBI PAPPACHEN	00529	MAHANAIM
8	ROSHAN P. JACOB & JISHAMOL KURUVILLA	00289	EMMAUS
8	JAMES NATHANIEL & SHEEBA JAMES	00335	ARARAT
9	SAJI VARGHESE SAMUEL & LOVELY CHACKO	00320	HERMON
9	BLESSON DANIEL PHILIP & SHERLIN MARY VARGHESE	00409	MAHANAIM
10	JACOB CHACKO ABRAHAM & SUBY M. VARGHESE	00416	HERMON
11	JOSEPH ABRAHAM EAPEN & PRITTY MARKOSE	00499	HERMON
11	RONI THOMAS JOHN & SHERIN ANU RAJU	00408	MIZPAH
14	JIJO G JOHN & BINCEY BABY	00525	GIHON
15	BIJU GEORGE THOMAS & SEEMA ANNIE JOHN	00149	MAHANAIM
17	SAJI MATHEW GEORGE & SOSAMMA CHACKO	00151	MIZPAH
21	SUDEEP ABRAHAM VARGHESE & LIVYA MATHEW	00587	JERUSALEM
23	CHACKO DANIEL & LISSY DANIEL	00023	EDEN
23	ALEXANDER DAS & MARYKUTTY ALEXANDER	00108	EPHRAIM
24	THOMAS MATHEW & SIJI ANU VARGHESE	00506	EDEN
26	SUNIL PHILIP & RENJINI SUNIL PHILIP	00081	MAHANAIM
27	SANTHOSH PHILIP & LINCY SOSA VARGHESE	00113	GIHON
30	SUBIN MATHEW THOMAS & BINCY ANNA JACOB	00513	MAHANAIM

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Happy Wedding Anniversary

PARISH VISIT



Rev Shanu V Abraham visited on
11 June 2019



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
2 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Faith that has to be enriched- St. Thomas the Apostle's Day	HOLY QURBANA	Isa. 52:7-15	1Thess. 1:2-9	2Tim 3:10-17	John 20:24-29	Jerusalem PG
5 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Giving without Counting the Cost" (Tithe Offering Day)	HOLY QURBANA	Mal. 3:7-12	Phil. 4:10-20	Heb 2:1-4	Luke 21:1-4	Gethesemane PG
9 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Ephraim PG
12 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	"Priests: Called to face shame for Christ's sake"	PARSYARADHANA & FASTING PRAYER	Exod. 29:1-21	Eph. 5:1-14	2 Cor. 11:23-31	Luke 10:1-11	Emmaus PG & Mahaniam PG
16 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Olivet PG
19 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Theological Education that forms the Faith Community	HOLY QURBANA	Josh. 4:1-9	1Cor. 10:1-11	1Tim. 6:11-16	Matthew 13:1-9	Ararath PG
23 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Hemnon PG
26 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Holy Matrimony: To be established in Faithfulness	HOLY QURBANA					Mizpah PG
30 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA	Hos. 2:16-23	Eph. 5:20-33	Heb 13:1-6	Mathew 19:1-6	Canaan PG

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