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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - 5TH JUNE



"BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION"

Plastic pollution has become an epidemic. Every year, we throw away enough plastic to circle the Earth four times. Much of that waste doesn't make it into a landfill, but instead ends up in our oceans, where it's responsible for killing one million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals every year. For the good of the planet, it's time

to rethink how we use plastic.

How is plastic used?

Agriculture 3%, Electronics 6%, Automotive 9%, Building and construction 19%, Consumer and household goods, Furniture, Sports, Health, Safety 23%, & Packing 40%.

Basics

Every year the world used 500 billion plastic bags. In the last decade we produced more plastic than in the whole last century. 50% of plastic we used in single use or disposable, we buy 1 million plastic bottle every minute. Every year we use 17 million barrels of oil to produce plastic bottles for our water. In 2016, 480 billion drinking bottles were sold worldwide. Every year, up to 13 million tons of plastic leak into our oceans. Plastic can survive in the environment for up to 500 years.

So, what we can do?
If you can't reuse it REFUSE IT.

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10	ഞായർ	പരിസ്ഥിതി ഞായർ
16	വ്യാഴം	ശ്രീഹാ നോമ്പ് ആരംഭം

17	ഞായർ	പെന്തിക്കുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 4ാം ഞായർ
24	ഞായർ	പെന്തിക്കുസ്തിക്കു ശേഷം 5ാം ഞായർ
29	വെള്ളി	ശ്രീഹാ നോമ്പ് വീടൽ

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From the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

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

By the grace of God, the annual general body meeting has been completed as planned on 18th May 2018. I extend congratulations to the Office Bearers, Kaisthana Samathi members, Prayer Group and Organization Office Bearers for their whole-hearted support and hard work for the smooth functioning of our parish.

I thank God for the Children who have completed their 10th and 12th classes successfully and my prayers and wishes are with those going out of Kuwait to various countries for their higher studies. Many of our parish members are planning to travel during the upcoming summer holidays and I take this opportunity to wish them a safe journey and a very meaningful vacation. Please find time to visit any one of the mission stations or institutions of our church along with children during our visit to Kerala.

Friday, 8th June will be celebrated as environmental day. God gave us this wonderful world. It is our duty and responsibility to preserve the bio diversity, protect the nature, preserve fresh air and water, resist the exploitation towards the nature etc. The ecological commission of the Mar Thoma Church has proposed the theme "Plastic free

earth: A divine vision towards the sustainability of creation". The earth is created for the existence of the whole creation. Hence we should not defile our earth in which we are called to live. The well being of the millions of living species on this earth is our responsibility. Plastic free earth is possible only through plastic free homes, plastic free parishes and society.

Last Friday of this month is set apart as tithe offering day. The blessings of our lives are gifts from God. Material and spiritual resources have been entrusted to us for their proper management and use. We do not own them but we are only the stewards. We have a noble tradition of setting apart one tenth of our income and using it for the evangelistic purpose. So we should develop an attitude of setting apart tithe of every thing that we received from God as gift.

Another theme for this month is Christian Discipleship. St. Peter's and St. Paul's day and lent commemorating the life and witness of disciples comes during this month. Discipleship is a call to follow the foot steps of Jesus Christ. Discipleship leads and demands to cross. It is a way of suffering and service for Christ. Are we true disciples or mere devotees? As true disciples our responsibility is to promote and propagate the values of the kingdom of God.

With prayerful regards

Bobby Achen

Table with 4 columns: Activity, Time, Location, and Frequency. Rows include Sunday School, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Yuvajana Sakhyam, Sevika Sanghom, and Edavaka Mission.



LOGO OF THE MAR THOMA CHURCH



LOGO

The logo of Mar Thoma Church consists of a shield emblazoned with a Christian cross with representation of the Ashoka Chakra at centre.

It is flanked on the right and left by a Lotus and a Hand Lamp respectively.

The Motto Lighted to Lighten is written in English above cross. The official Colour of the Logo is Red.

THE MOTTO

The role of the church is to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every believer and member of the Church, wherever they are, are given the light so that they can lighten others.

THE CROSS

The cross placed in the centre represents the centrality of Jesus Christ in the church and its mission It is a proclamation that God himself came and atoned for all humankind and the redemption is freely available by faith in Jesus Christ without regard to any from of karma.

THE ASHOKA CHAKRA

The Ashoka Chakra is the symbol of India

and represents the Indian roots of the church. Traditionally the Chakra aspresented by the Emperor Ashoka, was a symbol in denoting the Wheel of life and Cosmic Order (or Dharmachakra). By Placing the wheel at the heart of the cross, it is a declaration that life funds its ultimate salvation in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus once and for all. It symbolises the completion and closing of the wheel of life for all those who follow the Bhakthi Marga (Path of righteousness) in Jesus Christ.

THE HAND LAMP

The hand lamp represents the lamp that is carried in all believers. It reminds all believers to be the light of the world and act as a witness to give the light of salvation for others in their daily life. It also seeks to remind to pay diligent attention to the study of the word of God

THE LOTUS

The Lotus represents holy living and is traditionally part of the offering of sacrifices of praise and adoration in the Indian tradition to God. It reminds believers to live holy despite the circumstances around them and exude the fragrance if God.



ENTE MALAYALAM

Malayalam is one of the finest and most prestigious languages in the world. Since 2009 our Yuvajana Sakhyam has taken up the task of teaching our children to read and speak Malayalam.

ENTE MALAYALAM Course will be conduct from 8th June Friday to 15th June Friday at St. Thomas centre.

We look forward to your whole hearted support, guidance and prayers. For more details, please contact: Georgy Mathew Mob : 65108084 & Rejo Mathew Alexander Mob : 67078107

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Thomas family congratulates the students who have passed the class 10 & 12 CBSE examinations.

PARISH LEADERS RETREAT



Annual retreat of the parish leaders, Kaisthana Samithy members, Office bearers of Prayer Groups and Organisation were held on Saturday 12 May 18 from 7.30 pm onwards at St. Thomas Centre.

After the opening prayer, Parish Vice President Mr. Christy Thomas welcomed the gestation and Parish leaders. The meeting was presided by Vicar Rev. Bobby Mathew, who in his presidential address highlighted the meaning of retreat in its present-day context.

Rev. Kurian George (Renowned clinical psychologist) was the chief guest for this retreat and took class for attendees. Parish Secretary Mr. John Varghese gave the vote of thanks, before closing out the retreat with a fellowship dinner.



SEVIKA SANGHOM



St. Thomas Sevika Sanghom won the Ever Rolling Trophy in the Centre Kalamela for the year 2017-18. Congratulations to all the winners.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM



Yuvajana Sakhyam Inaugural Ceremony for the year 2018-19 held on 25 May 2018

CHOIR



St. Thomas Choir Dedication day held on 25 May 2018

ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA CHURCH - KUWAIT

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2	MEGHNA ELIZA PHILIP	02494	CANAAN
4	JEEVAN ALEX MATHEW	00034	GETHSEMANE
4	JOHN VARGHESE	00201	CANAAN
4	JINI ANN ISSAC	01962	CANAAN
4	JIBU JACOB THOMAS	03371	GETHSEMANE
4	LITTY JACOB	05432	JERUSALEM
5	AVINASH RAJAN DANIEL	04901	EDEN
5	NISHAD THOMAS	04971	HERMON
5	GIGO ABRAHAM ALEX	05523	GIHON
6	NEBU JOHN	01421	MIZPAH
6	KEVIN JOHN JACOB	01444	OLIVET
6	THOMAS MATHEWS	03491	HERMON
6	SIBI GEORGE	04182	JERUSALEM
7	LARON VARGHESE ABRAHAM	01934	EDEN
8	EMIL MATHEW VARGHESE	02293	JERUSALEM
8	SAJI BABY	03051	GIHON
9	JESTIN JOE GEORGE	00763	MIZPAH
10	BINU THOMAS	03012	MIZPAH
10	AARON MATHEW	04853	CANAAN
11	SHEEBA JAMES	03352	ARARAT
11	TITUS MATHEW	00994	CANAAN
12	STEFFI BIJU VARGHESE	02393	MAHANAIM
12	RACHEL JACOB	03182	MAHANAIM
12	BRIJITH THOMAS PETER	03413	MIZPAH
13	EAPEN THOMAS	02801	JERUSALEM
14	CHRIS MATHEW BIJU	01784	OLIVET
14	SARAH MARIAM SHIBU	01964	CANAAN
14	ROYCE RINU	03653	GETHSEMANE
14	WILLY MATHEW	04491	EMMAUS
15	CHRIS SHIBU CHERIAN	00413	HERMON
15	MATHEWS K. ABRAHAM	00611	GIHON
15	THOMAS PETER	03411	MIZPAH
15	SAM MATHEWS	04021	EMMAUS
15	TIJI ANS ABRAHAM	04142	EMMAUS
16	ALVIN C. VARUGHESE	03304	ARARAT
16	MERIENA RAJESH	04152	OLIVET
16	JENEY ANN JACOB	05022	EPHRAIM
16	BINCY ANNA JACOB	05132	MAHANAIM
17	MATHEW V. ABRAHAM	01541	GIHON
17	RUTH MARY JOHN	01634	MIZPAH
17	SIBU THOTTATHIL JACOB	02141	EPHRAIM

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	RHEA SUSAN THOMAS	03494	HERMON
17	NITHA MATHEW	04852	CANAAN
18	JOHN YOHANNAN	01161	CANAAN
18	SAJINI JACOB MATHILUNKAL	03772	EPHRAIM
18	RENU ABRAHAM KOSHY	04352	MAHANAIM
18	SERAH MARY SHIJI	04963	CANAAN
18	RINU ALEX	05542	HERMON
19	SUSAN IDICULA MATHAI	00452	MAHANAIM
19	JOSHUA JACOB	05094	OLIVET
19	ROGIE NINAN SAMUEL	05241	GIHON
20	GEORGE THOMAS	01091	MIZPAH
21	BINU THOMAS KORUTHU	02951	MIZPAH
22	SWAPNA ELIZABETH JOSEPH	04052	EPHRAIM
24	SUSAN RINU	02092	HERMON
24	RICHARD THOMAS MATHEWS	03493	HERMON
24	SOSAMMA JOHN	05681	CANAAN
25	KRISTIN MANOJ MATHEW	01103	MIZPAH
25	ALAINA THOMAS JINU	01233	GETHSEMANE
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29	THOMAS MATHEW	05441	MAHANAIM
30	JOEL VARGHESE JOHN	00203	CANAAN
30	SUJA KURUVILLA	01602	OLIVET
30	PRAISE ELSA BINU	02703	EDEN
30	SNEHA GEORGE	03273	MIZPAH
30	JOLLY RENJIT (DR.)	04522	JERUSALEM

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

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	JACOB PHILIP & MERCY JACOB	00144	OLIVET
2	MANOJ RAJAN & JESSY MARIAM THOMAS	00560	HERMON
3	JAMES THOMAS & PREETHI JAMES	00198	MAHANAIM
9	NOBLE TOM JOSEPH & SHERIL SARA NOBLE	00442	GIHON
10	JINU CHACKO THOMAS & PREETHA M.M.	00123	GETHSEMANE
14	JOSE BABY SIMON & ANNAMMA JOSE	00066	ARARAT
15	SOJI PHILIP ZACHARIAH & SINI SOJI PHILIP	00152	OLIVET
15	ROBY D. MATHEWS & MILI ROBY MATHEWS	00266	EMMAUS
16	AJESH MATHEW & JULIE M JOHN	00568	CANAAN
16	JUNY THOMAS MATHEW & NEENA ANN VARGHESE	00481	OLIVET
16	VARGHESE VARGHESE V. & CICILY VARGHESE	00115	JERUSALEM
17	GEORGE KURIAN & JENY GEORGE	00064	MAHANAIM
17	DANIEL K. GEORGE & MOLLY DANIEL	00361	EMMAUS
20	CHRISTY THOMAS & RENU CHRISTY	00128	EDEN
23	SAMUEL MATHEW & MERCY MATHEW	00093	GETHSEMANE
24	JOSE KUTTY KUNJAPPAN & ANNAMMA JOSE	00267	MIZPAH
24	THOMAS CHACKO & JESSY THOMAS	00026	EMMAUS
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Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

FAREWELL



Lovin Mathew & Roshni Johnson, Mem No - 494 Olivet Prayer group is leaving Kuwait. We thank them for the support given to us during their service in Kuwait and pray for God's Abundant Blessing upon them.

NEW MEMBERS



MANEESH BABU
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Prayer Group : Ephraim
Mother Parish : Zion Mar
Thoma Church,
Elikkattoor
Mob : 94407695



BINEESH BABU
Family No : 572
Prayer Group : Gihon
Mother Parish : Zion Mar
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NEW BORN



MIREILLE PRIYA SAMGEO
DOB: 22-11-2017
D/o Samgeo Philip & Priya Saira Abraham
Prayer Group: Emmaus
Family No. 450



JOHAAN JOSEPH ALEX
Date of birth: 05-05-2018
S/o Jubin Alex Joseph & Anu Thomas
Prayer Group: Emmaus
Family No.534



GABRIELLA MARIAM ANISH
Date of birth: 14-05-2018
D/o Anish George & Panjani Mohan
Prayer Group: Eden
Family No.96



JUANA JEEVAN RAJ
D/o Jeevan Raj & Subi Jeevan
Date of birth: 19-05-2018
Prayer Group: Mizpha
Family No.535



JUAN JEEVAN RAJ
S/o Jeevan Raj & Subi Jeevan
Date of birth: 19-05-2018
Prayer Group: Mizpha
Family No.535

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
1 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Wisdom the Divine Gift	HOLY QURBANA	1 Kings. 3:16-28	Jam. 1:1-8	Phil. 4:4-9	Matthew 11:25-30	EMMAUS
5 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					OLIVET
8 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Environmental Day Creation Proclaims the Glory of God	HOLY QURBANA	Prov. 8:22-31	Rev. 21:1-8	Col. 1:9-20	Luke 8: 22-25	GIHON
12 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					EDEN
15 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Worship God in Truth and Spirit	FASTING PRAYER					ARARATH & CANAAN
19 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA	Isa. 6:1-8	1 John. 5: 1-12	2 Thess. 2:13-17	John 4:13-26	GETHSEMANE
22 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Cost of Discipleship						EPHRAIM
26 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA	Dan. 6:11-23	Heb. 11:23-40	2Cor. 6:11-18	Mark 10:35-45	MAHANAIM
29 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST. THOMAS CENTRE	Transparency and Faithfulness in Stewardship	HOLY QURBANA	Exod. 36:1-7	Acts. 5:1-11	Phil. 4:10-20	Luke. 19:11-27	HERRMON

Note:- Any changes in worship venue or time will be informed through e-mail.
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