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**NEWSLETTER
JULY 2023**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY 2023

July 02 Share for the Gospel			
8.00 am	English HQ assisted by Carmel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut 14: 22-29 1 Tim 6: 17-21 2 Cor. 9: 6-12 Luke 3: 7-14
10:00 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut 14: 22-29 1 Tim 6: 17-21 2 Cor. 9: 6-12 Luke 3: 7-14
July 09 Priest: Ministers of the Kingdom of God			
8:00 am	G3 & English HQ assisted by the Youth Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Ezek. 33: 1-9 1Tim. 6:11-16 Eph. 4:7-16 Matt 9:35-38
10.00 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by the Hebron area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Ezek. 33: 1-9 1Tim. 6:11-16 Eph. 4:7-16 Matt 9:35-38
July 16 People of God: The body of Jesus Christ			
10:00 am	English HQ assisted by Horeb area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Josh. 1: 1-9 1Cor.12: 27-31 2 Cor. 5:16-21 Matt 5:43-48
July 23 Good News: Life through Death			
8:00 am	Praise & Worship (CFF) & English HQ	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 6: 1-17 Eph. 3: 1-13 Rom: 8: 12-17 John 12:20-26
10.00 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Jerusalem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Deut. 6: 1-17 Eph. 3: 1-13 Rom: 8: 12-17 John 12:20-26
July 30 Holy Spirit who Empowers for Mission			
8.00 am	G3 & English Divine Service assisted by the Youth Fellowship	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 61: 1-4 Acts 1: 1-11 Gal.. 5: 16-24 John 20: 19-23
10.00 am	Malayalam HQ assisted by Salem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Isa. 61: 1-4 Acts 1: 1-11 Gal.. 5: 16-24 John 20: 19-23

Legacy Brick Program

Jubilee Project

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us thank our Almighty God for all the providence and the protection in our daily walks of life. We are so thankful to you all for your prayers and support.

We observe July 3rd as St. Thomas day. The whole church remembers and commemorates the life of St. Thomas, one of the apostles of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. This year we are meditating on the theme 'Discipleship as Readiness to Die with Christ'. According to the tradition, St. Thomas played a significant role in spreading the teachings of Jesus beyond the borders of Israel. He is believed to have travelled to India to share the Gospel and establish Christian communities there. It is said that he faced persecution, opposition, and eventually martyrdom for his faith.

St. Thomas's life and ministry exemplify the essence of discipleship, which includes readiness to die with Christ. His commitment to following Jesus, spreading the Gospel, and facing persecution and martyrdom highlight the sacrificial nature of discipleship and the transformative power of surrendering one's life to Christ.

Our Sunday School has planned to conduct VBS from July 14th-16th and we are ready to dive into another exciting theme "Twists and Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game". Let us uphold our VBS in our prayers. May God begin to work in the hearts of our children, softening their hearts to receive His word. May our VBS enable our children to draw closer to God. Also, we are in the process of conducting adult VBS (School of Gamaliel) on 22nd of July 2023.

Every Christian is called to serve Christ and His Church, but our spiritual gift shows how we can particularly serve Him. What is God's will for my life? What does He want me to do as a Christian? What should be my Ministry? All these questions begin to be answered when we understand our gift.

What does God want us to do with our spiritual gifts? We need to, "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you" (2 Timothy 1:6)

We can Rekindle our spiritual gift by understanding our Christian life with some pertinent questions.

- What do you enjoy the most?
- What make you feel accomplished or at ease?
- What do people say they like or admire you?
- What ministries or volunteer opportunities stir interest and make you feel good about doing.

Let's rekindle our spiritual gift. No matter what our gift is, they can be used for the extension of God's Kingdom.

May God bless you,

Rev. Santhosh Thomas, Asst. Vicar.

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CALENDAR

July 2023						August
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10 am Senior Fellowship 11 am Engegement
2 8 am English HQ 10 Malayalam HQ 7 pm prayer Hebron	3 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Diocesan MTVEA	4 6 am Prayer	5 6 am Prayer	6 6 am Prayer Family Conference Philadelphia	7 6 am Prayer Family Conference	8 10 am Sevika Sanghom
9 8 am G3 and English HQ 10 am Malayalam HQ	10 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm MTVEA Center	11 6 am Prayer	12 6 am Prayer	13 6 am Prayer 10 am Holy Qurbana	14 6 am Prayer VBS Blood Drive	15 VBS
16 10 am English HQ VBS 7 pm Prayer Bethlehem 6 pm Sinai	17 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm MTVEA Region	18 6 am Prayer	19 6 am Prayer	20 6 am Prayer 10 am Pakal Veedu	21 6 am Prayer	22 School of Gamaliel
23 8 am Praise and Worship CFF and HQ 10 am Malayalam HQ 7 pm Prayer Bethlehem	24 6 am Prayer 7.30 pm Sevika Sanghom Center meeting	25 6 am Prayer	26 6 am Prayer	27 6 am Prayer	28 6 am Prayer	29 11 am Engagement
30 8 am G3 and English Divine Service 10 am Malayalam HQ	31 6 am Prayer					



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Registration Open!!





IMMANUEL MTC VBS Operation Backpack

July 14th – 15th

The IMMANUEL MTC VBS Operation Backpack program will take place on July 14th and 15th. It involves volunteers distributing 500 backpacks filled with school supplies to school aged children in need. We have run this program successfully for the past three years and encourage all of you to participate again this year.

In collaboration with the IMTC Neighborhood Mission and Stafford Early Childhood Center, this year's VBS service initiative, **Operation Backpack**, aims to directly impact vulnerable children in Stafford. You can make a difference by donating directly to this project.

On Saturday, July 15th, our VBS kids will actively participate in filling the backpacks with needed school supplies. Each grade will receive a certain number of backpacks to fill, giving them the opportunity to directly impact their community through this program.

Join us in taking action to support our neighborhood Stafford School!

We request you sponsor at least one Backpack.

Cost of each Backpack is **\$25**.

See below Link or scan QR Code to Donate

<https://forms.gle/ykx7K1QC5jD1ky9>



Thank You,

Joy John (832-526-6200) / Reno Samuel (610-457-7405) / Jane Chacko (713-254-0013)

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ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL	VBS 2023: July 14-July 16 Theme: "Twists & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game"
Sevika Sanghom	July 22: School of Gamaliel
SENIOR FELLOWSHIP	July 01: Prayer Meeting at 10 am at the church. July 13: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am July 20: Pakal Veedu @ 10 am
HOPE	July 20: Meeting after the HC service
IMAFF	July 21: Prayer Meeting @ 7.30 pm at the Church
AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Hebron area prayer meeting: Sunday, July 2nd @ 7.00 pm at the residence of Mrs. Ligy Anish (ID # 651), 8823 Iron Forge Rd., Missouri City, TX 77459.</p> <p>Sinai area prayer meeting: Sunday July 16 @ 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Rajiv N Jacob (ID #.404). Address: 12006 Eden Creek Drive, Pearland, TX 77584</p> <p>Bethlehem area prayer meeting: Sunday July 16th at 7.00 pm at the residence of Mr. Kun-nel M. Mathew (ID # 631), 110 Queens Ct., Stafford, TX.77477</p> <p>Bethlehem area prayer meeting: Sunday July 23rd at 6.00 pm at the residence of Mr. George Varghese (ID # 620), 806 McIntosh Bend Dr., Stafford, TX. 77477</p> <p>Sinai area prayer meeting: Friday July 28 7.30 pm at the residence of Mr. Johnny M Mathew (ID #.192). Address: 7202 Tankersley Rd, Manvel, TX 77578</p>

THE BIBLE

The Bible has 3,566,480 letters, 810,677 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 Books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm. The middle verse is in the 8th verse of 118th psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah; it contains 18 letters.

The word "and" occurs 46,627 times, the word "Lord" 1855 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of 2 Kings are alike. The longest verse is Esther 8:9, the shortest is John 11:35. Ezra 7:12 has all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J. The name of God is not found in Esther. The word "boy" occurs in the Bible three times and the word "girl" two times.

Christ is the key to the entire book.

CONDOLENCES

1. Mr. Abraham Joseph Padinjattidom, 71 years old, brother of Dr. Sam Joseph (ID # 412) of the Hebron area prayer group was called to eternal rest in Trivandrum, Kerala.

The vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. Kindly uphold the bereaving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty congratulations to all the 2023 High school & College Graduates.

We wish you nothing but the very best as you embark on a new journey in your life.



JULY BIBLE QUIZ QUESTIONS

Bible Portion Psalms 91-105

1. Name the Psalm designated for Sabbath day?.
2. Who will flourish like a Palm tree?.
3. God spoke to three people from pillar of cloud. Who are they?.
4. Which Psalm is known as thanksgiving Psalm?.
5. Where do the following find place to live?
 1. Stork
 2. Wild goats

Answers for June Bible Quiz

1.76:4, 2. 84, 3. 85:10, 4. 85:11, 5. 90.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars and save the date !

July 14-16	Sunday school VBS
July 22	School of Gamaliel
Aug 05	SWR Sunday school competition
Sept 15-17	Parish Convention
Sept 30	Auction (Tentative)
Oct 08	Parish Day
Oct 21	India Fest
Dec 23	Christmas Carol Service
Dec 29-31	Year end retreat



JULY 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



672	Jomon Johny & Dinu Joseph	18-Jul
190	Thomas Thyparampil & Sarah Thomas	19-Jul
230	Mathew Philip & Annie Philip	19-Jul
115	Thakadiyil V. Mathew & Elizabeth Mathew	20-Jul
486	Sajeev G. Kutty & Jolly Sajeev	20-Jul
595	Binu George & Animole Binu	20-Jul
191	Chacko Jacob & Deenamma Jacob	21-Jul
270	Jojoy John & Dr. Lydia John	21-Jul
501	Bobby Thomas & Benzy Thomas	21-Jul
345	Mathew T. Scaria & Lizy Mathew	22-Jul
457	Arun Koshy & Mariamma Chacko	22-Jul
152	Bob Varghese & Sarah Varghese	23-Jul
200	Binoy George & Mercy Binoy	23-Jul
215	Jackson V. Jacob &	23-Jul
111	Joseph Chandy & Mariamma Chandy	24-Jul
233	Cherian Zachariah & Annamma Cherian	24-Jul
644	John Joseph & Mary K. Joseph	24-Jul
176	Mathews Abraham & Gracy Mathew	25-Jul
675	Biju J. Thomas & Jalaja Joseph	25-Jul
177	John Chacko & Chinnamma John	26-Jul
428	Dr. Anil T. Mathew & Sonu E. Mathew	26-Jul
134	Sanoj J. Eapen & Tessy Eapen	28-Jul
483	Sibi P. Mathew & Selena Patel Mathew	28-Jul
654	Roshan Regi & Mari Lyn Jacob Veerampully	28-Jul
471	Abi Philip & Dr. Leena Philip	29-Jul
192	Johnny M. Mathew & Achamma C. Mathew	30-Jul
237	Raju Abraham & Susan Abraham	30-Jul
137	Chacko Kurien & Sosamma Kurien	31-Jul

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Chinnamma John	1-Jul	Samuel Jose George	11-Jul
Saramma Mathai		Benzy K. John	
Bindu Anil Mathew		Susan Mathew	
Mariamma Chacko		Annamma John	
Dea G. Sanil		Nickel Mathew Thomas	
Gabriel Mathew		Stanley Varghese	
Solly Saji		Jean Mary Thomas	
Joel Sam Kalloor	2-Jul	Liza Eliz Mathew	
Bindu Philip		Leha Susan Varghese	12-Jul
Saji Pappachan		Aiden Aby George	
Abey V. Kunjumon	3-Jul	Nithin Cherian Mathew	
Christina Jose		Olivia Royce Green	
Shikha S. Thomas	4-Jul	Vinu Jacob Mathew	13-Jul
Leema Elsa Binu		John Varghese	
Mathew Kanankara Abraham		Haley Nicole Sooudi	
Sibi Abraham	5-Jul	Maya Roy	
John Jacob		Abbey Joseph	
Prince Jacob		John Abraham	
Namrata Susan Varghese		Kurian George	
Apoorva Anne Varghese		Sujamol John	14-Jul
Sunu Cherian		Sam Chacko	15-Jul
Kuriakose Thottiyil	6-Jul	Jijo Philip Varughese	
Greyson Mammen Mathew		Jacob Chacko	16-Jul
Ajitha P. Kurian	7-Jul	Monachan Thomas	
Sheeba E. Mathew		Roni Mathew	
Noah Bobby Thomas		Nissi Maria Shybu	
Jerin Shibu		Beena Abraham	
Mevin John Abraham		Navid Jacob John	
M. G. Mathew	9-Jul	Jeena Jose	
Amit G. Thomas		Bincy Mathew	
Sophie Rachel Abraham			
Annamma Cherian	10-Jul		
Smijo M. Mathew			
Sera Susan Samuel			
Ethan Kulkarni			



JULY 2023 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Isac Thomas	17-Jul	Saji Mathew	25-Jul
Roji Mathew		Susan Mathew	26-Jul
Jesmin Aju John		Geeta Mammen	
Meenu A. Varghese	19-Jul	Dr. Cherry Mathew	
Austin S. Alexander		Mercy Binoy	
Kunjumol Varughese		Biju Abraham	
Saramma Philipkutty		Elvin Varghese Mathews	
Varghese Sebastian		Sony Sam Jacob	
Sibi P. Mathew		Justin Samuel	27-Jul
Elena Sarah Thomas		Reena Varghese	
George Varghese		Liya Marrie Kalathoor	
Jerryil Zachariah	20-Jul	Jaiden Naithan Jacob	
Sam Rajan Daniel		Grace Maria Chandy	
Aswin Cherian Mathew		Eva Susan Jacob	
Elijan Philip Ninan	21-Jul	Annamma Thomas	28-Jul
Hannah Susan George		David Kalathoor	29-Jul
Bindhu Samuel		Ian Charles Chacko	
Roshu Thomas		David Paul Thomas	
Dr. Mariam Sara Sunil	22-Jul	Saramma Mathew	30-Jul
Annie Jacob		Anu Mathew	
Naya Esther Mammen	22-Jul	Max M. Philip	
Nisha John	23-Jul	Merina A. Thomas	
Lijoy Samuel		Annie H. Joseph	31-Jul
Jerin C. John		Melwin Thomas Kondoor	
Mariam George	24-Jul	Rebecca George	
Sheba A. Kuriakose		Jenna Joe George	
Ajay Thomas		Susan Thomson	
Sneha Abraham			
Roshini E. Joseph			



JULY 2023 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



204	Alexander Samuel & Sheela Alexander	1-Jul
395	Benny Kalathoor & Liny Kalathoor	1-Jul
149	Thomas Samuel & Leela M. Samuel	2-Jul
462	Johnson Thomas & Ambili Susan	2-Jul
323	Vivekanand V. Shetti & Dr. Jessie George Shetti	3-Jul
153	John P. Thomas & Mariamma J. Thomas	5-Jul
358	Mohan John Thomas & Mariamma John	5-Jul
392	Thompson Jacob & Dr. Reena Jacob	6-Jul
241	Sam Mathew & Rachel Mathew	7-Jul
149	Jim Thomas & Maya Thomas	8-Jul
444	Rupesh Koshy & Mekha Solomon	8-Jul
477	Titus Eapen & Seena Eapen	9-Jul
491	Anub Philip & Rimla Anna Paul	9-Jul
602	George T. Justin Thadikkal & Jeena Jose	9-Jul
337	Shiju Oommen & Binsu Oommen	10-Jul
365	Abraham Kurien & Ann Kurien	10-Jul
425	Aby Pappachan & Sheeba Pappachen	10-Jul
374	Abraham V. Komattu & Ansu J. Abraham	11-Jul
520	John Varghese & Sunila Abraham	11-Jul
587	Shibu Thomas & Jessica Nguen Thomas	11-Jul
646	Sachin Kulkarni & Bini George	11-Jul
221	Joseph Varghese & Betsy Varghese	12-Jul
530	George P. Thomas & Dr. Sheena Itty	12-Jul
625	Abraham K.M & Aleyamma Abraham	12-Jul
668	Joseph K. T. & Leelamma Joseph	15-Jul
518	John Jesson & Mariamma Jesson	16-Jul
661	Santhosh K. Varghese & Sherin M. John	16-Jul
670	Michael Brian Samuel & Julia Vera	16-Jul
283	Samuel Abraham & Omana Abraham	17-Jul
103	T. I. Rajan & Saramma Rajan	18-Jul
178	Thomas O. Keerikattu & Suja T. Keerikattu	18-Jul
528	Jose P Abraham & Nidhi J. Abraham	18-Jul
533	Mullasari Abraham Joseph & Beena Joseph	18-Jul
619	Bibin George & Angie Alexander	18-Jul