

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
Colossians 3:1-2



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Word from the Pastor



HEAVENLY MINDSET

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.. (Philippians 2:5)

By the time you read this, you have stepped into 2024 and already getting busy with the many responsibilities in life. It is important to take time often in life to be grateful for God's gifts and to worship God who Himself is our Greatest Gift in the person of Jesus Christ. I want to dwell on the theme verse for the year for this devotion and give us some encouraging insights for our spiritual nourishment.

1. The Mind that rejoices in the Heavenly Father – It is well known to all of us that those things that give us great pleasure do not feel burdensome at all but those (no matter how simple) that are not to our liking will feel burdensome and even irritating. It could be as simple as a subject in school or a chore that you are told to do at home. For some, opening the Bible and reading everyday may seem burdensome or even gathering in the 'church' as something not-so-interesting. Jesus, in His earthly life, taught us this valuable truth that 'doing the will of the Father' was better for Him even to accept the will of the Father to go to the Cross because He rejoiced in pleasing the Father in Heaven. This same truth applies to the fact that Paul could instruct the church in Philippi to *rejoice* even while writing from a prison.
2. The Mind that discerns temporal from eternal – The earliest mention of the life of Jesus outside His childhood is found in the Temptations that Jesus faced. In all three temptations, the answers given by Jesus were not only biblical but it was filled with loads of foresight and vision. The tactic of satan

from the Garden of Eden and always, is to offer pleasure in the immediate, wanting us to be blinded to the eternal, and more so about the long-term consequences of our choices. The mind of Jesus teaches us to be mindful of God so that He channels our minds towards His eternal Kingdom. During the earthly ministry of Jesus, crowds thronged around Jesus, sometimes even 'offering an earthly crown to a Heavenly King but Jesus offers us Heavenly Crown to earthly sinners'.

3. The Mind that is NOT self-centered – The context of Philippians 2 is about how Jesus humbled Himself to go the Cross for all mankind, you and me. Every part of the earthly life of Jesus was filled with foresight, forethought and forsaking the self. God created the first man and woman with perfection and gave them perfect joy and perfect beings. It was satan who told them that they are not perfect and that they need something outside to give them joy, happiness and fulfilment. It was only after the disobedience of man that they realized that they are *now* imperfect and that they had lost the perfection that God had given them originally. The mind of Christ teaches us to focus on God, love God with all our hearts and to enjoy His presence in fellowship through prayer, his worship through surrender and in hope through obedience.

May the New Year 2024 be the beginning and deepening of our understanding of the mind of Christ. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit to become heavenly-minded in Christ and become more like Jesus.

Have a blessed year filled with God's love, peace and guidance.

Rev. Isaac Emmanuel Johnson

To Thee our prayers addressing, still ask
Thee for Thy blessing, Grant us a joyful year.

Paul Eber

John's Corner



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Read Isaiah 26:3,4 and 2 Corinthians 12:9

'Happy New Year! May your days be fine,
Touched by God's love, with blessings divine.'
While we wish others do we believe,
The Saviour exists and Him receive?

May Jesus this New Year help us find
Him always there and grant peace of mind;
Good news or bad, whatever we face,
Remember sufficient is His grace.

As we another new year enter,
May we with thanks God's blessings ponder;
Him seek at all times, trust and obey,
In all we do and all that we say.

John H. Bala Singh

A blessed New Year from John's Corner

Christians should move on to spiritual maturity. We must feast on the meat of God's Word and put into practice the lessons we have learned. It is the only way to grow up.

Haddon W Robinson

people see consistency in one's belief.
When authenticity and love prevail
some will turn to You.

So this year this is what I want:
To be(come) the person You want me to be,
To do life Your way,
To be just like You, Jesus.
(Help me)

"Your real, new self (which is Christ's and also yours, and yours just because it is His) will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking for Him. Does that sound strange?...The principle runs through all life from top to bottom, Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end submit with every fibre of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in." - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Also read : Numbers, 23:8-, 9, , Philippians, 2:14-, 16, MSG

Dr. Susan Rajkumari

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture: The Book widens and
deepens with our years.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



Are we like Nicodemus?

John 3:1-21

Many of us are familiar with the story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee who was a member of the Jewish Ruling Council. This means he was highly educated, well versed with the Scriptures and responsible for religious administration. He came seeking Jesus, knowing that He was a teacher 'who has come from God' because of the miracles Jesus was performing which were not possible if God were not with Him.

The Scriptures testified to Jesus, starting from Moses and all the prophets, scriptures Nicodemus would have been familiar with. Despite all his knowledge, Nicodemus could not discern who Jesus was because he was dead in the spirit. Jesus opening words focused on this, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again".

Nicodemus response was from an earthly point of view, questioning how a grown man can be born again a second time 'from his mother's womb'. Jesus addressed this spiritual blindness directly, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You must not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again".

We need to understand what being, "Born of water and the Spirit", means. Water, in this instance, represents the Word of God, and its meaning is brought alive by the Holy Spirit. This is evident from Ephesians 6 where husbands are exhorted to, "Love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her; to make

her holy, *cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word*. When we read God's Word daily, we are being cleansed by water through the Word, renewed in mind and able to discern God's truth.

That can only happen, however, if we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will, "Teach us all things, and will remind you of everything I have said to you", John 14: 26.

Let's go back to what Jesus told Nicodemus, "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit". What did He mean by this? When He spoke about the flesh giving birth to flesh, Jesus was speaking of the sinful human condition that has been dead in the spirit ever since the fall of man, and that is hostile to God. And, as long as Nicodemus or any one of us is not "born again", we remain spiritually dead and unable to discern the truth, or live "in God's kingdom". But notice how Jesus says, "But the *Spirit gives birth to spirit*. You must not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again"?

Jesus Himself promised the Holy Spirit to His disciples in John 14, and we see that they received the Spirit at Pentecost in Acts 2 and began their ministry. Remember Peter's words, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. *And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*. The promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call". The question for us is, have we been through this act of will that enables us to be born again and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? For without the Spirit, we can be 'good' church-going Christians, but will not be in God's kingdom nor able to discern His Word, or His will, for us.

How are we transformed when we are born again and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? Romans 8: 5-9 is clear, "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. *Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God*. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you".

The question is, are we like Nicodemus, resisting what Jesus asked us to do? Remember he said, "You must not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again". Yet that is what our response is for most of us, isn't it? In fact, as upright church going Christians, we even find the suggestion offensive! Are we going to remain in our comfort zones, or bask in our self-righteousness? Or heed Jesus' words to be born again so that we receive the Holy Spirit? For we cannot call ourselves His disciples unless we do, and then enter His kingdom.

May we hear Jesus' call as we meditate on His Word and respond to Him!

David Appasamy

Self is the opaque veil that hides the face of God from us.

A. W. Tozer

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pulldown the shade.

Thomas Peters

Bible Quiz No. 144 – January 2024



An Architect's Quiz

Please give a Bible reference, where applicable.

1. Which Old Testament prophet speaks of '*a man with a measuring line in his hand*', to measure Jerusalem ?
2. Which parable mentions two kinds of foundations for a house ?
3. There are four **towers** noted in the Bible; Can you name them ?
4. Can you name the first city mentioned in the Bible ?
5. Who had
 - a. *An ivory palace*
 - b. *An ivory throne* ?
6. Can you name the various places of worship in the Bible ?
7. How many **temples** were built in Jerusalem, and by whom ?
8. Which King gave a great impetus to architecture ?
9. Who was the chief architect of the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant ?
10. Whose temple was built at Ephesus ?

Taken from *A Bible Quiz Book* by May C. Smith

Kindly send your answers to the church office or email admin@thekirk.in by 21st January 2024.

Usha George



Kirk Men's Fellowship

The mission of the Kirk Men's Fellowship follows our church's vision, "To be a congregation of obedient disciples of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ".

We encourage men to be compassionate, loving, reaching out to the lost and lonely, to have concern for the broader community and the issues we face as a society. Walking in Jesus' steps, reflecting His goodness to those around us, to experience His love and be drawn to Him.

We actively participate in the programmes of our ministries: We work closely with Urban Ministry, E&MM Ministry, participating in Prayer Walks, Tea Ministry and Medical & Counseling camps held in the outreach areas, while encouraging men to volunteer to serve in other ministries as well.

Our monthly fellowship meetings have praise & worship, and the facilitation of topics that are edifying to men in their roles as husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, colleagues - indeed in every role in life. These are times of learning and edifying each other in the faith, knowledge of our Saviour, and what He teaches us.

We also have fun as brothers, with retreats and picnics, in meditation, learning, prayer, games, outings, walks, and quizzes. We have many opportunities to come together in meaningful ways like volunteering to clean up our facilities after the recent floods!

As men we sometimes feel all alone. Problems at work which we can't really share with the family. There may be relationship problems that seem impossible to resolve. We've all been there and struggled with such problems. The Men's Fellowship is a band of brothers who will stand with each other in times of trouble.

Come, join us in our fellowship!

Pinky Timothy
The Lost Sheep



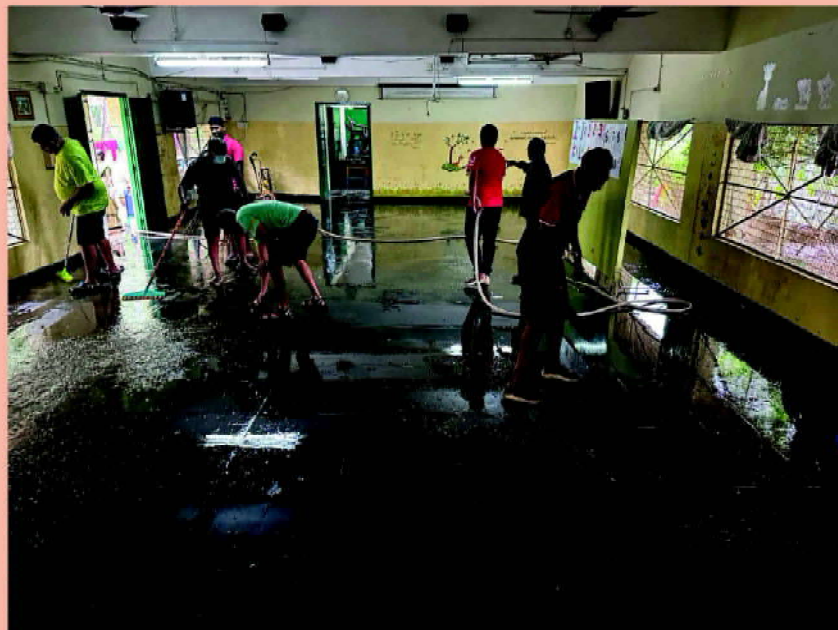
Sahana Timothy
Parable of the Sower

Aparna Timothy -
*Parable of the Merchant and
the Pearl of Great Price*





Clean up of SACCE Hall by Men's Fellowship volunteers post the recent floods



Clean up of the DCC

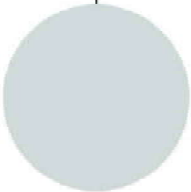


Kirk Men's Fellowship Stall at the Christmas Sharing Sale



KMF Picnic at Mahabalipuram

NEW YEARS DOOR HANGER



**New Years
Resolutions**



I will learn
more about
God.



I will help my family
with _____



I will invite
someone to
my church.



I will give
some of my
money to _____



I will tell
a friend
about Jesus.



I will learn
____ new
Bible verses.



I will pray for
others.

I will.....

Answers to Bible Quiz No. 143 – December 2023

A Christmas Quiz

1. d.
2. d.
3. b. Matthew 2:11
4. d. Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:4-6
5. a. Matthew 1:23
6. b. Jeremiah 31:15
7. a. Luke 1:36
8. d. Luke 2:1-6
9. b.
10. b. Luke 2:8-9
11. d. Luke 2:25-35
12. c. Luke 1:46-55

The winners are:

1. Mrs. Gloria Jawahar
2. Mrs. Suguna Joseph
3. Mrs. Indra Rajanayakam
4. Mrs. Victoria Basker
5. Ms. Patricia Patrick
6. Mr. Jonathan Bhavyan.G.
7. Mrs. Peace Rani Sudhakar
8. Mrs. Gladys Vedavimali
9. Mrs. Sabrina Siga
10. Mrs. Sujata Elizabeth Prasad

Hearty Congratulations!

Forward Toward The Light

Teach us to number our days aright, so that we may gain wisdom." Psalm 90:12

"Another year is dawning, Dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, Another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy Presence all the days."

We exalt the God of the Ages. He leads the billions of stars in their perfect orbits. He is our Guardian, Guide, our Portion and our Stay and He will lead us on.

Amazing how another year has gone – a stern reminder of the brevity of life. Several thoughts float through the mind and one perhaps broods over the many dead-end streets one has walked. Goals that had looked so rosy and beckoning were mere will-o'-the-wisps luring us nowhere. However, let us not get disheartened and sink into stagnation and nothingness. We are God's handiwork and we are to march forward in His army against which Hell cannot prevail.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'Tis God's gift." – M. D. Babcock

We are perhaps simple and single-talented people. Among the little-known people in the Bible are Lois and Eunice, Timothy's grandma and mother. Their lives remind us of the unnamed humble folk who labored with the renowned leaders to lay the foundation of the Church of Christ. These modest comrades are forgotten in the history of the world but are luminously written in the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Now is the time to ponder on God's directions for our lives. We have the glorious valiant lives of saints in the Bible whose actions glow before us. Jesus said of Peter – a headstrong reckless fisherman,

who rose to become the fearless leader of the Apostles, "That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

May we be inspired and energized by Christ's followers who have made a difference in our social system. They have pushed the frontiers of various sectors – education, healthcare, justice, human dignity all effectively spread by the application of the Gospel.

The clock on our wall ticks reminding us of our mortality. Each year passes by swiftly like telephone poles as we journey through life. We are gifted with precious moments of life. In the midst of the turmoil and compulsions of the world, may our minds soar to our brightest hope - the triumphant return of Christ. We have just celebrated the birth of our Saviour and the Second Advent will be equally glorious.

Our Lord has promised us, "I will come again" (John 14:3). This promise has strengthened the children of God in a widely pluralistic society through the ages. Come one, come all and let us prepare ourselves for the Greatest Event in human history – the triumphant return of our Lord Jesus Christ – our Bridegroom. "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as we think not the Son of Man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

Let us look ahead with our eyes on our Master, led forward by His light. May our hand be on the plough and may we march ahead victoriously for His glory.

A blessed New Year 2024!

Usha George

For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

John Henry Sammis

Know Your Hymn

Hymn (Greek Hymnos) means 'Song of praise'.

Hymns play a significant role in the church even today. They are timeless, joyful, encouraging, strengthening, comforting, pointing us to God, helping us to draw close to Him and so on.

Hymn is mentioned in four places in the Bible. Jesus sang hymns with His disciples. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.' Matthew 26:30

We are commanded to sing. In both Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16, Paul commands gathered believers to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, thereby "singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" (Eph. 5:19).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God (Col 3:16).

Even in prison at about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them (Acts 16:25).

While Psalms is the perfect Word of God, Hymns recite doctrinal truths and Spiritual songs are believers expressing their personal responses to God. In the earlier years the book of psalms were sung in the Hebrew temple and synagogues. (Song book of Psalms is called a psalter). During the Dark Ages congregational singing stopped, and all the singing for worship was done only by a small choir of monks. But the common people who attended the worship services could not understand what was sung at all because the monks sang everything in Latin! The 16th century Protestant Reformation has rightly restored congregational singing as we have it today. The invention of printing not only placed Bibles in our hands, but hymnals as well, to use for congregational singing!

What is the criteria for a hymn? A hymn is a metrical composition of spiritual truth, adapted for singing by a congregation. It is poetry in

song comprising of metaphors, similes, repetitions, rhetorical questions etc. It is usually sung in harmony.

During the 1700-1900 known as 'The Golden Age of Hymnody' the Lord gifted the Church with many writers, both men and women, who had written over a 100 even over 1000 hymns. Some of the key individuals active in this period are Isaac Watts, Charles Wesley, John Newton, James Montgomery, Fanny Crosby, and Philip Bliss. The Reformation laid the foundation by emphasizing the authority of the Word of God and then there was the great spiritual awakenings. Thus Doctrinal depth and precision together with spiritual warmth and insight is seen in hymns of that era.

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

The threshold of a new year evokes thankfulness in our hearts and hope for the days ahead as we put our trust in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. These thoughts are well echoed in Isaac Watts' hymn "O God our help in ages past."

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) wrote more than 600 hymns and was rightly called Father of Hymnody 'Even as a boy Isaac Watts displayed literary genius learning Latin at the age of five, Greek at nine, French at eleven and Hebrew when he was thirteen years old. At 18 years of age, he complained that the metrical psalms they had to sing at his Chapel in Southampton were grim, for the nonscriptural words used were not worthy for worship. (Ye monsters of the bubbling deep, Your Masters praises spout: Up from the sands ye ducklings peep, And wag your tails about).

Watts' father heard Isaac's complaining and challenged him "Well then, young man, why don't you give us something better to sing?" Isaac Watts started to write a new hymn text every Sunday for his people. In 1719, he published an important hymnal titled 'The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament'. In it he paraphrased the entire Psalter with the exception of twelve Psalms he felt were unsuited for usage.

At this time in England, religious freedom was severely limited and Watts' father was jailed twice for his religious views. Isaac himself was considered a radical churchman since he wrote many "hymns of human composure" songs that did not directly quote Bible passages. In such uncertain times, Watts looked to Psalm 90 for comfort and wrote more than a paraphrase of its heart-warming

words. His hymn actually gave a grand commentary on the subject of time and how God stands above human time.

The hymn melody "St. Anne" to which the lyrics are most frequently sung was produced by William Croft in 1708 while he was the organist of the church of St Anne: giving the name of the melody. Originally, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" contained nine verses. Today most hymnals use only verses 5. In 1738, John Wesley changed the first line from "Our God" to "O God".

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

1 Cor 14:15 What is the *conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Dr. Anita Chelliah



Medical Corner

GLANDS IN THE BODY – IV

THE THYROID GLAND - II

“Doctors treat, but Jesus heals”

HYPOTHYROIDISM

Ladies with hypothyroidism, who are expecting a baby, must have frequent blood tests to enable the endocrinologist, to assess and modify the treatment according to the test results. This will prevent hypothyroidism in the baby. Babies affected by hypothyroidism at birth (cretinism), if left untreated, will become mentally challenged. But if diagnosed and treated early, the condition can be entirely prevented and the child will lead a normal, healthy life.

If left untreated, hypothyroidism can also greatly affect the mood and emotions. Low thyroid hormones play a role in a variety of emotional and behavioural disturbances, including progressive loss of interest and initiative, slowing of mental processes, muddled thinking, lack of concentration, poor memory for recent events, fading of the personality's colour and vivacity, depression with a paranoid flavour, dementia and permanent harmful effects on the brain. Research has revealed that the rate of depression is much higher in people who are hypothyroid than in the general population.

Over looking thyroid problems can be serious. When effective treatment is begun, the general response is quite favourable. Vitality returns and the mental processes become efficient again. Early detection and treatment of the thyroid disturbance, as well as appropriate attention to the emotional and psychological condition of the patient, cannot be overemphasized.

Prayer is powerful as the Psalmist says “the righteous cry out and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles” (Ps 34:17 NKJV).

Dr. (Mrs.) Rajini Kantha Narendranath



Kirk News

*Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.
Proverbs 15:30*

Start Afresh

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. Philippians 3: 12, 13

A blessed 2024! A New Year has dawned!

The past year must have been a mixed bag of experience for most of us. Through the hilltop and valley experiences, He was faithful and constantly with us. What about us? We wavered and fell but every single time, He restored us. This is our God. Therefore, like Paul, let us acknowledge our failures and press on with expectation. God has given us His breath because He has a purpose for each one of us in this life. With His abounding grace, let us live out all for which we were created. The past cannot be changed and living in regret doesn't help. Again, like Paul, let us forget what has passed by so that we can reach out to the things ahead. He has already opened the doors that He wants us to walk through. Let's simply trust Him and walk through with all anticipation and joy.

Kirk Sunday School

On 10th December 2023, the Sunday School Children of Kirk engaged the 6 pm service attendees with their rendition of 'A King is Born,' a Christmas musical.

Kirk Youth Fellowship

On the 15th of December, the Kirk Youth Fellowship took the Christmas cheer to the houses of the Kirk members through carol singing.

Kirk Women's Fellowship

The Kirk Women's year-end fasting prayer was moved to December 30th from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Ending the year and welcoming the new year with one of the most fundamental pillars of the church - prayer, is what has kept our church going strong.

The Christmas Sharing Sale

The Christmas Sharing Sale in aid of mission support took place after the 9 am service on 17th December 2023 in the church premises. Despite the recent floods, the church came together to make this day possible. The congregants participated cheerfully and enjoyed the service at the various stalls. There was biryani, stew, juices, ice-cream, plants, clothes, fancy items, books and much more.

Nine Lessons & Carols

The festival of Nine Lessons & Carols took place on 17th December 2023 at 6:00 pm. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems is a Christmas tradition that doesn't cease to amaze!

Together

On 23rd December from 10:30am to 1:00pm 'Together' took place at the SACCE hall. It was a time of remembering our loved ones whose memory we treasure alongside others from the church community.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club met on Thursday, 14th December at 10.30am at SACCE Hall to celebrate Christmas together.

Obituary

Mr. Christian Devadoss David aged 87 entered God's glory on the 14th of December. The funeral service took place on 19th December and the burial was at TELC cemetery, Brickiln Road, Otteri, Purasawalkam, Chennai. We keep his family and friends in our prayers.

Mr. Richard Ebenezer went home to be with the Lord on the 25th of December. The funeral service took place on the 26th at St. Andrew's Church followed by burial at Nagercoil. We keep his wife Priya and children Sneha and Nathan in our prayers.

Our heartfelt condolences to their dear families.

Forever with the Lord!

Angela Susan Bryner

Happy New Year 2024!

Wishing our dear readers and their families a blessed and joyous
New Year!

Kirkspire Editorial Board

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Frances Ridley Havegal





Christmas Sharing Sale 2023



