

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Our Vision

**A growing family of Spirit-filled followers of Jesus Christ,
inspiring all Sri Lankans to find their life-purpose in God.**

WORSHIP SERVICES ENGLISH

6:30 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon
8:30 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Except 4th Sunday)

TAMIL

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)

ENGLISH and TAMIL (COMBINED SERVICE)

8:30 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 4th Sunday)

Our Mission

**To reach out to all Sri Lankans for Jesus,
confirm their faith in the Trinity,
and nurture them to achieve Christ-like maturity.**

FROM THE DESK OF VEN JAYANTH JEYAVEERASINGAN

Isaiah 61:1-3(a) – “ *The spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and to release the prisoners, to proclaim the year of Gods favour and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn and to provide those who grieve in Zion*”

My dear people of God,

Today we see our country in a bad way and the question is what is the mission of the church at such a time as this? The mission of the church has to be different so that the church will be with the vulnerable. The biggest question we have as the church is whether we have sympathized and empathized with those who are hurt. I personally feel that after serving the church for 40 years, we have to have a common agenda to heal the people of our country and not an agenda that will satisfy us personally. Above, Isaiah prophesies the Nazarene mandate which is a prophetic utterance of Christ in the New Testament.

If we are to serve our Nation and our Church, we have to “disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed”. This is the message of the cross which speaks the inclusive language of love to everybody in the mission of Christ. I am extremely grateful to the “Shepherdians” are striving to look after the people who are struggling in these difficult times. As much as we do so, we must also open our hearts and minds permanently to that mission.

How do we preach a comforting language to those who grieve? We can only speak the language of repairing brokenness if we pass those experiences.

Isaiah 58:12 – *You will be called repairers of broken walls and restorer of streets with dwelling*”

Amen!

God Bless you all.

Fr. Jayanth

Special Days in July 2022

2 nd	Salvation Army Founders Day, 1865
8 th	Church of Ceylon Day
10 th	Theological College of Lanka Foundation Day, 1963
31 st	National Christian Council Sunday

**A Very Warm Welcome and a Heartfelt Greeting,
in the Glorious Name of Jesus, to all our Visitors!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY, please fill in a *Family Card* and hand it over to any of our Sidespersons on duty (look out for the 'SIDESPERSON' badge), one of our Wardens (just ask for Sharmila, Upekha, Delani or Mishael), or our Vicar, the Ven Jayanth Jeyaveerasingan. Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Curtis.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

A Time of Church-Family Fellowship: After the 8:30am service. A cup of tea is served in the Parish Hall, every Sunday. On 4th Sundays, the Mothers' Union hosts a 'Combined Congregations Breakfast'. On other Sundays, you may buy your own breakfast. Even if you aren't hungry for a meal, come and savour the taste of fellowship.



A Listening Ear: 9:45am to 10:00am
Some parishioners have volunteered their time to lend a ear and to pray with those who are facing challenges in life. While you may contact them to set up a mutually convenient time and place to talk/meet, they will also be available on Sundays in the Parish Hall (Meeting Room), from 9:45am to 10:00am.



Sunday School: 10:00am to 11:15am
Our children are taught God's Word and ways—in a fun, meaningful, and innovative manner—by a group of dedicated teachers. Their parents are, also, most welcome to worship with the rest of our church-family and become more involved in parish activities!



Fellowship Evening: 7:00pm
A fellowship evening is held *every 3rd Sunday after the 5:30pm* worship service. All are welcome!



TUESDAYS

Medical Clinic: 4:30pm to 5:30pm
A free Medical Clinic is conducted by our Mothers' Union, in the Parish Hall. Pass the good news about this ministry around your home and neighbourhood. Also, come by and lend a helping hand! The medical clinic is part of our church's mission outreach in action.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS

Elders' Fellowship: Commencing at 10:00am

The 'senior friends' of our parish meet once a month— every 4th Wednesday—for fun-filled fellowship!



WEDNESDAYS

Young Adults at 8:30 pm to 9:30 via Zoom

Keep in touch with Viranga on 0773891951



THURSDAYS

Bible Study: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Due to the current restrictions on meeting, the Bible Study is being conducted via Zoom as well as made available via email. To receive the Zoom link or study notes contact Delani (0778 944 555; delanijayasinghe@gmail.com). All are welcome.



SATURDAYS

Mothers' Union: Commencing at 4:30 pm

Meetings of our very active Mothers' Union (MU) are held once a month—every 2nd Saturday. Keep in touch with a member of the MU for updates on their plans and programmes, and join them in their many projects!



SATURDAYS

Youth Ministry: Every Saturday 6:00pm to 9:00pm

The youth (16+ years) of the parish meet regularly for worship, study, and a whole host of other fun-filled activities geared towards spiritual growth and maturity. We ask for your prayers as church leaders who guide and mentor these young people in our parish heed God's voice over this next generation of ours.

Keep in touch with Shakyna 0777158847 or Nikhil on 0721806971



SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JULY 2022

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
JULY 3 RD PROPER 9 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 30	
	OT Lesson	2 Kings 5: 1 - 14	Delani Jayasinghe
	NT Lesson	Galatians 6: 7 - 16	Minoli Peiris
	Gospel	Luke 10: 1 - 11, 16 - 20	Dharshani De Silva
JULY 10 TH PROPER 10 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 82	
	OT Lesson	Amos 7: 7 - 17	Manuja Jeyaraj
	NT Lesson	Colossians 1: 1 - 14	Akshara Douglas
	Gospel	Luke 10: 25 - 37	Michelle Ponniah
JULY 17 TH PROPER 11 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 52	
	OT Lesson	Amos 8: 1 - 12	Dhayamani Ashok
	NT Lesson	Colossians 1: 15 - 28	Simone Botejue
	Gospel	Luke 10: 38 - 42	Lorette Weeraratne
JULY 24 TH PROPER 12 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 138	
	OT Lesson [E]	Genesis 18: 20 - 32	Redesh Thevakumar
	NT Lesson [S]	Colossians 2: 6 - 15	Varunika De Silva
	Gospel [T]	Luke 11: 1 - 13	Alex Joseph
JULY 31 ST PROPER 13 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 107: 1 - 9, 43	
	OT Lesson	Hosea 11: 1 - 11	Anil Jayasinghe
	NT Lesson	Colossians 3: 1 - 11	Michael Tissera
	Gospel	Luke 12: 13 - 21	Dyan Seneviratne

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR JULY 2022

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
JULY 3 RD	Rochelle Gunawardene	Suresh Thavarajah Rajiva Samarasinha
JULY 10 TH	Levon Srikanth	Sunday School
JULY 17 TH	Dorothy Philips	Simone Botejue Geetha De Silva
JULY 24 TH	Augustine Netanya Wickramaratne	Shanthi Joseph Kala & Thevakumar
JULY 31 ST	Lalith Dassenaike	Nilani & Dyan Seneviratne

**WARDENS, SIDESPERSONS & LAY ASSISTANTS DUTY ROSTER FOR
JULY 2022**

DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSIONS	LAY ASSISTANTS
1 ST SUNDAY	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Misha-el Algama (PM)	Minoli Wijesena (AM) Amala Coomaraswamy (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)
2 ND SUNDAY	Sharmila Perera (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)	Dhayamini Ashok (AM) Dorothy Philips (AM) Chandra De Silva (PM)	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY	Misha-el Algama (AM) Delani Jayasinghe (PM)	Mallika Dedigama (AM) Michelle Ponniah (AM) Debika Pathirana (PM)	Lalith Dassenaike (AM) Delani Jayasinghe (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY	Upekha Wickramaratne (AM)	Dhayamini Ashok (AM) Dorothy Philips (AM)	Upekha Wickramaratne (AM)
5 TH SUNDAY	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)	Minoli Wijesena (AM) Amala Coomaraswamy (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JULY 2022

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 st July	Sriyani Miththapala Rajamani Mather	
2	11 th July	Johann Latiff Lorette Weeraratne	
	16 th July		Upekha & Viranga Wickramaratne
3	17 th July	Maneesh Chanmugam	
	20 th July	Rev. Suresh Dias Bandaranaike	
	21 st July	Graeme Tissera Romany De Mel	
	22 nd July	Barbara Wijesinghe	Rochelle & Wijith De Chickera
	23 rd July		Anita & Roshan Anandage
4	25 th July	Anil Jayasinghe Erin De Silva	
	28 th July	Darshan De Silva	
	29 th July	Shakyna Dassenaik Sarojini Gnaniah	
	30 th July	Roshan Anandage	Sunethra & Chrisantha De Silva Elodie & Milinda Seneviratne
	31 st July	Shanil Ponniah	