

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

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

My Dear people of God,

Psalm 18: 35 - 36 :- "You give me your shield of victory and your right hand sustains me. You stoop down to make me great. You broaden the path beneath me so that my ankles do not turn"

As I sit to write my message for the newsletter for October, the whole world bemoans the death of a great woman - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. When Princess Diana died in a car crash, many criticized the queen but the queen was courageous enough to speak to the whole world saying she speaks not only as the Queen, but also as a mother and a grandmother. I am certain she was able to go through life because of her spirituality which came out of the bible and in particular, the psalms.

Story has it that one day Her Royal Highness wanted to meet her Chaplain who was an Archbishop and she said to him "I would love it if Christ appeared on earth in my lifetime" The Chaplain asked her why and she responded with a quiver saying "I would love to lay down my crown at His feet".

After her death, many of her quotes appeared on social media but one that stood out to me was the words she uttered on the 3rd of August 2022 - she says "throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope".

As the head of the Commonwealth, she has conveyed to the whole world that the spirituality and faith in our God is of utmost importance. Her Majesty, though she held the highest position in life, whenever sadness or tragedy came her way, she was able to go through them because her faith in Christ portrayed that she should anchor her faith in Christ crucified. As a result of her spirituality, the family life she lived with Prince Philip was an example to the world. When you look at her, you would notice that she never pushed people around. In a gentle, Christ-like manner, she steered large numbers of people. We also saw that because of her deep faith in God, she had a very peaceful death. As a defender of the Anglican faith, she boldly witnessed for Christ.

This great lady, Her Majesty, from my point of view, had a very serene countenance which reflected her inner spirituality. As we look at Her Majesty as a mother, grandmother and a great grandmother, we could always look up to her as an example for our family life.

We join with the angels and archangels to pray to Christ to grant Her Majesty eternal rest.

God Bless you all and as in Psalm 18, may we too be guided by the hand of God so that we will never falter and may we all be accepted into heaven like Her Majesty with the words ***"well done my good and faithful servant" - Mathew 25: 21***

God Bless you all.

Fr. Jayanth

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Special Days in October 2022

1 st	Children's and Elders' Day
2 nd	Christian Reformed Church Sunday / Education Sunday
4 th	Franciscan Missionaries in Sri Lanka, 1543
16 th	Health Care Workers Sunday

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: 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Some parishioners have volunteered their time to lend an 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 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please contact Angela Seneviratne, Mobile 077 2516272 for more details.



Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. 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: 7:00 p.m. A fellowship evening is held *every 3rd Sunday after the 5:30 pm* worship service. All are welcome!



TUESDAYS

Medical Clinic: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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 10:00 a.m.

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



WEDNESDAYS

Young Adults at 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. via Zoom

Keep in touch with Viranga on 0773891951



THURSDAYS

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Online Bible Study conducted by Dhanan Senathirajah via Zoom. Please follow the church WhatsApp group or contact Lalith Dassenaik (0777845686) to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome.



SATURDAYS

Mothers' Union: Commencing at 4:30 p.m.

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 programs, and join them in their many projects!



SATURDAYS

Youth Ministry: Every Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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 OCTOBER 2022

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
OCTOBER 2 ND PROPER 22 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 111	
	OT Lesson	Proverbs 4: 7 - 13	Dhayamani Ashok
	NT Lesson	Acts 22: 1 - 5	Tamani Dias
	Gospel	Luke 4: 31 - 44	Avanthi Seneviratne
OCTOBER 9 TH PROPER 23 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 66: 1 - 12	
	OT Lesson	Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 - 7	Anustina Emmanuel
	NT Lesson	2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15	Flemina Srikanth
	Gospel	Luke 17: 11 - 19	Shevon Ponniah
OCTOBER 16 TH PROPER 24 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 121	
	OT Lesson	Genesis 32: 22 - 31	Nalinie Wanigasekera
	NT Lesson	2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5	Pamela Silva
	Gospel	Luke 18: 1 - 8	Rohini Rockwood
OCTOBER 23 RD PROPER 25 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 65	
	OT Lesson [E]	Joel 2: 23 - 32	Angela Seneviratne
	NT Lesson [S]	2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 16 - 18	Geetha De Silva
	Gospel [T]	Luke 4: 16 - 24	Ranjani Edward
OCTOBER 30 TH PROPER 26 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 32: 1 - 7	
	OT Lesson	Isaiah 1: 10 - 18	Surinder Kumar Ashok
	NT Lesson	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12	Michael Tissera
	Gospel	Luke 19: 1 - 10	Dyan Seneviratne

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR OCTOBER 2022

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
OCTOBER 2 ND	Nalinie Wanigasekera	Michael Tissera Rajiva Samarasinha
OCTOBER 9 TH	Akshara Douglas	Sunday School
OCTOBER 16 TH	Angela Seneviratne	Pamela Silva Rohini Rockwood
OCTOBER 23 RD	Ridesh Alex Joseph	Rajitha, Stephan & Louis Jeyaveerasingan
OCTOBER 30 TH	Anil Jayasinghe	Nilani & Dyan Seneviratne

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

DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	LAY ASSISTANTS
1 ST SUNDAY	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Lalith Dassenaik (PM)	Minoli Wijesena (AM) Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM)	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)
2 ND SUNDAY	Minal Ranatunga (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)	Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Geetha De Silva (AM) Chandra De Silva (PM)	Minal Ranatunga (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Delani Jayasinghe (PM)	Mallika Dedigama (AM) Michelle Ponniah (AM) Debika Pathirana (PM)	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Delani Jayasinghe (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY	Minal Ranatunga (AM)	Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Misha-el Algama (AM)	Minal Ranatunga (AM)
5 TH SUNDAY	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM)	Delani Jayasinghe (AM) Upekha Wickramaratne (PM)

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER 2022

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 st Oct	Shyama Thangiah	
	2 nd Oct	Radhika Fernando	Dilly and Chris Robinson Nilani and Dyan Seneviratne
	5 th Oct	Shirel Wickramaratne	
	6 th Oct	Deborah Sebastian	
	7 th Oct	Yasmin Dahanayake	
2	9 th Oct	Tishan Wijesundera	
	14 th Oct	Chanies Ratnayake	
	15 th Oct	Amanda Silva Keshini Hapugoda	
3	16 th Oct	Sevanjie Dedigama	
	19 th Oct	Flora Daniel Anitra Ratnayake Raaya Pathirana	Visaka and Rajiva Samarasinha
	20 th Oct	Reshani Fernando Diruni Chanmugam	
	21 st Oct	Chanaka Goonetilleke Shenuki Goonetilleke Tiyana Mather	Anusha and Chanaka Goonetilleke
4	25 th Oct	Geethal Peiris	
	26 th Oct	Rochelle Hakel-Ranasinghe Bihani Welikala	

**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 Minal, Upekha, Delani or Lalith), or our Vicar, the Ven Jayanth Jeyaveerasingan.

Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Curtis.