

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS

House to House Carols	– starts from November 30th
Christmas Carol Service	– Dec 16th at 6.30 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. at Church & Parish Hall
Sunday School Carol Service	– Dec 23rd at 5.30.P.M. to 7.30. P.M. at Church & Parish Hall
Christmas Eve	– Dec 24th at 7.P.M.to 9.P.M. at Diwaniya
Christmas Service	– Dec 25th at 7 P.M.-9 P.M. at Hall of faith
Common Prayer	– Dec 30th at 7.P.M. –9.P.M. at Church & Parish Hall
Watch Night Service	– Dec 31st at 10 P.M.—12.30 A.M. at Hall of faith.
New Year Service	– Jan 1st at 7.P.M.—9.P.M. at Church & Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will be on Saturdays from 6.P.M. to 7P.M. at NECK.

WEDDING

Hearty Congratulations to Ms. Giby Anna Varghese who is united in Christian married life with Mr. Jen Abraham on 10th November, 2011.

KUWAIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP (KECF)

Bible Quiz competition is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 28th January 2012, at NECK church and parish Hall from 9.30A.M. to 12.30.P.M.

Syllabus

1. Bible Portions

Juniors(10-17Years)(English NIV)
I Kings ,St.Mark ,2Corinthians
Seniors(Above 17 years)(Malayalam)
Ezekiel ,St.Luke ,Acts

2. Current Events

3.General Knowledge

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NEW MEMBERS

- 1.Mr. Biji Jacob Mathew, Mrs. Suja Meera Mathew, Aksa Elizabeth Jacob & Allen Mathew Jacob Kumbanad, Mob. No. 99668593
2. Mr. Mathew P. Mathew, Kumbanad.
- 3.Mr.Allen Varughese John, Punnackadu. Mob.No.66783904

Hearty welcome to the new members

CSI - CNI - MARTHOMA UNITED WORSHIP

Hearty thanks to Rev. Thomas Koshy Panachamoottil achen, Rev. K.G. Koshy achen and the member of St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Salmiya, for facilitating CSI order of service on 18th of November in their church and conducting Marthoma service during CSI Worship at NECK, on 19th November, 2011 . Thanks to St. Peter's C.S.I. congregation members also for their utmost participation. Special congratulations to both the choirs.

NEW ARRIVAL

Baby Boy born to Mrs. & Mr. Moby K. Mathew on 31/10/2011 &
Baby Girl born to Mrs. And Mr. Sandeep John on 2-11-2011

Congratulations to the new proud parents and praise God for His blessings.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

God willing, our Carol Service for this year will be conducted on 16th December 2011 (Friday) at 6.30 P.M. at the Church and Parish Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date		Venue & Time	Theme
3 Sat Second Day in Advent	Mala- yalam	Church & Parish Hall 7:15 PM	Hope of Salvation
9 Fri Third Day in Advent	Mala- yalam	Diwaniya 8:45 AM	Andrew, Apostle and Martyr
10 Sat Third Day in Advent	Eng- lish	Church & Parish Hall	Family as God's Gift
17 Sat Fourth Day in Advent	Mala- yalam	Church & Parish Hall 7:15 PM	Rejoice the Lord is near
23 Fri Fourth Day in Advent	Mala- yalam	Diwaniya 8:45 AM	Stephen the First Martyr
24 Sat Christmas Eve	Mala- yalam	Diwaniya 7.00 P.M.	Peace on Earth
25 Sunday Christmas	Mala- yalam	Hall of faith 7.00 P.M.	God with us
31 Sat Year ending Worship	Mala- yalam	Hall of faith 10.00 P.M	Trust in the Lord

LECTIONARY

Date	Lesson I	Psalms	Lesson II	Gospel
3 Sat	Zeph. 3:14-20	Ps.43	I Pet. 3:8-16	Mark 13:24-27
9 Fri	Amos 7:10-15	Ps.67	Phili. 1:3-11	John 12:20-28
10 Sat	Josh. 24:14-22	Ps.128	Gal. 6:1-10	Mathew 2:13-23
17 Sat	Zech. 2:10-13	Ps. 50:1-15	Phili. 4:4-9	Luke 1:46-56
23 Fri	2 Deut. 24:20-22	Ps.31:1-5	Acts. 7:51-60	Mathew 10:16-22
24 Sat	Isaiah 9:2-7	Ps.89:1- 4,19-29	I Tim. 3:1-16	Luke 2:1-14
25 Sun	Isaiah 11:1-9	Ps. 85:8-13	Col. 1:13-20	Mathew 1:18-25
31 Sat	Exodus. 33:12-23	Ps.90	I Thess. 5:23-24	Luke 12:22-34



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Harvest Festival 2011

reaching the unreached. . . .
rendering a helping hand. . . .



PRESBYTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



'It's the time to proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ, Good news of great joy, peace and love to all the people.

Star –The Symbol of Celebration:

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly." Mathew 2:10

During the world war II it was the custom in the United States of America for a family who had a son serving in the military to place a star in front of the window of their home. But a gold star indicated the son had died for his country. Many give their lives for the country. But Jesus gave his life for the world. We see Christmas stars practically every where during the Christmas season. But we seldom ponder over its significance. The star over Bethlehem during Christ's birth was symbolic of God's willingness to sacrifice his son for the world. Christ was born in a one star manger, not in a five star hotel.

Here we have to examine ourselves about the way of celebration by spending huge amount of money merely for the celebration, decoration, parties etc. It's a time to spend our money in a sacrificial way. It should reach the unreached areas of the nations those who are struggling to survive and have no means to put one single star in Christmas. By providing our resources for the needy, we are like stars in their rejoice.

Manger– The reason for the season: In the late 1700s the manager of Baltimore's largest hotel refused lodging to a man, dressed like a farmer, because he thought this man was a rustic and did not deserve a room in a posh hotel where gentlemen were lodged. So the man left. Later, that inn keeper discovered that he had turned way none other than Thomas Jefferson, the then vice-president of USA. So the inn keeper apologized and sent the message to Jefferson offering a special guest room in his hotel. But Jefferson declined the offer and sent word to the inn keeper as follows: "I have already hired a room. If you have no place for a dirty American farmer, you have none for the vice-president of the United States". In our celebrations let's examine whom we are inviting. Stalwarts, Business tycoons, Sports icons? or the great unknowns, alienated and oppressed? **Is there any space for the rejected ones in our fellowships?**

Christmas the Revelation: Mathew 1:1-17 says about the genealogy of Jesus answering the question 'Who is Jesus?' Mathew 1:18-25 answers the question 'How did Jesus come to be the Messiah?' Mathew 2:1-12 tells us 'Where was Jesus Born?' Mathew 2:13-23 focus on the question 'From where did Jesus come?' But **Mathew 16:16** the proclamation of Peter the disciple that 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God' reveals clearly who Jesus is. Jesus clearly states that this truth was revealed not by the man, but by God (father in heaven). Yes, Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the messiah, is a revelation to the humankind. Today we have to think and are responsible to answer the following questions. **Are we blessed to receive this revelation in our hearts that Jesus is my Messiah, the Son of the living God.? Are we proclaiming this revelation to all people with great joy?**

Please do remember the harvest festival projects in your prayers and I expect your sincere cooperation.

May God bless you,

Rev. Binju Varughese Kuruvilla
Vicar

REGULAR PROGRAMME

Senior Forum	Friday, December 2nd –08:45 am at Diwaniya, NECK.
Women's Fellowship	Friday, December 16th—08:45 am at Diwaniya, NECK
Youth Fellowship	1 st & 3 rd Sundays – 07:30 pm at Abbasiya and Salmiya
Choir Practice	Every Sunday at 7.30 p.m at Hall of Hope, NECK.
Ladies and Gents Group	Every Friday 5.30 P.M. at the Activity Hall #3, NECK.
Sunday School	Every Friday 5.30 P.M. church and Parish Hall, NECK.
Cottage Prayer Meeting	Common Prayer on 30th December at Church and Parish Hall at 7.P.M. <i>(Regular cottage prayer meetings are not arranged in December due to house to house carol rounds)</i>

PROJECTS OF HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011

Malayora Mission: Angamoozhi and Gurunadamannu regions of Pathanamthitta District have Adivasi & Tribal population who needs Godly enlightened Evangelists and missionaries. This is the significance of our Malayora Mission.

The mission field is situated in a beautiful Hilly and forest area near to Nilackal church.

Our Vision is to build a mission center at Chittar. This will serve as a centre for mission work and evangelical training, a place for meditation and retreat, a wonderful camp site for pastors and other groups, a counselling centre etc.

Chittar is surrounded by five Dams for Hydro Electric Project and Tiger resort of Ranni. We have five churches here. Most of the congregation members are workers in the nearby estates or other labourers.

Community Health Care Programme: This is to provide assistance to the poor and needy and other elderly patients who have no one to take care of. The project will concentrate in a radius of 22 KM around Kozhencherry. We will provide the assistance of a two-member medical team visiting homes and taking care of their primary health and extending a fellowship of prayer and counselling.

Once in a weak, a qualified Nurse will visit the houses of registered patients. They will check BP and give necessary advices. If required, the Doctor will also visit the house.

BIRTHDAYS (DECEMBER 2011)

Dat	Name	
1	Elizabeth Thariyan	D/o Dr. Susan Thariyan
2	Mr. Abraham Eapen Madavana	
	Mrs. Jeena M. George	W/o Mr. Jacob Samuel.
	Jithin Pothan Johnson	S/o Mr. Johnson Pothan Danavelil
	Mrs. Suma M. Kuruvilla	W/o Mr. Monaji M. Kuruvilla
4	Anurag James Jacob	S/o Mr. Santhosh Jacob
5	Ron Ninan Jacob	S/o Mr. Jacob W. Ninan
	Royce Ninan Philip	S/o Mr. Philip M. Ninan
	Mr. Anish Jacob George	
	Mrs. Annamma Zachariah	W/o Mr. Zachariah Mathew
6	Mathew George	S/o Mr. George Mathen K.
8	Dr. Sarah Varghese	D/o Mr. Mammen Varghese
	Mr. K.I. Thomas	
9	Mrs. Priya Bijosh	W/o Mr. Bijosh Thomas Chacko
	Mrs. Sheeba Saji	W/o Mr. Saji Thomas Koshy
	Mr. Suresh Thomas	
10	Mrs. Cicily Koshy	W/o Mr. K.P.Koshy
11	Junia Elizebeth Varghese	D/o Rev. Binju Varughese
	Olive Abraham Chandy	S/o Mr. Chandy Abraham
	Mrs. Vinsu Jerin	W/o Mr. Jerin Jesu Varghese
	Mr. Moby Kurien Mathew	
12	Mr. Cejo Johnson	
	Mrs. Lincy Cejo	W/o Mr. Cejo Johnson
	Anil Kuruvilla Varghese	S/o Mr. George P. Varghese
	Mrs. Merry K. Mathew	W/o Mr. Korah G. Mathew
	Jibin Issac Varghese	S/o Mr. Varghese Issac
13	Rev. Binju Varghese	
	Mrs. Vimi Mathew	W/o Mr. Moby Kurian Mathew
	Rubina Rachel Chandy	D/o Mr. Reji Chandy Koshy
	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	W/o Mr. K.E. Thomas
14	Jeenu Jacob	D/o Mrs. Saramma Jacob
	Mrs. Annie Mathew	W/o Mr. K.M. Mathew
15	Mr. A.Abraham George	
	Mrs. Susan Edward	W/o Mr. A. Edward
	Mrs. Annamma Thomas	W/o Mr. Thomas Philip
16	Mr. Sandeep Thariyan	S/o Dr. Susan Thariyan
17	Kevin Varghese	S/o Mr. Varghese John
	Neville Nagesh	S/o Mr. T.N. Nagesh
	Thomas P. Chandy	S/o Mr. Chandy P. Thomas

20	Mrs. Achamma Priya Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Mathew(Saji)
	Mrs. Sherin Vineeth	W/o Mr. Vineeth Mathew John
21	Nissymol	D/o Mr. Samuel Mathew
	Joel Kurian Vinod	S/o Mr. Vinod Kurian
22	Bency koruth	D/o Mr. Koruth Varghese
	Shreya Lizzy Thomas	D/o Mr. Thomas Stephen
23	Theo Mathew	S/o Mr. Mathew P. John
24	Nita Mariam Abraham	D/o Mr. Abraham Mathew
25	Mr. George Mathew	H/o Mrs.Achamma Mathew
	Eden Koshy	D/o Mr. Eugene Koshy
	Mrs. Betsy Annie Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Kurien
26	Mr. Jacob Mathew(Biju)	
	Mr. Samuel Mathew	
27	Mr. Mathew George	
28	Mrs. Anina Elizabeth Abraham	W/o Mr. Sunil John Abraham
	Alina Mathew	D/o Mr. Mathew Thomas
29	Mr. Johny Mathew	
	Mr. Justin Thomas Varghese	
	Anju Sam	D/o Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla
31	Mrs. Alice Prakash	W/o Mr. Prakash Thomas

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (DECEMBER 2011)

Date	Name
3	Mrs. And Mr. Biji Jacob Cherian
4	Mrs. And Mr. Prince Paul Mathews
16	Mrs. And Mr. Yohannan Abraham
17	Mrs. And Mr. Selin Nelson
18	Mrs. And Mr. Jiboy Chandapillai
19	Mrs. And Mr. Johnson Varghese
22	Mrs. And Mr. Chandy P. Thomas
	Mrs. And Mr. Aji John Mathew
26	Mrs. And Mr. Eugene Oommen Koshy
27	Mrs. And Mr. Jacob Peter V.
	Mrs. And Mr. Kurian T. Mathew
	Mrs. and Mr. Johnson Pothan Danavelil
	Mrs. And Mr. Sunil S. Varghese
28	Mrs. And Mr. Sam T. Kuruvilla
30	Mrs. And Mr. Korah G. Mathew
	Mrs. And Mr. Philip M. Philip