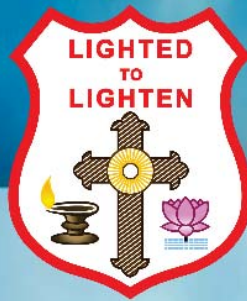


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## KUWAIT ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH

### Parish Bulletin

The **LORD** God is a  
sun and shield:  
the **LORD** will give  
*grace and Glory*  
...no good thing  
will He withhold  
from them that walk *uprightly*.

*Psalms 84:11*

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

We believe everything started with God. So, first of all, I praise God for His call to serve our Lord as a family in Kuwait at St. James Mar Thoma Church. Two questions, 'Who am I?' and 'What is the purpose of my life?' are decisive. Our attempt to find out the answer to these questions will make our presence here more meaningful and our faith more deep. The answers are important not only at a personal level but, also at a community level. As a community of faith, we should stand firm in our thoughts that we are the people of God and our purpose of life here is to live for the glory of God.

Church, the community of faith, is the extension of the incarnation of our Lord. It is the sign and sacrament of the kingdom of God in this world to enlighten the surroundings. Nothing is valuable to God other than His Church and His people. As a Parish, we are called to live for the glory of God. That is the greatest achievement we can accomplish through our lives. In our journey, in addition to live for the glory of God, we should give importance to three things - worship, fellowship and a vision for mission.

Worship, is an act giving worth to our Lord who is worthy to be adored. The word, worship is a contraction of two words, *worth* and *ship* meant to place value in the thing being honoured. William Temple quotes, "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." Worship experience helps us to grow in deep relationship with our Lord. Anything you do that brings delight to God is an act of worship. Every activity can be transformed in to an act of worship when its done for the praise, glory and pleasure of God. The Bible says, "so whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God". The Old Testament and the New Testament clearly proclaims the importance of corporate worship. As a Parish, we are a family of families gathering together to worship God and disperse to share the glory where we are.

God designed His church to be a fellowship of a family of brothers and sisters who share Gods ideals and beliefs. The Greek word for fellowship is *koinonia* which is translated in many different ways in the Bible. It depicts the unity and bonding that exists among the believers by virtue of the unconditional love of Christ. The early Church is a church of *koinonia*. The first appearance of the word *koinonia* in the New Testament is in Acts 2:42. "And they devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and the fellowship to the breaking of bread and the prayers." *Koinonia* was Paul's favourite word to describe the unity of the believers in relation with the risen Lord. It denotes a dynamic relationship between God and believers who share the new life through Christ. Fellowship with the Lord results not only in sharing His benefits but, also sharing His suffering on the cross. The pattern of self-sacrifice, humility and unconditional love are the corner stones which binds the believers together.

The third one is the vision about the mission of God and the ministry we want to continue. We are familiar with the famous quote that "Church exists because of its mission just as fire exists by burning". Arch Bishop Rowan Williams has stated that Christian mission is finding out where the Holy Spirit is at work and joining in. It is God's mission. God sends and acts in our world. He sent His Son and He continually sends his Spirit and He sends us. We are called to fulfil the mission of God. Mother Theresa spoke of Jesus as the truth to be told, the life to be lived, the light to be lighted, the love to be loved, the way to be walked and the joy to be given. He lived in this world once for us and, now we are called to live for Him.

VBS is a blessed ministry among the children to bring them to our Lord to find out the real love of Christ. This year's VBS starts by the first week of May. Let's appreciate and pray for its leader, organizers, teachers and volunteers that it might be a great blessing for all those who partake.

I thankfully praise God for all the office bearers of our Parish of the past years, especially for Rev. Prince Korah and family and all the committee members who rendered their service last year. Let's pray for all the committee members of this year so that they can fruitfully work for Christ.

With prayers, .

Shibu Achen

revkshibu@yahoo.co.in



### Outgoing Vicar's Farewell Message



Dear Parishioners,

People around the world are familiar with Mount Rushmore, the South Dakota site where the heads of former American presidents are carved in gigantic scale on a cliff wall. Yet, while millions know of Mount Rushmore, relatively few know the name Doane Robinson—the South Dakota state historian who conceived the idea of the magnificent sculpture and managed the project. The monument is admired and appreciated, but he is the forgotten man behind the masterpiece. His name is largely unrecognized or was never even known by some. Sometimes, in our places of work many a times our effort is forgotten or we feel we are not recognized for the service we have rendered. Christ tells all of us those who feel so “come to me, I’ll bear your burdens” As we enter into the month of May the first day of the month is celebrated as labor day. We are reminded that our labor is never in vain but Christ the creator values our efforts and when we feel we can’t surge forward its Christ who tells us don’t worry I’m there by your side.

As we enter the month of May it is also a time to say Goodbye to all of you. As the churches structure after serving at a place for a period of time Achens are moved to different places for serving God. Saying goodbye is always hard—to family and friends, to a familiar place.

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all my parishioners for the love, care and fellowship you provided to us as a family. Rev. Shibu K would be the new vicar of the parish and as a family would be here to give you the pastoral needs please give Achen the needed love and support.

In the Chinese language there is no direct equivalent of the English word goodbye. The two Chinese characters used to translate this word really mean “see you again.” As this Chinese word Good bye says we will meet again, probably in the days and years to come. As God wants the best for us, let us allow Him to take priority over everything else.

**Prince Korah Achen**

NEW MEMBERS					
No.	Members	Mobile No.	Home Parish	Prayer Group	Area
283	Mr. Abraham Thomas Mrs. Sunitha Abraham Ms. Joana Abraham Master Johan Abraham	69600625	Carmel MTC Vadasserikara, Pathanamthitta Dist.	Carmel	Near Amman Street , Salmiya
284	Mr. Liju T. Achenkunju Mrs. Vijila Sara Liju Master Dhyan Liju Master Derin Liju	51708081	St. Thomas MTC Mangalam	Nazereth	Khaithan
285	Mr. Roji Raju	66102539	Mukhalthala MTC Kollam Dist.	Zion	Mehaboula
286	Mr. Vinil P Koshy Mrs. Soumya Mary Koshy Master Juan Vinil Koshy	69623499	St. Thomas MTC Pooyappalli	Zion	Mehaboula

## BIRTHDAYS

DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
01-May	218	Mr.Bobby K. Abraham	50979792	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
01-May	261	Mrs.Teena Raju	98818361	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
02-May	171	Mr.Maju Thomas	65948682	Kerith - Abbasiya
02-May	142	Mr.Abhilash George Wilson	66703306	Gloria - Riggae
04-May	257	Mr.Johnson Samuel	66311262	Gilead - Sharq
04-May	91	Dr.Varghese Philip	97163112	St Pauls - Salmiya
04-May	94	Mrs.Sally Samuel	99372085	Gilead - Sharq
05-May	45	Master.Justin Samuel Saji	25659451	Sehion - Salmiya
05-May	121	Mr.Jobymammen Philip	66301904	Moria - Hawally
06-May	31	Mrs.Asha Niju John	24751936	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
06-May	260	Mr.Rinu K. Joseph	95571506	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
07-May	2	Mr.Jose Varghese	99412645	Gilead - Sharq
07-May	150	Mr.Jijin Joy	97560434	Gilead - Sharq
08-May	146	Master.Nathaniel Roy Abhishek	25663850	Moria - Hawally
08-May	67	Miss.Hannah Maria Abraham	25647527	Sehion - Salmiya
08-May	29	Master.Job George Varghese	66459960	Kerith - Abbasiya
08-May	246	Master.Johan Varghese Jobin	66146187	Kerith - Abbasiya
09-May	1	Rev.Shibu K	25651192	Jerusalem - Salmiya
09-May	252	Mrs.Shiney Easow	65035155	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
10-May	128	Mr.Thomas Mathai	66923257	Kerith - Abbasiya
10-May	202	Mr.Mathew Chacko	99073891	Moria - Hawally
10-May	243	Mr.Anil Thomas	66371333	St Pauls - Salmiya
11-May	253	Mr.Bijin Baby	94054671	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
11-May	43	Mrs.Aleyamma Mohan	25631206	Moria - Hawally
11-May	204	Miss.Elina Susan Rony	97557644	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
12-May	199	Miss.Alyzha Sunil	60916959	Carmel - Salmiya
12-May	244	Mrs.Shelly Thomas	60371681	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
12-May	179	Mr.Sanish George Alexander	65663150	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
14-May	102	Mr.Manoj Mathew Thomas	51063111	Gilead - Sharq
15-May	232	Mr.Vipin John	66090123	St Pauls - Salmiya
15-May	120	Mrs.Beena Alex	25651196	Trinity - Salmiya
16-May	230	Mrs.Minu Varghese	90992146	Gloria - Riggae
16-May	66	Mrs.Moly C George	25639574	St Pauls - Salmiya
16-May	2	Mrs.Annamma Jose	99412645	Gilead - Sharq
16-May	166	Mrs.Ashna Sibi	97470521	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
17-May	45	Miss.Merlin Mary Saji	25659451	Sehion - Salmiya
17-May	220	Master.Chris Vinoy Mathew	66740358	Sehion - Salmiya
18-May	112	Mr.Jiby George Philip	50543114	Moria - Hawally
19-May	229	Mrs.Rijino Jaimon	97613418	Nazareth - Khaithan
20-May	127	Mrs.Suni T John	97507267	Trinity - Salmiya
20-May	135	Master.Kurian Deepu	66361854	Sehion - Salmiya
20-May	81	Mr.Sony Pulikkottil Sunny	97253181	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
20-May	259	Mr.Santhosh Kuzhimattathil John	66706494	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
20-May	122	Mrs.Mini Boby	96690554	Trinity - Salmiya
20-May	202	Mrs.Mercy Varghese	99073891	Moria - Hawally
21-May	134	Mr.Biju Alex	97677906	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
21-May	157	Mr.Navin Valiyakalayil Jose	65037625	Jerusalem - Salmiya
21-May	255	Mr.John Samuel	50782246	Gloria - Riggae
21-May	49	Master.Nevil John	25623130	Jerusalem - Salmiya
22-May	67	Mrs.Roshni P Titus	97560735	Sehion - Salmiya
22-May	53	Miss.Celine Sara Siby	66253590	Sehion - Salmiya
22-May	178	Mrs.Sabina Susan Samuel	97289155	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
23-May	41	Mrs.Celin Mathew	97663965	St Pauls - Salmiya
23-May	84	Miss.Abigail Susan Noel	22521570	Gilead - Sharq
24-May	163	Mrs.Liji Mariya Varghese	90058825	Sehion - Salmiya
25-May	206	Miss.Rithu Anna John	99046053	Carmel - Salmiya
25-May	5	Mrs.Susy K Johnson	25646745	St Luke - Salmiya
25-May	38	Mr.John Varghese	99858713	Gilead - Sharq
25-May	262	Mrs.Sindhu Mariyam Mathew	99726463	Moria - Hawally
25-May	34	Mrs.Laly Philip E.	22437203	Gilead - Sharq
25-May	18	Mrs.Jessy Titus	66510409	Sehion - Salmiya
25-May	159	Mr.Reji Chacko	51455705	Kerith - Abbasiya
26-May	39	Mr.Shibu Abraham	99132778	Jerusalem - Salmiya
26-May	63	Mr.Aji Abraham	69697489	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
26-May	65	Miss.Jeslin Elizabeth	22422640	St Luke - Salmiya
26-May	200	Mr.Varghese K Jacob	99424952	Gilead - Sharq



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DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
26-May	106	Mrs.Lini Anish	97116250	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
26-May	65	Mr.Thomas Samuel	99051086	St Luke - Salmiya
27-May	252	Mr.Aby Mathew	65035155	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
28-May	90	Mrs.Lousy Mathew	60446198	St Pauls - Salmiya
28-May	79	Mrs.Bincy Anil	22493450	Gilead - Sharq
28-May	83	Master.Abel Koshy Abraham	55398926	St Thomas - Salmiya
28-May	199	Mrs.Karuna George John	60916959	Carmel - Salmiya
28-May	92	Mr.Jose A George	97857079	Moria - Hawally
29-May	208	Mrs.Litty Elma Varghese	66759479	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
29-May	214	Mr.T. George John	66530958	Gloria - Riggae
29-May	210	Mr.John Baby	66238134	Moria - Hawally
29-May	176	Mr.SijuMon Thomas	99637004	Kerith - Abbasiya
30-May	106	Mr.Anish Varghese	97116250	St Andrews - Maidan Hawally
30-May	140	Mr.Jerry John Mathew	65961367	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
30-May	33	Mrs.Lincy Mariyam Daniel	25611165	Sehion - Salmiya
30-May	249	Mr.Abraham Mathew	51334369	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
30-May	172	Mr.Babukutty K.	66717117	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
30-May	117	Mrs.Beena Johnson Thomas	25650541	Jerusalem - Salmiya
30-May	160	Mr.Biji K. Jacob	66197835	Kerith - Abbasiya
30-May	196	Mr.Thomas Cherian	96962637	Kerith - Abbasiya
30-May	92	Mrs.Lissiamma Jose	97857079	Moria - Hawally
30-May	54	Mrs.Sheeja T. John	25629567	St Pauls - Salmiya
30-May	79	Mr.Anil John	66741726	Gilead - Sharq
31-May	60	Mrs.Suseela Peter	25651297	Carmel - Salmiya
31-May	246	Mrs.Anju Jobin	66146187	Kerith - Abbasiya
31-May	99	Master.Johan Jacob Mathew	25621865	St Pauls - Salmiya
31-May	124	Mrs.Sheena Mary Thomas	99363142	Trinity - Salmiya
31-May	101	Mr.Charls P George	99269291	Kerith - Abbasiya
31-May	154	Mr.Sunny Kunjukunju	97275613	Gilead - Sharq

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY				
DATE	MEM#	NAME	PHONE #	PRAYER CELL
2-May	85	Mr. Mathews Cherian, Mrs. Sheela Mathews	99084699	Kerith - Abbasiya
2-May	117	Mr. Johnson Thomas, Mrs. Beena Johnson Thomas	97323044	Jerusalem - Salmiya
3-May	115	Mr. Bobby Thomas, Mrs. Vincy Annie Bobby	99696764	Sinai - Nugra
3-May	41	Mr. Sam Abraham Eapen, Mrs. Celin Mathew	66573858	St Pauls - Salmiya
8-May	122	Mr. Boby Varghese Chacko, Mrs. Mini Boby	96690554	Trinity - Salmiya
9-May	220	Mr. Vinoy Mathew Thomas, Mrs. Jubin Vinoy Mathew	66740358	Sehion - Salmiya
11-May	230	Mr. Jeffrin Sam Idiculla, Mrs. Minu Varghese	90992146	Gloria - Riggae
11-May	264	Mr. Sunil John K., Mrs. Sarita T. Sunny	65670467	Gilead - Sharq
15-May	76	Mr. Abraham Oommen , Mrs. Ranju Abraham	97947603	Kerith - Abbasiya
15-May	252	Mr. Aby Mathew, Mrs. Shiney Easow	65035155	Zion - Abu Halifa/Fahaheel
19-May	3	Mr. Reji Varghese, Mrs. Sujay Reji	99772974	Gilead - Sharq
19-May	196	Mr. Thomas Cherian, Mrs. Ruby Thomas	96962637	Kerith - Abbasiya
21-May	31	Mr. Niju John, Mrs. Asha Niju John	99893082	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
21-May	259	Mr. Santhosh Kuzhimattathil John, Mrs. Silu Santhosh	66706494	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
21-May	5	Mr. Kurichiyil John Johnson, Mrs. Susy K Johnson	99518435	St Luke - Salmiya
22-May	65	Mr. Thomas Samuel, Mrs. Omana K J	99051086	St Luke - Salmiya
23-May	1	Rev.Shibu K, Dr.Reena Shibu	25651192	Jerusalem - Salmiya
23-May	38	Mr. John Varghese, Mrs. Annamma George	99858713	Gilead - Sharq
25-May	227	Mr. Jomy Thomas, Mrs. Merin Mariam Varkey	65692492	Sehion - Salmiya
26-May	48	Mr. George V V, Mrs. Rita George	99759368	Emmanuel - Farwaniya
27-May	74	Mr. Abraham K. Cherian, Mrs. Mercy Abraham	50201016	Moria, Hawally
29-May	199	Mr. Sunil K Philip, Mrs. Karuna George John	60916959	Carmel - Salmiya
31-May	24	Mr. Jerin Abraham Jose, Mrs. Honey George	50818814	Moria, Hawally

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Wishes to all celebrating this month.  
Thanksgiving services will be held during Holy Communion Services.

### **EDAVAKA OFFICE**

*Office facilities are available after the worship service on Fridays and Saturdays.*

## PRAYER MEETINGS

### Area Prayer Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Immanuel PG @ the Res of Mr. George V.V @7:30pm.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Sehion PG @ the Res of Mr. Saji Samuel @7:30pm.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Carmel & St. Pauls PG @ the Res of Dr. Varghese Philip @7:30pm.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Jerusalem / St. Luke / Trinity / Sinai St. Andrews PG @ the Res of Mr. Sony P. Sunny @7:00pm.

### Edavaka Mission Cottage Prayer Meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup> Thurs @7:30PM @ Res of Mr. Aby Mathew ( Zion PG ).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KUVBS – 2019**  
**Theme: God's Masterpiece (Eph 2:10)**  
**Director: Rev. Baiju Pappachen**  
**Sidlaghatta Mission Field, Karnataka**



Date	Day	Timing	Venue
May 10, 2019	Friday	3:15 pm to 6:00 pm	NECK- KTMCC & Hall of Peace
May 11, 2019	Saturday	9:00 am to 3:15 pm	NECK- Church & Parish Hall
May 17, 2019	Friday	3:15 pm to 6:00 pm	NECK- KTMCC & Hall of Peace
May 18, 2019	Saturday	9:00 am to 3:15 pm	NECK- Church & Parish Hall
May 24, 2019	VBS Friday	3:15 pm to 6:00 pm	NECK- KTMCC & Hall of Peace
May 25, 2019	Saturday	9:00 am to 3:15 pm	NECK- Church & Parish Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing,

Rev. Shibu K, our new Vicar will be arriving Kuwait on Thursday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Baiju Pappachan, VBS Director, will be arriving Kuwait on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW BORN - CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Liju T. Achenkunju and Mrs. Vijila Sara Liju - Nazareth PG, blessed with baby boy, Derin Liju .

Mrs. Anjana K. S. and Mr. Sony Varghese - Nazareth PG, blessed with baby boy.

Mr. Abraham Mathew and Mrs. Printumol George - Immanuel PG, blessed with baby boy.

## CONDOLENCES

Sri . K.T. Easow 91 years , Karippurathu , Puthenparabil, Kadapara, Kumbanad F/O Mrs. Molly Alex ( Father in Law of Mr. Babu Alexander ) Sinai PG passed away 2nd April .



# OFFICE BEARERS 2019-2020



**Rev. Shibu K**  
Vicar & President



**Mr. Mammen Thomas**  
Vice President



**Adv. Reji Abraham**  
Secretary



**Mr. Mathew Eapen**  
Trustee - Finance



**Mr. Ciril B. Mathew**  
Trustee - Accounts



**Mr. Baby Kutty Daniel**  
Lay Ministrant



**Mr. Joji Mathew**  
Lay Ministrant

*Passion  
Recital*



*Office Bearers  
& Kaisthana  
Samithi  
Dedication  
Service*



*Easter  
Service*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & LECTIONARY							
Date	Time	Worship	Venue	Theme	Lessons	Epistle-Gospel	Assisted by
03 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Resurrection Experience that gives hope.	Lev 25:1-17	Gal 4:1-7	Common
04 - Sat	7:00pm	Worship Service	Hall of Peace, NECK		Acts 7:54-60	Matt 28:16-20	Common
10 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Restoring Lord	Ezek 36:24-36	Acts 1:12-14	Common
11 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rom 8:12-17	John 21:1-14	Common
17 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Commission by the Risen Lord	Jer 1:1-10	2Tim 2:1-8	Common
18 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		1Tim 4:6-16	John 21:15-19	Common
24 - Fri	7:15am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	Lord Worth of Adoration – DSMC Sunday	Exod 15:1-18	Phil 2:1-11	Sunday School
25 - Sat	7:00pm	Holy Communion	Hall of Peace, NECK		Rev 7:9-12	Luke 10:21-24	Common
31 - Fri	7:00am	Holy Communion	Hall of Faith, NECK	‘Students’ Sunday grown in the wisdom of God	1Kgs 3:3-14	1John 5:18-21	Common
					1Cor 1:18-25	Luke 2:41-52	

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#### REGULAR PROGRAMS

Choir Practice Tuesdays 7:15pm -NECK Fridays 1:15pm -NECK	Edavaka Mission 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7:30pm – Cottages	Sevika Sanghom		Sunday School Fridays 3:30pm – 5:30pm NECK	Yuvajana Sakhyam Fridays After Church Service at Hall of Faith.
		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday - Parsonage – 10:30am ,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday - Sharq – 04:00pm ,		
		4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday - Farwaniya – 05:30pm.			



*With Compliments from:*

Mr. Mathews Cherian & Family , Kerith PG - Mr. Vinoy Mathew Thomas & Family, Sehion PG  
Mr. George V.V. & Family , Emmanuel PG, Mr. Abu Sam & Family, Sehion PG.



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