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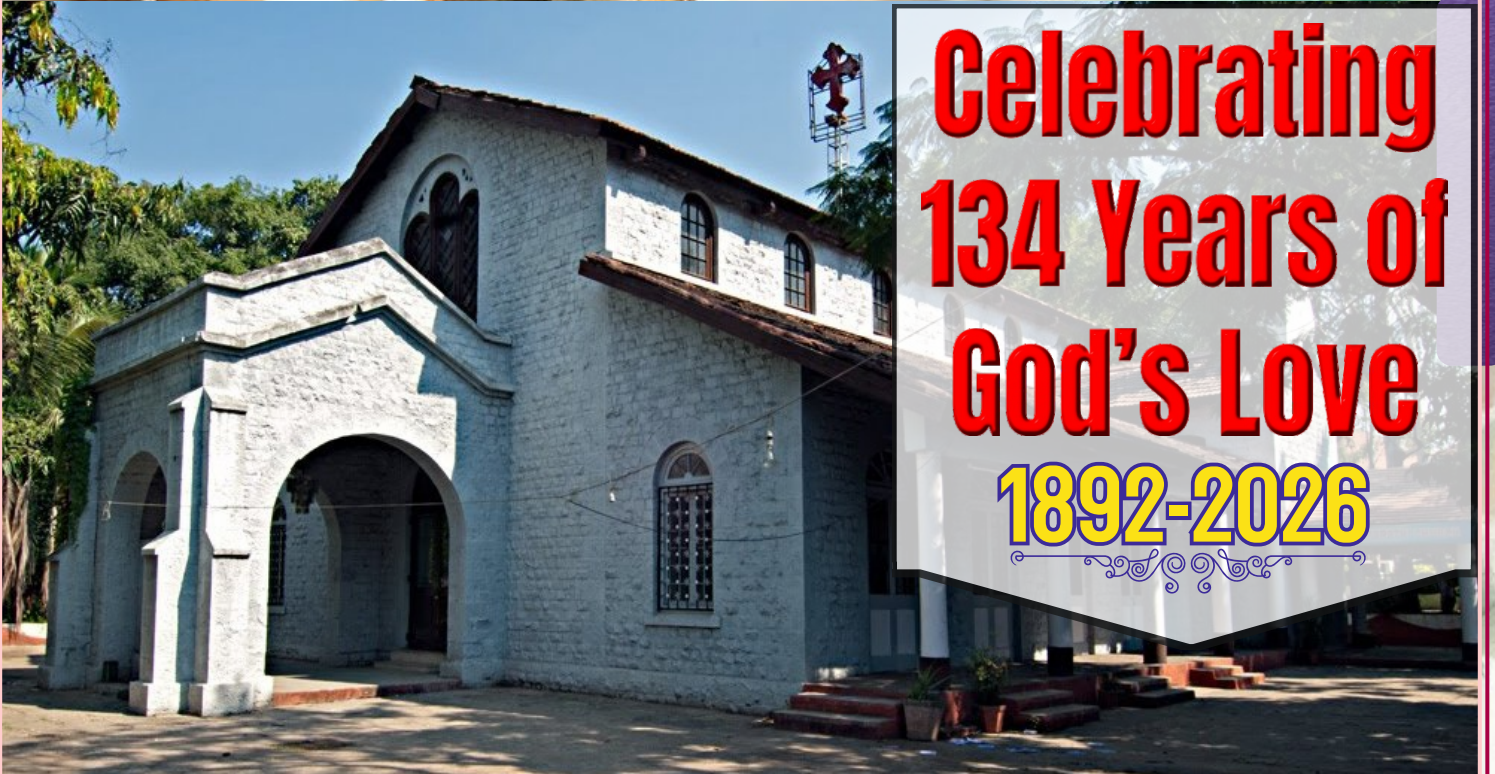
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தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம்

புனே திருமண்டலம் (வட இந்திய திருச்சபை)

19, டாக்டர் அம்பேத்கர் சாலை, புனே - 411 001



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St. Matthew's Tamil Church, Pune

Sunday Service 11:40 a.m.



Hallelujah! Christ has risen!
Sing hallelujah and celebrate
with great joy.

சமாதானத்தின்
தேயல்
உங்களோடிருப்பார்
பிலிப்பியர் 4:9



*"O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand."*

- Psalm 95:6-7a

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கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் அன்பானவர்களே,

லெந்து காலமானது இயேசு கிறிஸ்து, நாற்பது நாள் உபவாசம் இருந்ததை குறிக்கின்றது. இயேசு அதன் பின்னர், ஞானஸ்நானம் பெற்று தனது ஊழியத்தினை துவக்கினார். நாமும் இந்த லெந்து காலத்தினை நிறைவு செய்வதுடன் இயேசுவைப் போல, ஆவியானவரின் துணையுடன் தேவனுக்கென செய்யும் ஊழியங்களை இன்னும் உற்சாகமாக செய்வோமாக!

வருகின்ற 2-ஆம் தேதி அன்று, பெரிய வியாழன் ஆராதனையை ஆசரிக்க இருக்கிறோம், இயேசு தனது மாம்சம் மற்றும் இரத்தத்தின் மூலமாக உலக மக்களை மீட்டிட செய்திடும் புதிய உடன்படிக்கையை அன்று நனைவு கூருகிறோம். திருவிருந்தின் மூலம் நாம் பெரும் ஆசீர்வாதங்களை உலகத்தினர் அனைவரும் பெற்றிட ஜெபிப்போம், உழைப்போம்.

வருகின்ற 3-ஆம் தேதி அன்று, பெரிய வெள்ளி ஆராதனையை ஆசரிக்க இருக்கிறோம். அன்று இயேசு சிலுவையில் மொழிந்த ஏழு வாக்கியங்களை தியானிக்க இருக்கிறோம். அன்று சிலுவையில் இயேசு பட்ட பாடுகளும், அவர் சந்தித்த மரணமும், நமக்காக மட்டுமல்ல, மொத்த உலக மக்களின் இரட்சிப்புக்காக என்ற சிந்தையுடன் அன்றைய ஆராதனையை ஆசரிப்போமாக!

இந்த மாதத்தின் 5-ஆம் தேதி அன்று, இயேசுவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதலைக் கொண்டாடுகிறோம்! ஈஸ்டர் தினம் என்பது, லெந்து காலம் நிறைவு பெறுவதையும், கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதலையும் குறிப்பிடுகிறது.

இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதலின் பின்னர், பயந்து கொண்டிருந்த சீடர்கள், ஆவியானவரின் பெலத்துடன் தைரியமாய் இயேசுவுக்கு சாட்சிகளாய் செயல்பட்டனர். நாமும் அது போல, இயேசுவின் உயிர்த்தெழுதலின் வல்லமையைப் பெற்றவர்களாய், தேவ சித்தத்தை நிறைவேற்ற பரிசுத்த ஆவியானவரின் வழி நடத்துதலுக்கு நம்மை அர்ப்பணிப்போம்!

அன்பான திருச்சபையினர் அனைவருக்கும், உயிர்த்தெழுந்த ஆண்டவராகிய இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் இனிய நாமத்தினால், ஈஸ்டர் தின சிறப்பு வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்

தேவன் தாமே உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக!

இறைமைந்தன் இயேசுவின் இறைசேவையில்

அருள்திரு. ஜான் ஸ்டீபன்

சபை போதகர்

தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம்



Mauudy Thursday



Good Friday



**Easter
Sunday**

Verse of the Month - இம்மாதத்திற்கான வேத வசனம்

நான்
பிழைக்கிற
படியினால்
நீங்கள்
பிழைப்பீர்கள்.

யோவான் 14:19



Because
I LIVE
You Will
LIVE ALSO.

John 14:19

Resurrection & New Life - Living in the Power of the Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the greatest triumph in history, is commemorated in April. At the empty tomb, what appeared to be defeat on the cross turned into victory. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith and the source of our ongoing hope, not merely a holiday.

Jesus demonstrated that sin, darkness, and death do not have the last say when He rose from the dead. The stone was rolled away from every life that has faith in Him, as well as from the tomb. God provides new life—freedom from the past, restoration for the present, and hope for the future—through the resurrection.

Everything is altered by resurrection power. God brings joy where there was despair. He brings healing where there was brokenness. He gives life where death once existed. For those who believe, the same force that raised Christ from the dead is at work, transforming hearts and revitalising lives.

April exhorts us to live as people of resurrection. Our faith is based on triumph rather than fear or failure. We can walk with courage, hope, and confidence in every situation because Jesus is still alive. God's promises are always fulfilled, as the empty tomb serves as a reminder.

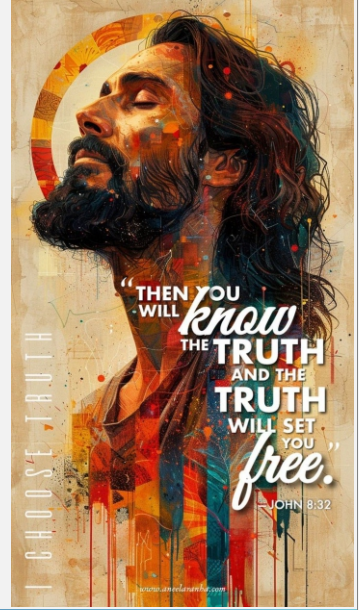
“He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” - Matthew 28:6

Sermon Topics - பிரசங்க தலைப்புகள்

DATE	TOPIC	BIBLE READING
5 th April Easter Sunday	Christ is Risen - Victory over Death	Hosea 14:4-9; Psalm 92; Romans 8:31-39; John 20:1-18.
12 th April 1 st Sunday after Easter	The Risen Lord Brings Life and Hope	2 Kings 2:1-15; Psalm 96; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.
19 th April 2 nd Sunday after Easter	The Power of Resurrection in Our Journey	2 Kings 6:1-7; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Luke 24:13-35.
26 th April 3 rd Sunday after Easter Mission Sunday	Encountering the Risen Christ on the Way.	Isaiah 38:1-8; Psalm 19; Acts 9:1-9; Mark 16:9-20.

Answers to March '26 Bible Treasures - கடந்த மாத வேதாகம புத்தியல் பதில்கள்

- 1 களைத்துப்போயிருக்கிறது — எசேக்கியேல் 16:31; weak - Ezekiel 16:30
- 2 துரோகங்களையும் — எசேக்கியேல் 18:31; transgressions - Ezekiel 18:31
- 3 விக்ரிகங்களையும் — எசேக்கியேல் 20:15; idols - Ezekiel 20:16
- 4 உருகி — எசேக்கியேல் 21:7; melt - Ezekiel 21:7
- 5 பட்டயத்தின் — எசேக்கியேல் 21:15; sword - Ezekiel 21:15
- 6 தாங்குமோ — எசேக்கியேல் 22:14; endure - Ezekiel 22:14
- 7 தேவனின் — எசேக்கியேல் 28:2; God - Ezekiel 28:2
- 8 அழகினால் — எசேக்கியேல் 28:17; beauty - Ezekiel 28:17
- 9 பொருளாசையைப் — எசேக்கியேல் 33:31; covetousness - Ezekiel 33:31
- 10 மாம்சத்திலிருந்து — எசேக்கியேல் 36:26; flesh - Ezekiel 36:26



Online Offering - ஆன்லைன் காணிக்கை

As per the request of our members, we are giving an option to pay your **Subscriptions / Regular / Thanks / Mission Sunday / Self-Denial offerings**, through Online transfer to our Church Bank Account. Kindly send the screenshot of the receipt of amount transferred and a detailed information of the category of the Offering to

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Benielraj Jacob at 98977 82449.

Receipt for the offering will be given in Church.

Church Bank Account Details

A/c.Name: St Matthews Tami Church
A/c.No.: 53312010006043
Bank Name: Canara Bank
Branch: Pune Camp
IFSC code: CNRB0015324



Sunday School & Tamil Class SUMMER VACATION

THERE WILL BE NO
SUNDAY SCHOOL & TAMIL CLASSES
FROM 26TH APRIL TO 31ST MAY.
SS CLASSES WILL RESUME FROM 7TH JUNE,
TAMIL CLASSES WILL RESUME FROM 14TH JUNE.



- 1ST MRS. GRACE JEMIMA**
2ND MR. PREESLY CHARLES
4TH MRS. SHUBHA PATON
MR. JACKSON CHARLES
MAST. SALVIAN JONATHAN
MR. JEBASINGH DHANAPPAUL
- 5TH MRS. REGINA BALA**
6TH MS. KATLYN KEVIN
MR. JAYASEELAN SAMUEL
10TH MR. P.A. RAJASEKAR
- 12TH MAST. JOEL DASS**
13TH MS. SHERIL SILVISTER
MRS. LEENA E. PETERS
14TH MRS. STELMA EASTER
MRS. MANOHARI MATHEW
15TH MS. EDEN SWAMY
16TH MRS. BURNICE SAMUELRAJ
17TH MR. DELPHIN JEYASEELAN
- 20TH MS. AVISHA ESTHER**
MS. MAISY MARISON
22ND MS. RACHEL TONY
24TH MRS. C. SINTHIYA
- 26TH MS. GIZEL EASTER**
MS. ADELYNE GRACE
27TH MR. JOHN CHELLIAH
MRS. SUMITHRA BASKARAN
29TH MR. VICTOR J. PILLAY
30TH MRS. UMA JASON
MR. NEIL PATON

God created you with his hands; He knows your name and your thoughts; He blesses you with life, with love; and the joy of another year to know Him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Blessings from **STMTC** *Family*

Wedding Day Wishes - திருமணநாள் வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

21ST MRS. & MR. KEVIN

25TH MRS. & MR. ARUL CHELLIAH



May the Almighty God continue to bless your family abundantly in the coming years. May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and peace all through your lives.

WISHING ALL CELEBRANTS A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Blessings from **STMTC** *Family*

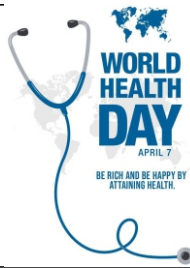
Bible Riddles - வேதாகம விடுகதைகள்

1. பின்பு பாத்திரத்தில் தண்ணீர் வார்த்து, _____ காலைகளைக் கழுவவும், தாம் கட்டிக்கொண்டிருந்த சீலையினால் துடைக்கவும் தொடங்கினார்.
2. பேதுரு, மாற்கு என்னும் பேர்கொண்ட யோவானுடைய தாயாகிய _____ வீட்டுக்கு வந்தான்; அங்கே அநேகர் கூடி என்ன பண்ணிக்கொண்டிருந்தார்கள்?

Important Days of this month - இம்மாதத்தின் முக்கிய நாட்கள்

1 st	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமீழ் ஆஸ்யம், புனே மாதத்தின் முதல் நாள் ஸ்தோத்திர ஆராதனை 1st APRIL WEDNESDAY 7:00 a.m. First Day of Month Thanksgiving Service</p>	First Day of Month Thanksgiving Service (7:00 am) Service on the first day of the month to give thanks to the Lord for taking care of us throughout the previous month, listen to the preaching of God's word and pray for His protection, guidance and help in this month.
1 st	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமீழ் ஆஸ்யம், புனே Join us for the HOLY WEDNESDAY Service 1st APRIL 7:00 PM Speaker: Bro. Matthew Jayapaul For Details Contact: Rev. John Stephen (9405010294)</p>	Holy Wednesday Service (7:00 pm) Holy Wednesday is the third day of the Holy Week. On this day, Jesus was at the home of Simon the Leper when a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' head. This is also the day when Judas went to the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. This day is nicknamed "Spy Wednesday" referring to Judas spying on Jesus for an opportunity to turn him in.
2 nd	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமீழ் ஆஸ்யம், புனே Join us for the MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 2nd APRIL 7:30 PM Speaker: Rev. V. Johnson For Details Contact: Rev. John Stephen (9405010294)</p>	Maundy Thursday Service (7:30 pm) Maundy Thursday is the fourth day of the Holy Week. It is the day when Jesus had His last supper with His disciples; washed His disciples' feet; instituted Holy Communion; predicted Peter's denial; prayed with agony three times in the garden of Gethsemane; was betrayed by Judas; was arrested; and was deserted by His disciples. The name "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word "mandatum" (meaning "commandment"), referring to Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)
3 rd	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமீழ் ஆஸ்யம், புனே Join us for the GOOD FRIDAY Service 3rd APRIL 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM For Details Contact: Rev. John Stephen (9405010294)</p>	Good Friday Service (8:00 am - 11:00 am) Good Friday is the day when we especially remember our Lord Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to save us from our sins. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) Join us as we meditate on the seven phrases that Jesus spoke from the cross. Let us remember what it cost Jesus to purchase our salvation. Let us thank Him for redeeming us with His precious blood.
5 th	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமீழ் ஆஸ்யம், புனே Join us for the EASTER SUNDAY Service 5th APRIL 6:15 AM For Details Contact: Rev. John Stephen (9405010294)</p>	Easter Sunday Service (6:15 am) Easter Sunday, also called as "Resurrection Day", is when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – which is one of the fundamental beliefs of Christianity. By rising from the dead, Jesus defeated sin, Satan and death. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed! Join us as we praise our risen Saviour and meditate on what His resurrection means for our lives.

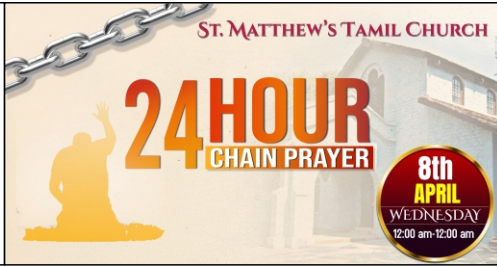
7th



World Health Day

It is celebrated annually on April 7th since 1950. Each year, it draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. April 7 marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. The theme for World Health Day in 2026 is: "Together for health. Stand with science."

8th



Monthly 24-Hr Chain Prayer

A 24-hour chain prayer is conducted, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, where we pray for our church and its members, our Pastor and committee members, missionaries, Pune city, our country and our world.

9th



Martyrs of Thana

The Martyrs of Thana were four Franciscan missionaries – Thomas of Tolentino, James of Padua, Demetrius of Tiflis and Peter of Sienna – executed in April 1321 in Thane (near Mumbai) for "alleged" blasphemy. Thomas, James and Demetrius were priests while Peter was a lay brother. The missionaries were on their way to China when they stopped in India, where a religious dispute with local authorities occurred. Having begun a discussion of religion, the qadi had asked them their opinion of Muhammad. Thomas gave his honest and blunt opinion. In response, the Muslims around the court called for their death. They are considered the first martyrs of India for the Latin Church.

12th



1/2-hr Special Prayer After Service

A special prayer for 30 minutes to pray for our church, city and country.

12th



Adoniram Judson of Burma

Adoniram Judson (August 9, 1788 – April 12, 1850) was an American Baptist missionary who worked in Burma for over 35 years. He was born in a Christian family. His father was a Pastor. When Judson was in college, being influenced by a friend, he turned away from his childhood faith. Later on, he returned to the Christian faith, dedicated himself to God and decided to become a missionary. At the age of 25, Judson was sent from North America to preach in Burma. It took him 3 years to learn the Burmese language and 12 years to make 18 converts. He translated the entire Bible into Burmese. He compiled the first ever Burmese-English dictionary. By the time of Judson's death, Burma had 100 churches and over 8,000 believers.

18th



World Heritage Day

It is celebrated annually on April 18th and raises awareness about the diversity and vulnerability of cultural and natural heritage. This day was proposed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on April 18, 1982, and adopted by the UNESCO General Conference in 1983. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the importance of cultural heritage, including historical monuments and natural sites, and the efforts needed to protect and conserve them. As of April 2025, India has 43 World Heritage Sites (34 Cultural, 7 Natural and 2 Mixed) and 62 sites on the Tentative List.

22nd



Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through www.earthday.org including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.

23rd



Day of Pandita Ramabai

Pandita Ramabai (23 April 1858 – 5 April 1922) was an Indian social reformer and Christian missionary. She was the first woman to be awarded the title of “Pandita” as a Sanskrit scholar. During her stay in England in the early 1880s she converted to Christianity. Among the reasons Ramabai gave for her conversion was her growing disillusionment with orthodox Hinduism and particularly what she saw as its ill regard of women. She toured extensively in the United States to collect funds for destitute Indian women. With the funds raised, she started Sharada Sadan (Home for Learning) for child widows. In the late 1890s, Ramabai founded Mukti Mission, a Christian charity at Kedgaon village, forty miles east of Pune city. The mission was later named Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission. A learned woman knowing seven languages, she also translated the Bible into her mother tongue – Marathi – from the original Hebrew and Greek.

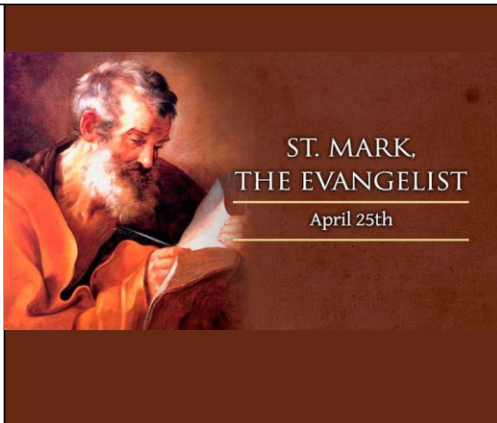
24th



Monthly Bible Study (6:30 pm)

On the last Friday of the month, we have a monthly online Bible study on the “Acts of the Apostles” on Youtube, led by Rev. Dr. Stanly Jones who is a New Testament Professor at UBS.

25th



Day of Mark the Evangelist

It is celebrated annually on April 25th in the Western Christian tradition. Mark is the author of the second and shortest Gospel. He was not one of the original 12 apostles. He was mentored by St. Peter who referred to him as “my son”. He was also a companion to St. Paul. John Mark was a cousin of Barnabas. Barnabas took Mark with him to Cyprus. According to church tradition, in AD 49, Mark travelled to Alexandria and founded the Church of Alexandria, having already been in Egypt for 4-5 years. He became the first bishop of Alexandria and he is honoured as the founder of Christianity in Africa.

26th



Mission Sunday Service

On the fourth Sunday of the month, we observe Mission Sunday led by one of our fellowship groups and we pray especially for missionaries serving the Lord.

Announcement - அறிவிப்புகள்

KINDLY OFFER YOUR

SELF-DENIAL COVER & LENTEN BOX OFFERING



During

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

on **5th APRIL 2026**



Sunday School RETREAT

Date: **WILL BE CONFIRMED**
Location: **WILL BE CONFIRMED**
Reporting Time:
Contribution: **₹300** (To SS Coordinator, Mrs. Prathiba Arun)

PARTICIPATE AND GET BLESSED

YOUTH Fellowship RETREAT

Date: **25th APRIL 2026**
Location: **MEHER RESORT, YAWAT**
Reporting Time: **6:45 A.M. AT CHURCH**
Contribution: **₹500** (To YF Coordinator, Mr. Arun Immanuel)

PARTICIPATE AND GET BLESSED

The missionary reports are of February '26, which are the latest reports received as of now.

1. FMPB



Bro. **Vijay Babu**

Jawahar Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. The gospel was proclaimed in 12 new villages and 450 new people were reached.
2. God protected Mr. Sanpathbhai and his vehicle in a road accident; and Mr. Aravindbhai from an accident.
3. After prayer, we started Sunday service at Hedvachamal village after 9 years.
4. After prayer, God healed 2-year-old Suthiben from high fever and vomiting; Rashmaben of eye problem; Bevanjibhai of stomach pain; Vanithaben from cough and body swelling; and Ramanbhai enabling him to walk after 4 months.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. 10th and 12th std. students appearing for their board exams.
2. A revival among youth.
3. Gift of children for Sangeetha who has been married for 11 years.
4. Healing for Jauvebhai from knee pain.
5. Sunday service can be started again in Umran village.
6. Open door in Wada and Vikramgad areas.
7. Backslidden believers to repent and return to Jesus.
8. Other organizations should not disturb our ministry.
9. Pray for the following programs: Mass outreach ministry in Wada taluka; Elders' training; believers' camp; baptism program; FCC meeting; VCC meeting in 7 churches; believers' 2-day mela in April; women's meetings; chain prayer; team prayer in all congregations.
10. Pray for our children Sam and Sharon for their studies and health.
11. Pray for our health and ministry.



2. VISHWAVANI



Bro. **Prakash B. Balke**
Nanded Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. Pranita has grown in the knowledge of the Word.
2. Piraji is coming for prayer and heard the gospel for the first time.
3. Balaji heard the gospel and responded well to the service.
4. Chandrakant is living in the fear of Christ and obeying God's commandments.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Maroti should come to the Lord, believe and accept Jesus as his Saviour.
2. Satish should receive the Lord Jesus and come to devotion every Sunday.
3. Sonali should respond well to the gospel and be saved.
4. Deliverance for Satish from his financial problems.

3. GEMS



Pas. **Raju Shirgure**
Malvadi Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. Glory to God that He has been very gracious to us last month.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. God would destroy the power of darkness; and enable people to come out of idol worship and alcohol addiction.
2. Anointing and awakening of Christian churches in India.
3. God's help in buying equipment and enrolling students for the newly started ladies' tailoring classes.
4. We should be able to start new house groups and bear fruit.
5. God's guidance for every governmental authority and police dept to conduct a good service in the region. Proper and systematic establishment of our government.
6. God would touch every heart and bring more fruit in the 12 areas of our ministry.

4. MVM



Rev. Sohan Jadhav

Kamshet Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. Datta and Hirabai are firm in the Lord and coming for prayers.
2. Raju and Nikita are growing in the Lord, day by day.
3. Baban and Suvarna are responding to the ministry.
4. Good health and protection for our family.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ganesh's family would experience salvation from the Lord.
2. Ashok would change his heart towards God.
3. Safety of people migrated for work and for their faith to remain strong.

5. IMS



Bro. Ramachandra Kengar

Kolhapur Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. Praise God that we could visit new villages such as Nippanni, Ruie and Agale colony. In Nippani village, there are many people who didn't know about Christ. We shared the gospel with them. Pray that they will put their faith in Jesus and grow in their faith.
2. In Korochoi village, a 32-year-old woman named Nandini (who is a nursing student and who leads worship) got chest pain. She had to undergo angiography. Our church prayed for her. God performed a miracle and all her reports came normal. Praise God!
3. Amol was an alcoholic and addicted to gutkha. His marriage was getting delayed. We prayed for him. God heard our prayers and he got married. He also stopped drinking alcohol and taking gutkha.
4. There was water leaking and filling into Chandrava's house due to which it had to be repaired. We prayed for this. God provided them with financial help with which their home got repaired.
5. Kamle aged 22 was without a job. We prayed for him. He has now opened a Chinese food stall and it is running well. Praise God!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Suraj is having running nose, fever and no appetite since the past 1 month. Due to this, he lost weight and has been admitted in the hospital. Pray for his speedy recovery.
2. Rahul aged 40 had chest pain for 15 days. ECG shows a problem. Pray for his healing.
3. Shakuntala is paralysed on her right side. Pray for a speedy recovery.
4. Pray for God's blessings upon the special services in the coming months.

6. CGMM



Bro. **Pagidi Shyam**

Aksapur Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. After prayer, God healed Kamlakar of knee pain; and Kavitha of fever and cold.
2. God delivered Mahanandabai from evil spirit.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Healing for Chayabai from chest pain; Bharinabai from elephantiasis; and for myself (Pagidi Shyam) from high B.P.
2. Gift of children for Sunanda who has been married for 15 years.
3. A church building in Aksapur field.
4. Wisdom for my son Shalemraj for his SSC board exams.

7. ICCC



Mr. **Prince Joseph &**

Mrs. **Anita Prince**

City Ministry, Mumbai



PRAISE POINTS:

1. A blessed key student leaders' and staff's retreat filled with adventure, fellowship, learning and spiritual growth.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. The upcoming GLP leadership seminars would provide a great opportunity to reach students and address their real-life needs. Pray for the seminar leaders, participants and all the arrangements for the sessions.
2. Pray for our son Josh who is appearing for his 12th board exams this year.

8. BYM



Bro. E. Murugan
Vaduj Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. 9 believers from Vaduj village went to Vasai field, attended 2 services and returned with great dedication for the Lord.
2. A relative of Phalke family of Indira Nagar was 7 months pregnant. The baby was not having any movement. They called us for prayer. We prayed and God performed a miracle.
3. 25 students from UBL came to Pugegaon and Vaduj and saw the children's ministry and worship services. They went back challenged.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for a safe delivery for Reshma.
2. Pray for miracles, signs and wonders in the ministry of Vaduj and Pugegaon village ministries.
3. Pray for relief from heat and God's protection from summer illnesses for people in Vaduj.
4. Pray for a permanent job for Aarti.

9. IEM



Rev. P. Samuel
Kolam Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. God helped us to dedicate a multipurpose hall for the daycare center students to use.
2. We could have a 3-day fasting prayer at Mathurjun church.
3. Dayanand has stopped his drinking habit for the last 2 months.
4. Praise God for everything He has been doing in the mission field.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Archana's marriage to a believer on April 10th should go well.
2. Healing for Panchafulla who is taking injections following a dog bite; Abhishek who is having low platelet count, kidney problem and swollen legs; Sasikala from fits and attack from evil spirits.
3. Pray for 3-day fasting prayer and seekers' meeting in Junoni village.

10. MTTB



Bro. Manoj Tayde
Maharashtra Mission Field



PRAISE POINTS:

1. Moni is pregnant.
2. Kajal got admission for computer training.
3. Govind attends church service regularly.
4. Tribhuvan got her government certificate.
5. Rahul and Nivruti constructed their own house.
6. God is hearing the prayers of Jaganath and his wife Mangal and guiding them.
7. Akash's health is improving.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Suitable life-partner for Raju, Dipti and Sanjay's daughter.
2. Spiritual growth for Balu, Shoba and Dipali.
3. Salvation for Chaya, Jayshree, Sashala, Vanita, Prakash, Ravindra and Kishore.
4. Peace in the family for Sanjay and Nivruti.
5. Santosh should get his UDID card.

11. NSM



NSM TRIBAL HOMES



Mast. Ranjith Soren



Mast. Hopna Murmu



Mast. Palton Baski N.



St. Matthew's Tamil Church, Pune

Presents

Women's DAY One Day Retreat

MARCH

7

2026

SATURDAY

WOMEN of
THEME WORTH

in Tamil



Sis. Rajakumari



Sis. Rinita

A retreat is a time to get away from our daily busy routines and spend some time worshipping God, listening to biblical teaching, praying and having fellowship with other Christians. This is exactly what happened at the Women's Retreat organized by our church on Saturday, March 7th. The theme of the retreat was **"Women of Worth"**. A group of 34 women – including the two guest speakers – gathered together for a retreat that was definitely one of the highlights of this year.

The retreat started at 10:15 am with an **opening prayer** by our pastor, Rev. John. This was followed by a time of **worship** led by our talented junior choir and directed by our choir director, Mr. Charles Premkumar. Mrs. Angelin Charles led us through a time of prayer where she shared struggles that women in India are facing today so we could pray for them.

Our **first session** was led by Mrs. Rinita Bennet. She explained the difference between body, soul and spirit. Through individual and group exercises and examples, she impressed upon us the importance of reading and obeying God's Word; of speaking kind words of encouragement to others; and of being connected to the Holy Spirit and led by Him. She stressed that our words matter and our thought process matters.

After taking a group photo, we had a lunch break. Following this, we had a time of **Q&A** where Mrs. Rajakumari Bennet and her daughter Rinita answered 2 questions submitted by our church women.

Next we had a session called **"Talent Display"** where a few women of our church displayed their God-given talents. Mrs. Rajashree Jebaraj displayed her beautifully knitted crochet work. Dynisha Beaulin recited a poem and told the true story of Sarah Tucker. Mrs. Angelin Charles recited a poem.

Our **second session** was continued by Rinita where she encouraged us to put off our old self and put on the new self. We should renew our minds by meditating on God's Word and praying. We are trained in godliness through "pressing" times (trials) when we yield to the hands of God the Potter who moulds us.

Rinita pointed us to our Lord Jesus Christ who was overwhelmed with sorrow in the Garden of Gethsemane because our sins were placed on Him. He suffered and died a painful death on the cross for us. Jesus went through the "pressing" process so that we could be saved. She asked us to write on "Post-it" notes things we need to get rid of (eg. anger, jealousy) and/or a problem that we are facing; and then pin the notes to a red cross that was placed in the front. She then prayed for all of us.

Mrs. Malgiga Jayakumar gave the **vote of thanks**. Rev. John also thanked the people involved in the retreat and did the **closing prayer**. The retreat ended at 4:45 pm. We had biscuits and tea and a blessed time of fellowship with our fellow sisters.

We thank God for this women's retreat through which we learnt a lot. May God enable us to put into practice what we have learnt and grow spiritually each day!









MARCH
8
2026

கூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம், புளே

Women's Day is celebrated annually worldwide on March 8th. At St. Matthew's church, we celebrated "Women's Day" in a very special way:

- The women of our church came for the church service dressed in green on this special occasion.
- Our women's fellowship sang a special song "Senntamil Naatu Krishava Pengal" which mentions women of faith like Esther, Rahab, Rebekah, Dorcas, Hannah and Deborah.
- Our Pastor, Rev. John, prayed specially for the women of our church.
- The women of our church were gifted beautiful purses on this special occasion while the junior choir sang the song "Women of Faith".
- The sermon was given by our guest speaker, Mrs. Rajakumari Bennet. She taught us about the Importance of: 1) Reading the Bible; 2) Praying; 3) Attending church service every week; and 4) Being a good witness for Christ in this world.
- After the service, Mr. Andrew Michael conducted an auction of homemade items brought by a few women of our church. Mrs. Rajashree Jebaraj brought beautiful crochet items like table mats, keychains and a purse knitted by her; Mrs. Asantha Manohar Dass brought "murukku" made by an uncle; and Mrs. Shubha Paton brought 2 homemade banana-walnut cakes. Thanks to our church members who took part in the auction enthusiastically and bought the items on sale. The money that was raised will go towards a charity visit by our women's fellowship.

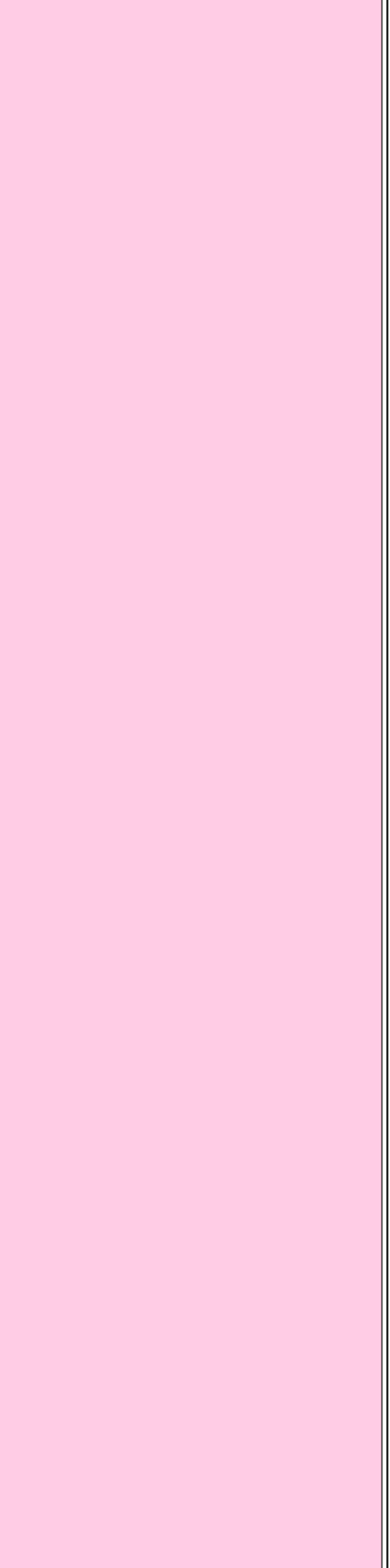
All glory be to God for making the women's day celebration a grand success and for filling our hearts with joy!





Talent Show







स्त्री संहिता - 09, सेंट्रल
 गुना करार - 2021, 9:30-9:45
 पत्र - 9:45-10:00
 पशुधर्ममान - 10:00-10:15
 पुस्तकालय/पत्रिका प्रदर्शन - 10:15-10:30
 विराम - 10:30-10:45



தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம், புனே

Palm SUNDAY Service

29th
March
SUNDAY
11:40 a.m.

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” – Luke 19:38a

Palm Sunday is the day when we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding humbly on a donkey. At St. Matthew's Tamil church, we celebrated this day with great joy! Preparations began the previous day when members of our church came and decorated the church beautifully with palm leaves and made palm crosses.

On Palm Sunday, we were very happy to have our respected **Bishop Rt. Rev. Alfred C. Tiwade** with us to grace this special occasion. The service started with a prayer and blessing of the palm leaves and palm crosses, after which these were distributed to the congregation by our youth. Our members then went around the church in a procession waving palm leaves and joyfully singing the Tamil song “**ஓசன்னா பாடுவோம்**”.

Our Bishop gave the sermon emphasizing the word “Hosanna” which means “Save us!” He said that it's an expression of praise and worship as well as a cry to God for salvation. He reminded us that Jesus' 1st coming was as the Saviour of the world. He came to die on the cross in order to save us from our sins. His 2nd coming will be as Judge.

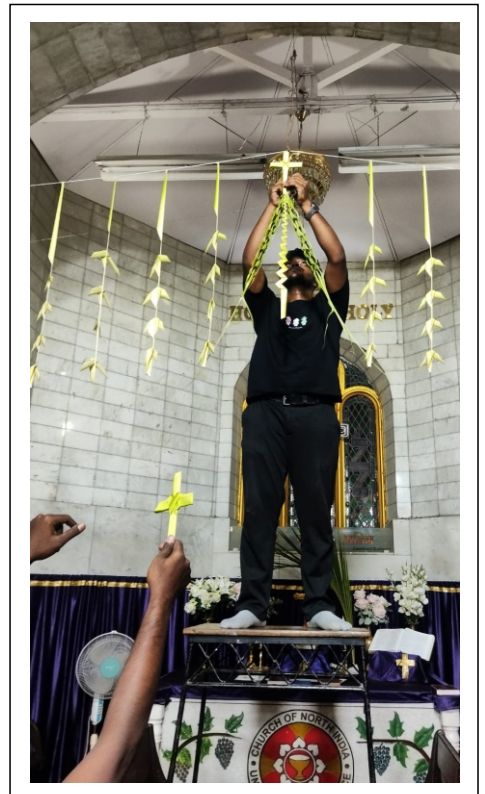
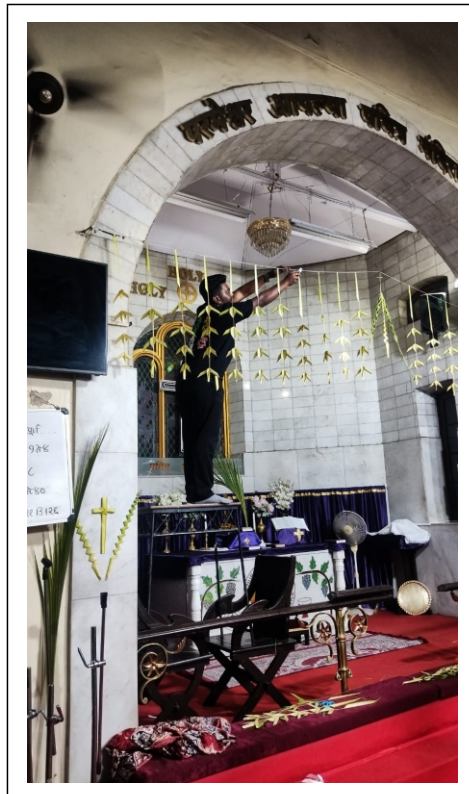
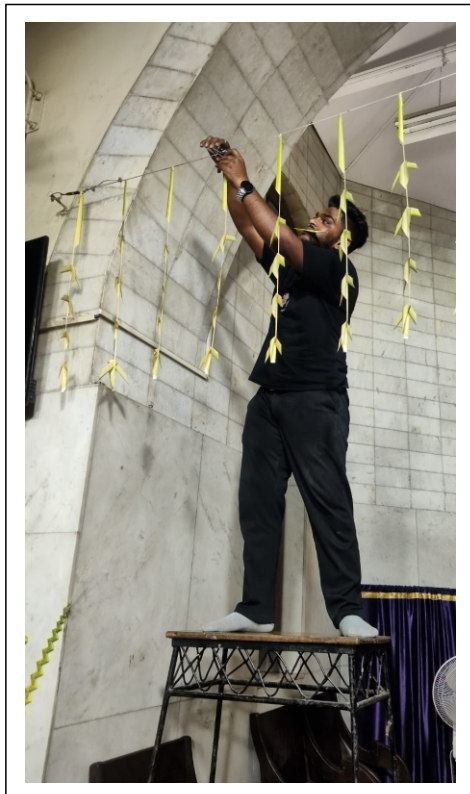
The Palm Sunday service included songs like “**தயாள இயேசு தேவரீர்**” and “**பவனி செல்கின்றார் ராசா**” about Jesus' majestic entry into Jerusalem.

We praise and thank God for a blessed Palm Sunday service!









Other Activities - இதர நிகழ்வுகள்



SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sundays during service.

Sunday School Summer break from **26th April 2026**, will resume after Summer break on **7th June 2026**.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Every Sunday after Holy Communion except first Sunday of the month.



WOMEN'S & MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Third Sunday after divine service.



TAMIL CLASSES

Second and fourth Sundays after divine service.

Tamil Classes Summer break from **26th April 2026**, will resume after Summer break on **14th June 2026**.



THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

First day of every month at 7:00 am.



MISSION SUNDAY SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of the month (No Holy Communion).

Please offer your Mission Sunday Special Offerings during service/online.



BIBLE STUDY

Last Friday at 6:30 pm on our Church  Channel



30-MINUTES SPECIAL PRAYER

First Sunday of every month after the Service.



24-HOUR CHAIN PRAYER

1st Wednesday of every month, 12:00 am - 12:00 am.



COTTAGE PRAYER

Church members can keep cottage prayer in their home any day of the month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



Bible Treasures: Body Parts: HEART - Part 25 (Daniel)

வேதாகம புத்தையல்: உடல் உறுப்புகள்: இதயம்-பாகம் 25 (தானியேல்)

God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them. Let us praise our Creator God !

- 1 தானியேல் ராஜாவின் போஜனத்தினாலும் அவர் பானம்பண்ணும் திராட்சரசத்தினாலும் தன்னைத் ____, தன் இருதயத்தில் தீர்மானம்பண்ணிக்கொண்டான்.
But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not __ himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank.
- 2 அர்த்தம் ராஜாவுக்குத் தெரியவரவும், உம்முடைய இருதயத்தின் நினைவுகளை நீர் அறியவும், இந்த ____ எனக்கு வெளியாக்கப்பட்டது.
This ____ is revealed to me that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.
- 3 அவனுடைய இருதயம் மனுஷ இருதயமாயிராமல் மாறும்படி, ____ இருதயம் அவனுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படக்கடவது.
Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a ____ heart be given unto him.
- 4 அவருடைய இருதயம் மேட்டிமையாகி, அவருடைய ஆவி ____ கடினப்பட்டபோது, அவர் தமது சிங்காசனத்திலிருந்து தள்ளப்பட்டார்.
But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in ____, he was deposed from his kingly throne.
- 5 அவருடைய இருதயம் மிருகங்களுடைய இருதயம் போலாயிற்று; ____ சஞ்சரித்தார்.
His heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the ____.
- 6 பெல்ஷாட்சார் என்னும் நீரோவென்றால், இதையெல்லாம் அறிந்திருந்தும், உமது இருதயத்தைத் ____, பரலோகத்தின் ஆண்டவருக்கு விரோதமாக உம்மை உயர்த்தினீர்.
Thou, O Belshazzar, hast not __ thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven.
- 7 முந்தினது ____ போல இருந்தது; அதற்குக் கழுகின் செட்டைகள் உண்டாயிருந்தது; மனுஷ இருதயம் அதற்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது.
The first was like a ____, and had eagle's wings: a man's heart was given to it.
- 8 அவன் தன் இருதயத்தில் ____, நிர்விசாரத்தோடிருக்கிற அநேகரை அழித்து, அதிபதிகளுக்கு அதிபதியாயிருக்கிறவருக்கு விரோதமாய் எழும்புவான்.
He shall __ himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes.
- 9 அவன் இந்தச் ____ நீக்கிவின்பு, அவனுடைய இருதயம் கர்வங்கொள்ளும்.
When he hath taken away the ____, his heart shall be lifted up.
- 10 அவன் தன் இருதயத்தைப் பரிசுத்த ____ விரோதமாக வைத்து, அதற்கானதைச் செய்து, தன் தேசத்துக்குத் திரும்பிப்போவான்.
His heart shall be against the holy ____; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

April
2026

உன்மேல் கர்த்தர்
உதிப்பார்
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உன்மேல்
காணப்படும்

- எசாயா 60:2

The LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. - Isaiah 60:2

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Answer to Bible Riddles - வேதாகம விடுகதையின் பதில்கள்

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•ஊ:ஊ இலகூலாபாபா - ஶாஶுஶுஶு •ஊ

All of you are requested to pray for each other and remember every member of our Church in your Prayers!
Please also pray for the Salvation and Protection of everyone in this world.



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