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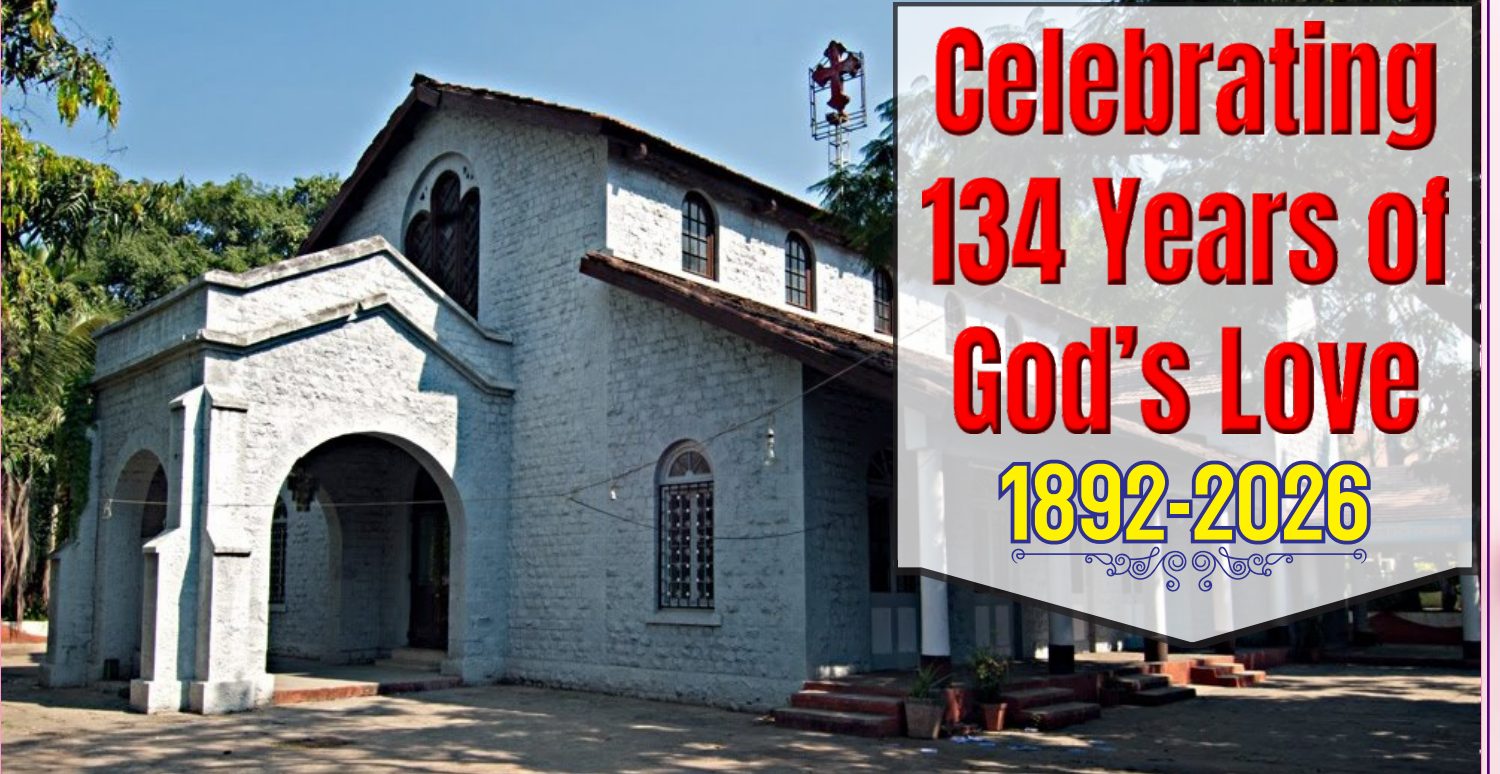
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தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம்

புனே திருமண்டலம் (வட இந்திய திருச்சபை)

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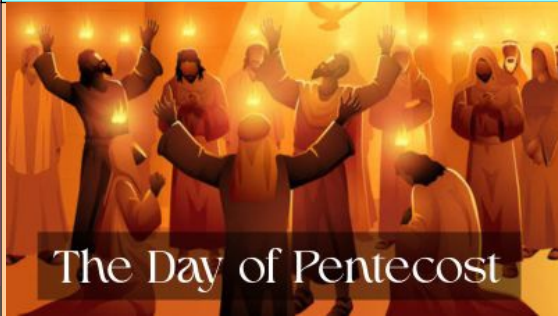


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St. Matthew's Tamil Church, Pune

**Sunday Service 11:40 a.m.**



The Day of Pentecost

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter (inclusive of Easter Sunday) that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. Often considered the "birthday of the Church", it marks the empowering of the apostles to spread the Gospel worldwide, resulting in thousands of baptisms.



"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING,  
AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE:  
BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME."

- Psalm 100:4

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கிறிஸ்துவுக்குள் பிரியமானவர்களே,

இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் இனிய நாமத்தினால் உங்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நல் வாழ்த்துக்களை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்!

இந்த மாதத்தில், 6-ஆம் தேதி அன்று அப்போஸ்தலனும், சுவிசேஷகனுமாகிய யோவானின் திருநாளை கொண்டாட இருக்கிறோம்.

இயேசுவின் அன்பான சீடனும், அவர் மார்பினில் எப்போதும் சாய்ந்து கொண்டிருந்தவனுமாகிய யோவானின் அன்பு நமக்கு முன்மாதிரியாய் இருக்கட்டும். அவரைப் போல நாமும் இயேசுவை நேசிக்க, அவர் மார்பினில் எப்போதும் சாய்ந்திருக்க தேவன் நமக்கு உதவி செய்வாராக!

மேலும் வருகின்ற 14-ஆம் தேதி, இயேசுவின் பரமேறிய திருநாளினை ஆசரிக்க இருக்கிறோம்.

நமக்காய் இவ்வுலகில் வந்து, பாடுபட்டு மரித்து உயிரோடு எழுந்த கிறிஸ்து, பின்னர் அநேகருக்கு தம்மை உயிரோடு உள்ளவராக காட்சியளித்து, பின்னர் தமது சீடர்கள் மத்தியில் இருந்து பரமேறி சென்றார்.

அவர் எப்படி சென்றாரோ, அப்படியே திரும்ப வர இருக்கின்றார். நாம் அவரது வருகையை சந்திக்க ஆயத்தமா? ஆயத்தமாகுவோம்! பிறரை ஆயத்தப்படுத்துவோம்!

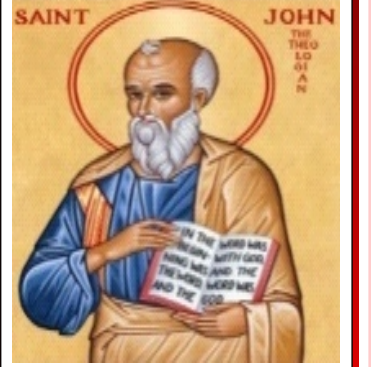
தேவன் தாமே உங்களை ஆசீர்வதிப்பாராக!

இறைமைந்தன் இயேசுவின் இறைசேவையில்

**அருள்திரு. ஜான் ஸ்டீபன்**

**சபை போதகர்**

**தாய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம்**



**St. John**



**Ascension Day**

Verse of the Month - இம்மாதத்திற்கான வேத வசனம்

கல்லையராகிய மனுஷரே,  
நீங்கள் ஏன் வானத்தை  
அண்ணாந்துயார்த்து நிற்கிறீர்கள்?  
உங்களிடத்தினின்று வானத்துக்கு  
எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட இந்த  
இயேசுவானவர்  
எப்படி உங்கள் கண்களுக்கு முன்பாக  
வானத்துக்கு எழுந்தருளிப்போனாரோ  
அப்படியே மறுமையும் வருவார்  
என்றார்கள். - அப்போஸ்தலர் 1:11



"Men of Galilee, why do you stand  
gazing up into heaven?  
This same JESUS,  
who was taken up from you into  
heaven, will so come in like  
manner as you saw Him go  
into heaven."

- Acts 1:11

## *Ascension and Growth*

*May brings a season of ascent, where we reflect on Christ's ascension into heaven, marking not an end but a new beginning for His followers. Just as Jesus rose to the Father's right hand, we are called to rise above earthly distractions and grow deeper in faith. This theme invites church members to embrace personal renewal, stepping out in prayer and service as they prepare for Pentecost's outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*

*Spiritual growth in May mirrors the springtime flourishing around us—roots deepening, branches reaching higher. Amid blooming flowers and lengthening days, we cultivate habits like daily Scripture meditation and fellowship that strengthen our walk with God. Articles in the newsletter can share testimonies of members experiencing breakthroughs, encouraging others to shed old weights and soar on wings of trust.*

*Hosea 14:5-7 (NIV): "I will be like the dew to Israel; He shall grow like the lily, and lengthen his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread; his beauty shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon. Those who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall be revived like grain, and grow like a vine. Their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon."*

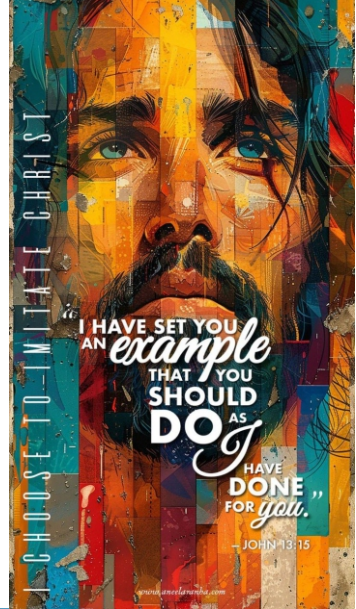
## Sermon Topics - பிரசங்க தலைப்புகள்

DATE	TOPIC	BIBLE READING
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter	The risen Christ brings peace and transformation	Jeremiah 32:38-44; Psalm 63:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; John 20:19-23
10 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter	The living redeemer and the hope of resurrection	Job 20:25-27; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 4:7-11; John 14:15-27
17 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter	Faith restored by risen Lord	Ezekiel 2:1-10; Psalm 73:1-3; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 28:18-20
24 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecostal Day Mission Sunday	Empowered by the Holy Spirit for God's mission	Ezekiel 37:9-14; Psalm 139; Acts 10:44-48; John 16:1-13
31 <sup>st</sup> May 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	God in Trinity: Holy, sovereign and saving	Exodus 3:9-15; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4:1-10; Mark 1:9-15



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

1. தீட்டுப்படுத்தலாகாதென்று - தானியேல் 1:8; defile - Daniel 1:8
2. மறைபொருள் - தானியேல் 2:30; secret - Daniel 2:30
3. மிருக - தானியேல் 4:16; beast's - Daniel 4:16
4. கர்வத்தினாலே - தானியேல் 5:20; pride - Daniel 5:20
5. காட்டுக்கழுதைகளோடே - தானியேல் 5:21; wild asses - Daniel 5:21
6. தாழ்த்தாமல் - தானியேல் 5:22-23; humbled - Daniel 5:22-23
7. சிங்கத்தை - தானியேல் 7:4; lion - Daniel 7:4
8. பெருமைகொண்டு - தானியேல் 8:25; magnify - Daniel 8:25
9. சேனையை - தானியேல் 11:12; multitude - Daniel 11:12
10. உடன்படிக்கைக்கு - தானியேல் 11:28; covenant - Daniel 11:28



## Online Offering - ஆன்லைன் காணிக்கை

As per the request of our members, we are giving an option to pay your **Subscriptions / Regular / Thanks / Mission Sunday 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 Tamil Church  
A/c.No.: **53312010006043**  
Bank Name: Canara Bank  
Branch: Pune Camp  
IFSC code: **CNRB0015324**



- 7<sup>TH</sup> MS. MARY TENNETY**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> MR. CHARLES PREMKUMAR**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> MR. JOHN MOSES**
- 10<sup>TH</sup> MRS. SANTHA JOHNSON**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> MAST. KEVIN EASTER**  
**MAST. KEVIN PAUL**
- 13<sup>TH</sup> MAST. PEDRIN PRINCE**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> MRS. PRIYA KEVIN**  
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**MRS. JAYANTHIRANI BASKARAN**  
**MR. GNANARAJ SHELTON JOSEPH**
- 25<sup>TH</sup> COL. JAIRAJ BALA**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> MAST. CHRIS JOHNSON**  
**MR. DHANABAL THANGAVEL**
- 31<sup>ST</sup> MRS. MALGIGA JEYAKUMAR**  
**MAST. D. JERUSHIAN DAVIS**



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*

**2<sup>ND</sup> MRS. & MR. BASKARAN JOHNSON**  
**MRS. & MR. NITHANIEL STALIN A.**

**3<sup>RD</sup> MRS. & REV. V. JOHNSON**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MRS. & MR. EMMANUEL PETERS**

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**28<sup>TH</sup> MRS. & MR. BENIELRAJ JACOB**

**29<sup>TH</sup> MRS. & MR. GNANARAJ SHELTON**



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*

**Notice - அறிவிப்புகள்**



## **Sunday School**

**SUMMER VACATION**

**THERE WILL BE NO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**IN MAY.**

**SS CLASSES WILL RESUME FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**



**தமிழ்  
Class**

## **Tamil Classes**

**SUMMER VACATION**

**There will be no Tamil Classes  
in May.**

**Classes will resume from 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**YOUTH  
Fellowship**  
**SUMMER VACATION**

**THERE WILL BE NO  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS  
IN MAY.**

**MEETINGS WILL RESUME FROM 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**

**Notice - அறிவிப்புகள்**

Please note that there is a  
**CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMING**  
**ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026.**

**The service will start at 7:30 A.M.**

# CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Matthew Jeyapaul

Mr. Edward Mathew

Weekend Ministry Team Members (Union Biblical Seminary)  
on completing their B.D.



We greet UBS Weekend Ministry Team for helping in 2025-26, and also thank **Mr. Jeffrin Jesuraja** and **Mr. Paultuvin** who have helped in Church this year 2025-2026.







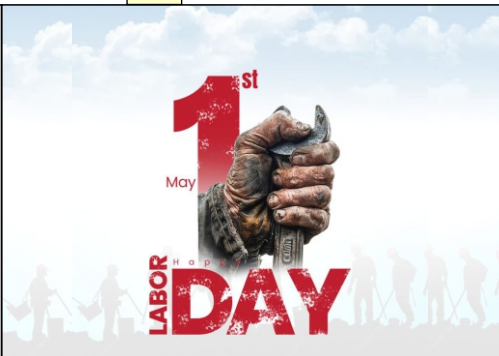
## Bible Riddles - வேதாகம விடுகதைகள்

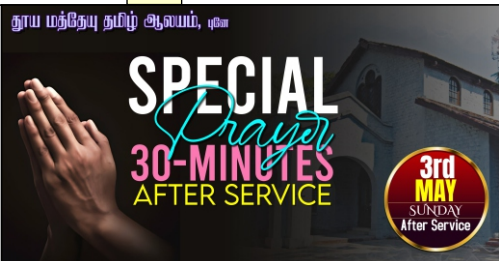
1. நான் வேதவாக்கியத்தை முன்னிட்டு இயேசுவைக்குறித்து எத்தியாப்பியாவின் மந்திரிக்கு பிரசங்கித்தேன். நான் யார்?
2. மரியாளுடைய குமாரன். \_\_\_\_\_ யோசே, யூதா, சீமோன் என்பவர்களுக்கு சகோதரன். விடுபட்ட இயேசுவின் ஊழியக்கார சகோதரன் யார்?

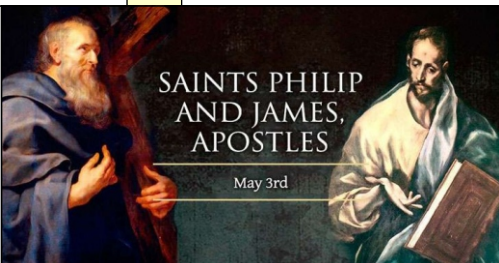
## Important Days of this month - இம்மாதத்தின் முக்கிய நாட்கள்

1 <sup>st</sup>	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம், புனை Join us for the மாதத்தின் முதல் நாள் ஸ்தோத்திர ஆர்ப்பிதனை First Day of Month Thanksgiving Service</p> <p>1st MAY FRIDAY 7:00 a.m.</p>	<b>First Day of Month Thanksgiving Service (7:00 am)</b> 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.
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1 <sup>st</sup>	 <p>1<sup>st</sup> May LABOR DAY</p>	<b>Day of Joseph, the Carpenter</b> This day was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. It recognizes Joseph as a craftsman of Nazareth and honours the dignity of labour, aligning with International Labour Day.
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1 <sup>st</sup>	 <p>1<sup>st</sup> May LABOR DAY</p>	<b>International Labour Day</b> This day, also called International Workers' Day, is often referred to as May Day. In the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century, US labour unions demanded an eight-hour workday, which was meant to begin on May 1, 1886. In 1889, an international federation of socialist groups and trade unions designated May 1 as a day for global protests and parades to commemorate this fight for labour rights. It is also a celebration of labourers and the working classes.
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம், புனை SPECIAL Prayer 30-MINUTES AFTER SERVICE 3rd MAY SUNDAY After Service</p>	<b>30-Minute Special Prayer after Service</b> A special prayer for 30 minutes to pray for our church, city and country.
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	 <p>SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES May 3rd</p>	<b>Day of Philip and James (Apostles)</b> On this day, Philip and James (the son of Alphaeus) are commemorated together as apostles who helped establish the early church. Philip from Bethsaida brought others to Christ, while James the Lesser was a leader in Jerusalem. This day honours them, celebrating their faith and martyrdom.
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6 <sup>th</sup>	 <p>தூய மத்தேயு தமிழ் ஆலயம், புனை 24 HOUR CHAIN PRAYER 6th MAY WEDNESDAY 12:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.</p>	<b>Monthly 24 Hrs Chain Prayer</b> A 24-hour chain prayer is conducted 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.
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6<sup>th</sup>

St. John  
Apostle and Evangelist



### Day of John, Apostle and Evangelist

John, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is also known as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple. He is the author of the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation.

8<sup>th</sup>



### World Red Cross Day

This day is an annual celebration of the International Red Cross Movement which promotes peace and truce. This date is the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who was born on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1828 at Geneva, Switzerland, and died on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1910 at Heiden, Switzerland. He was the founder of (ICRC) International Committee of the Red Cross and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. The first Red Cross Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1948.

10<sup>th</sup>



### Mother's Day

It is an annual celebration, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May, honouring mothers. It was first celebrated in 1908 when Ann Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrew's Methodist Church, West Virginia, USA. She wanted to set aside a day to honour all mothers because she believed that a mother is a "person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Her intention was that people would honour their mothers with handwritten letters, expressing their love and gratitude.

11<sup>th</sup>



### Martyrs of Delhi (1857)

During the 1857 Indian Uprising (or First War of Independence), a large number of Christians – both European and Indian converts – were killed in the immediate aftermath of the outbreak in Meerut and the subsequent surge in Delhi on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1857. Key martyrs include Walayat Ali (an Indian convert and preacher); Chimman Lal (a prominent Indian convert and physician); missionaries and chaplains including Mr. Jennings, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Mackay. The colour of St. Stephen's Church in Old Delhi is said to symbolize the blood of St. Stephen and the Christian martyrs killed in the city in 1857.

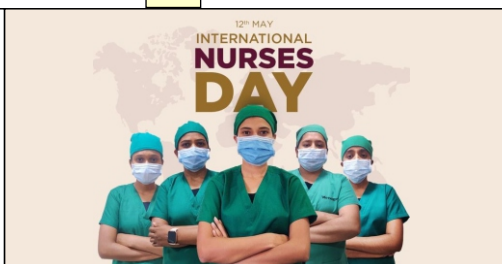
11<sup>th</sup>



### National Technology Day

Since 1999, May 11<sup>th</sup> is being observed as National Technology Day, with an aim to commemorate the achievements of scientists, researchers, engineers and all others involved in the field of science and technology.

12<sup>th</sup>



### International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day (IND) is observed around the world to mark the contributions that nurses make to society. In January 1974, May 12<sup>th</sup> was chosen to celebrate Nurses day as it is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

14<sup>th</sup>



### Ascension Day

It commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter, according to inclusive counting. According to Scripture, Jesus ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19)

15<sup>th</sup>



### International Day of the Families

This day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993 and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. It provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

17<sup>th</sup>



### World Telecommunication Day

This day commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1865. It was instituted by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973. The main objective of the day was to raise global awareness of social changes brought about by the Internet and new technologies. It also aims to help reduce the digital divide.

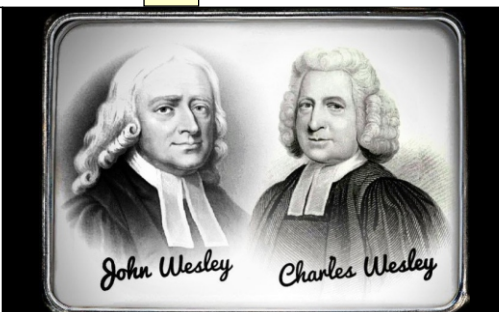
24<sup>th</sup>



### 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.

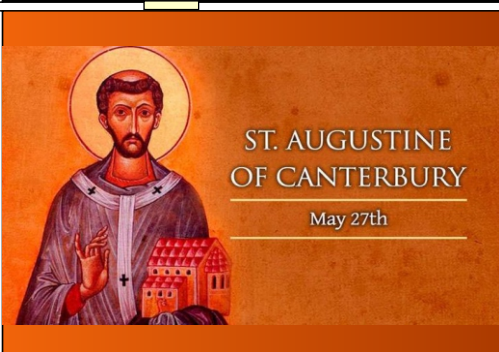
24<sup>th</sup>



### Day of Charles and John Wesley

This day marks John Wesley's "heart-warmed" conversion experience in 1748. It is to honour the brothers John Wesley and Charles Wesley who were English priests and principal leaders of the Methodist movement. Charles was a prolific hymnwriter who wrote over 6,500 hymns including "And Can It Be", "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing", "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

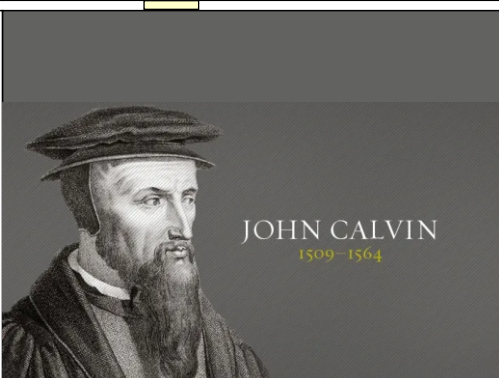
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### Day of Augustine of Canterbury

Augustine (early 6<sup>th</sup> century – c.26 May 604 (or 605)) was a Christian monk who became the first archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He was the prior of a monastery in Rome when Pope Gregory the Great chose him in 595 to lead the Gregorian mission, to Britain to christianize King Æthelberht and his Kingdom of Kent from Anglo-Saxon paganism. He converted many of the king's subjects, including thousands during a mass baptism on Christmas Day in 597.

27<sup>th</sup>



### Day of John Calvin of Geneva

John Calvin (10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564) was a French theologian, pastor and reformer in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation. He was the principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism, including its doctrines of predestination and of God's absolute sovereignty in the salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation. In addition to his seminal "Institutes of the Christian Religion", Calvin wrote commentaries on most books of the Bible.

29<sup>th</sup>

BIBLE  
Study

29th  
MAY  
FRIDAY  
6:30 p.m.

YouTube St. Matthew's Tamil Church

## 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.

### Church-Sponsored Ministries - ஆலய சார்்பான ஁னழியங்கள்

The missionary reports are of March '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 6 villages.
2. Through a drama program, more than 900 nonbelievers heard the Gospel.
3. God delivered Dhakalbhai's house from evil spirit problem after our church prayed.
4. God protected Cheruben from snakebite.
5. God brought Shanthabai's cow home after 3 days after we prayed for this; and healed Bhathiben's cow that was unable to walk for 5 days.
6. God protected Arjunbhai, Devbhai, Dhilipbhai, Balawantbhai and Shainiben from serious injury when they fell down.
7. God healed Mehaben from vomiting; Rohit from chicken pox; and Anil from stomach pain.
8. More than 15 new families came to our church this month.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Healing for Krishna who is suffering from stomach pain since last 2 years. (He was previously against the gospel but is now asking believers for prayer.)
2. Deliverance for Cheethabhai's wife from evil spirit problem.
3. Salvation of Vasanth (a non-believer) who beats his wife (a believer).
4. Healing for Dhanumiya of tumour in her neck; Maya of leprosy; Nishanthiben and Micalbhai of chicken pox; Arthi of breathing problem; Deepak of nephritis; and Meeraben of Parkinson's disease.
5. Pray for our children Sam and Sharon for their studies and health.
6. Pray for our health and ministry and for the 2026-27 ministry targets to be achieved.

## 2. VISHWAVANI



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



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. Prakash has fully recovered from his health issues.
2. Gohabai is growing in faith through prayer.
3. Sanjay's hotel business is doing well.
4. Pramod is reading the New Testament every day.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Healing for Seema
2. Swapnil should come for fasting prayer in church.
3. Ragini would find salvation in Jesus.
4. Completion of Radhabai's house construction.
5. Arrangements for drinking water would be made in this village.

## 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. Salvation of the people in Retare Phata, Retare Kharkana, and Julewadi as we preach to them.
2. Character Development program at Chitale College and Secondary School from Bhilawadi.
3. Honoring ceremony for the members of Gram Panchayat and sharing gospel with them.
4. Arrange lunch/dinner for police in the locality.
5. Pray for Bro. Raju's sons Sunil and Shalom for their business training.

## 4. MVM



**Rev. Sohan Jadhav**

**Kamshet Mission Field**



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. Four new families opened their doors for prayer this month.
2. One family in Indrayani Nagar got relief from continuous health problems.

### PRAYER POINTS:

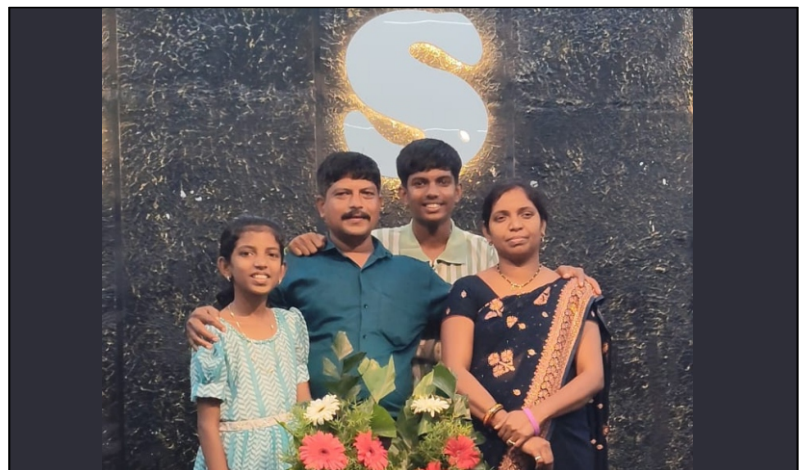
1. Young boys battling addiction issues.
2. Spiritual growth among women's fellowship.
3. Newly formed prayer group in Indrayani Nagar to grow stronger.
4. Open doors in new villages.
5. Spiritual revival among youth and children.
6. Healing for Suresh who is recovering from liquor addiction.

## 5. IMS



**Bro. Ramachandra Kengar**

**Kolhapur Mission Field**



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. Nagesh sowed corn in his field last year. He harvested only 25 kgs. With prayer, he sowed again this year and he harvested 60 kgs.
2. Jyothi needed a 2-wheeler to go to work. We prayed for this and God enabled her to buy a new Scooty.
3. Aakaram had a lot of health issues from Feb 20 to March 12. He was admitted to the hospital. We prayed for him. God healed him and enabled him to come to church from March 15<sup>th</sup> onwards.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Babu has a farmland of 2.5 acres. He needs water for agricultural purpose. Pray that he gets help from the panchayat for a borewell.
2. Seema's husband is an alcoholic and not attending church. He goes out with his friends. Pray that he will repent and come to church.
3. Sweety slipped and fell down from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and got hurt in her ribs. She is admitted in the hospital and is on ventilator. Pray for her speedy recovery.

## 6. CGMM



**Bro. Pagidi Shyam**  
Aksapur Mission Field



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. Successful spine surgery for Pagidi Shyam (missionary) who was having nerve pain for 15 days.
2. Uttamchand's sugar levels are stable.
3. God healed Laxmi who was suffering from a swollen foot since last 2 years.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Speedy recovery for Pagidi Shyam and ability to do God's ministry again.
2. Wisdom and good knowledge for son Shalem Raj who is writing his SSC board exams.
3. Healing for Sindu from heart problem.
4. Ayush and Samiksha who have written Ekalavya entrance exam to get seats.

## 7. ICCC



**Mr. Prince Joseph &**  
**Mrs. Anita Prince**  
City Ministry, Mumbai



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. An impactful, meaningful and inspiring GLP program with speaker, Dr. Nicolas.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. God would strengthen the ICCC ministry, expand its reach and raise committed disciples who will boldly live out and share the gospel in their campuses and workplaces.
2. The regular monthly fellowships and follow-up meetings would be filled with God's presence, fostering spiritual growth, unity, encouragement and meaningful relationships.
3. God would prepare every detail of the students' mission trip – travel, logistics and ministry opportunities – scheduled from June 5-8 at Navapur.

## 8. BYM



**Bro. E. Murugan**  
Vaduj Mission Field



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. 80 people attended the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary function of the Vaduj church.
2. God enabled Aadish and Priyanka; and Kumar and Preethi to get married after we prayed.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Mallika's sugar levels would be under control.
2. Children's ministry (VBS) to go well.
3. God would provide sufficient rain as it is very hot.

## 9. IEM



**Rev. P. Samuel**  
Kolam Mission Field



### PRAISE POINTS:

1. God helped us conduct 40 days' special prayer in Matharjun.
2. We had 2 days' fasting prayer at Junoni church.
3. God healed 19-yr old Abhishek who was admitted in the ICU due to low platelet count, kidney problem and swollen legs.
4. God has been doing wonderful things in the mission field.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Marriage functions of Archana and Sachin; and Yosef and Sania to go well.
2. Successful completion of the worship shed work in Pendry so it can be dedicated for worshipping the Lord.
3. Healing for Sasikala who gets fits often due to evil spirit's attack.
4. Missionary's daughter Susie would be able to adjust well to living in a hostel and being away from family.

# 10. MTTB



**Bro. Manoj Tayde**

**Maharashtra Mission Field**



## PRAISE POINTS:

1. Arpita confessed her faith publicly and is attending church regularly.
2. Renuka is growing spiritually and leading the worship service at her church.
3. Rahul has constructed a new house.
4. Jaganath got a rented house and now spends time in prayer.
5. Tribuvan got her government certificates to submit to the tahsildar.
6. Lata's son came out of depression.
7. Rutusa is in the family way after 7 years of marriage.
8. Akash is sharing the gospel with visually challenged people.

## PRAYER POINTS:

1. Wisdom for Yeshraj, Lalita and Afrez to do well in their studies.
2. Suitable life partners for Nivruth and Sashala.
3. Spiritual growth for Sani
4. Salvation of Bhasudev
5. Suitable jobs for Navnath, Sarala and Govind
6. God would provide for the daily needs of Vijay
7. Peace in Shoba's family
8. Deliverance for Lata's son from alcohol addiction.

# 11. NSM



# NSM TRIBAL HOMES



**Mast. Ranjith Soren**



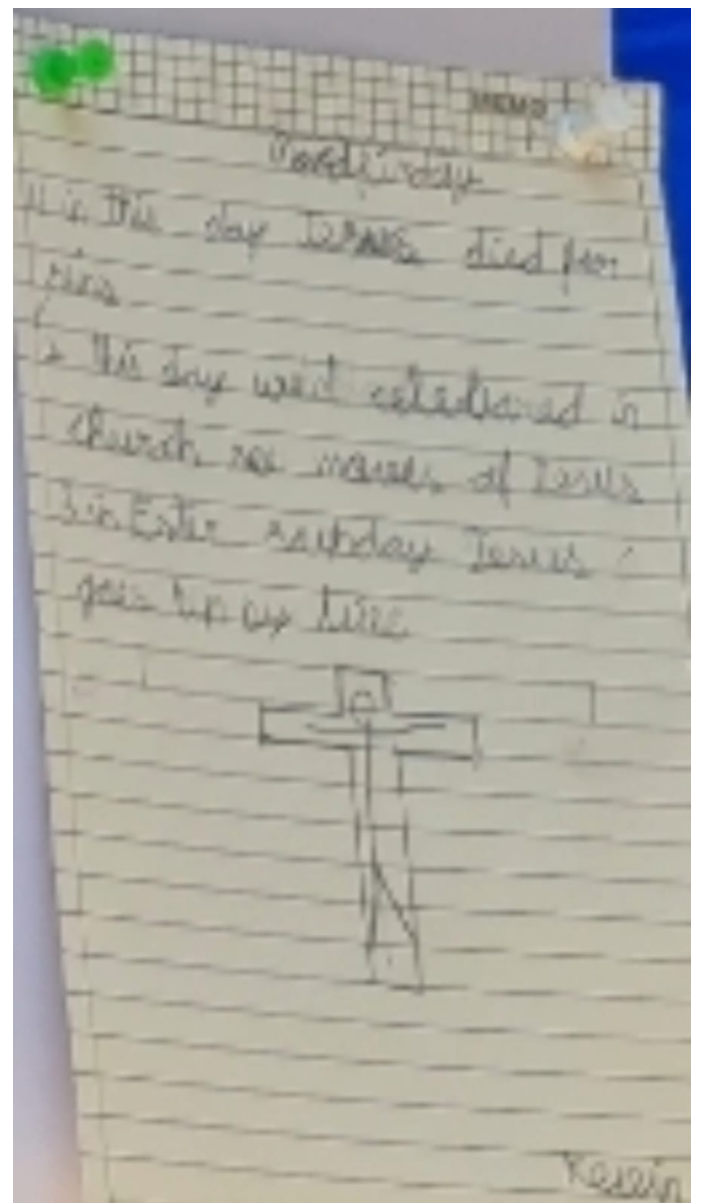
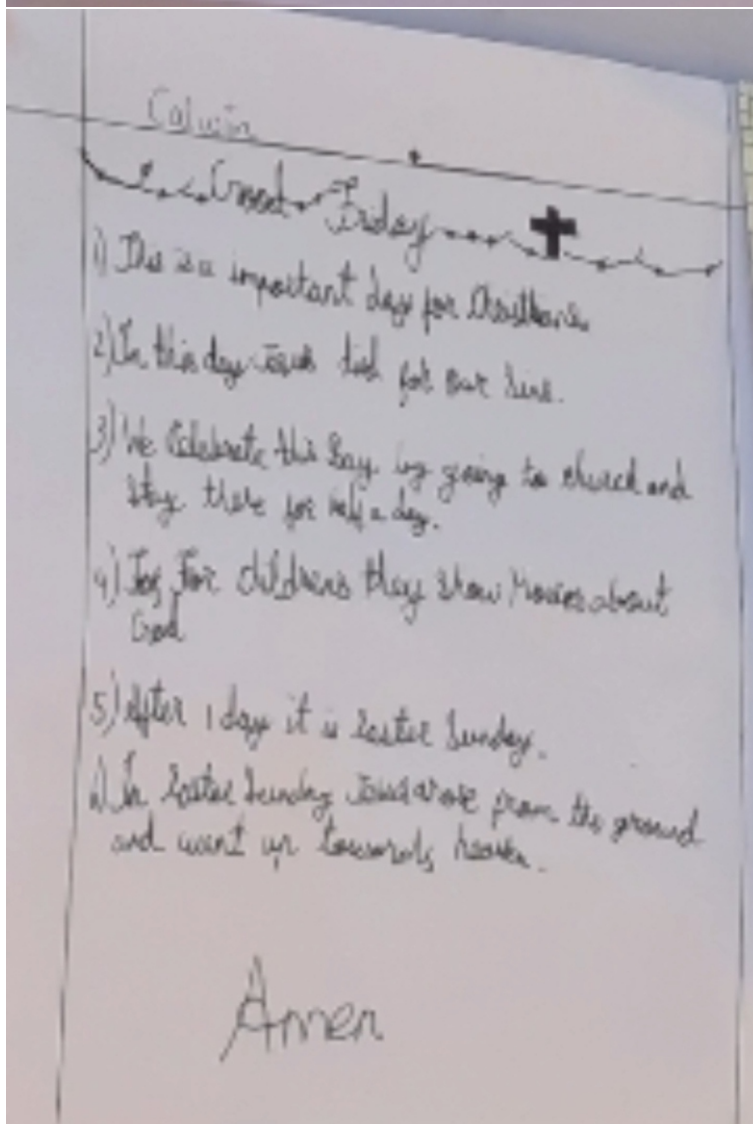
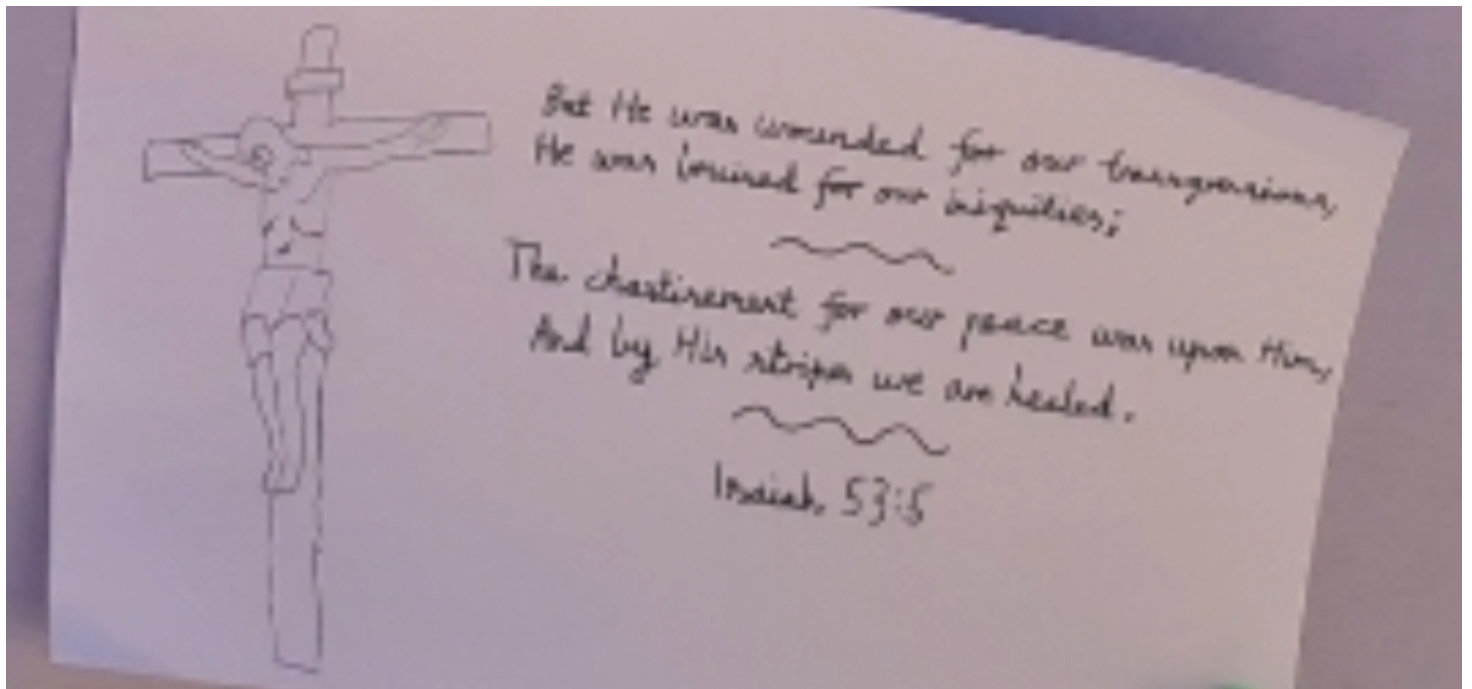
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**Mast. Palton Baski N.**

## Sunday School Art Work - வேதாகம பள்ளி கலை வேலை

During Lent Season, Sunday School children were given a task: "Express your understanding of Good Friday" by drawing, writing an essay or poem. The children took part enthusiastically and the end product was exhibited during Good Friday service.



# Good

- In Good Friday Observance
- Great crucifixion and sacrifice
- Symbolize love, forgiveness & redemption

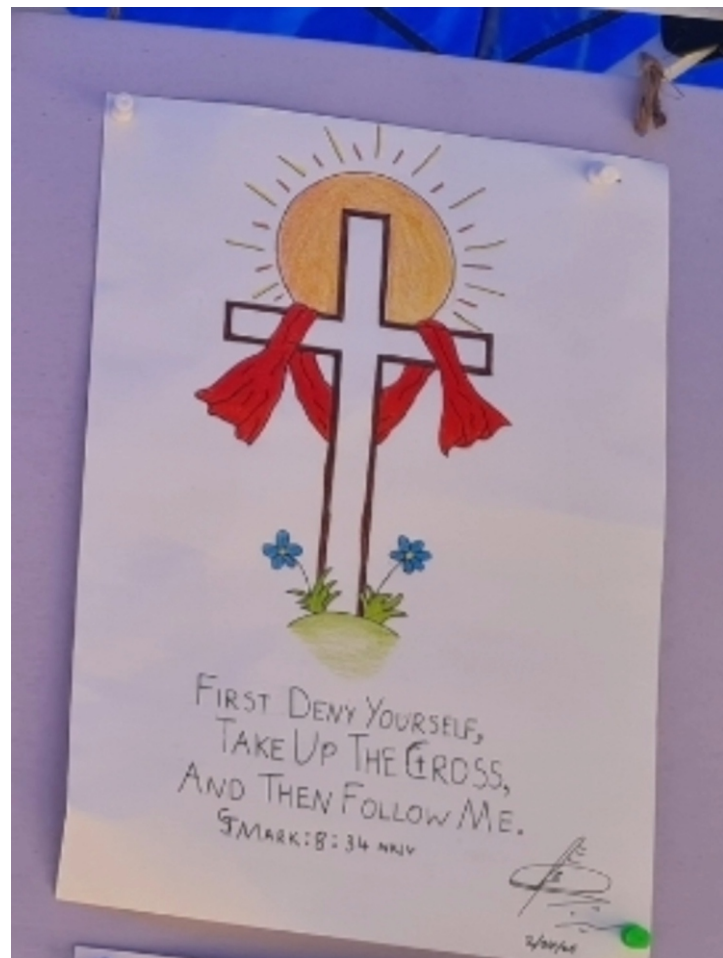


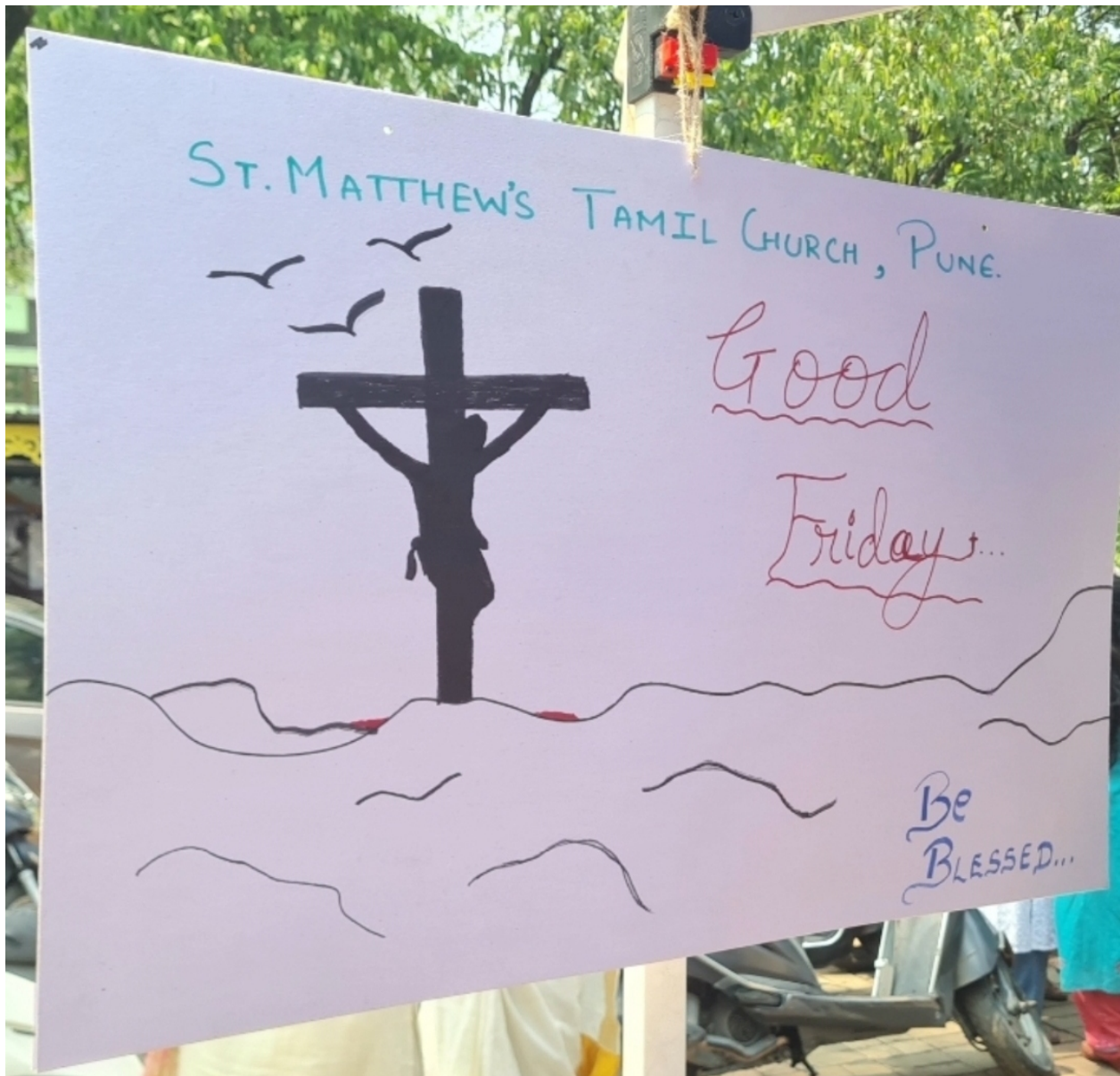
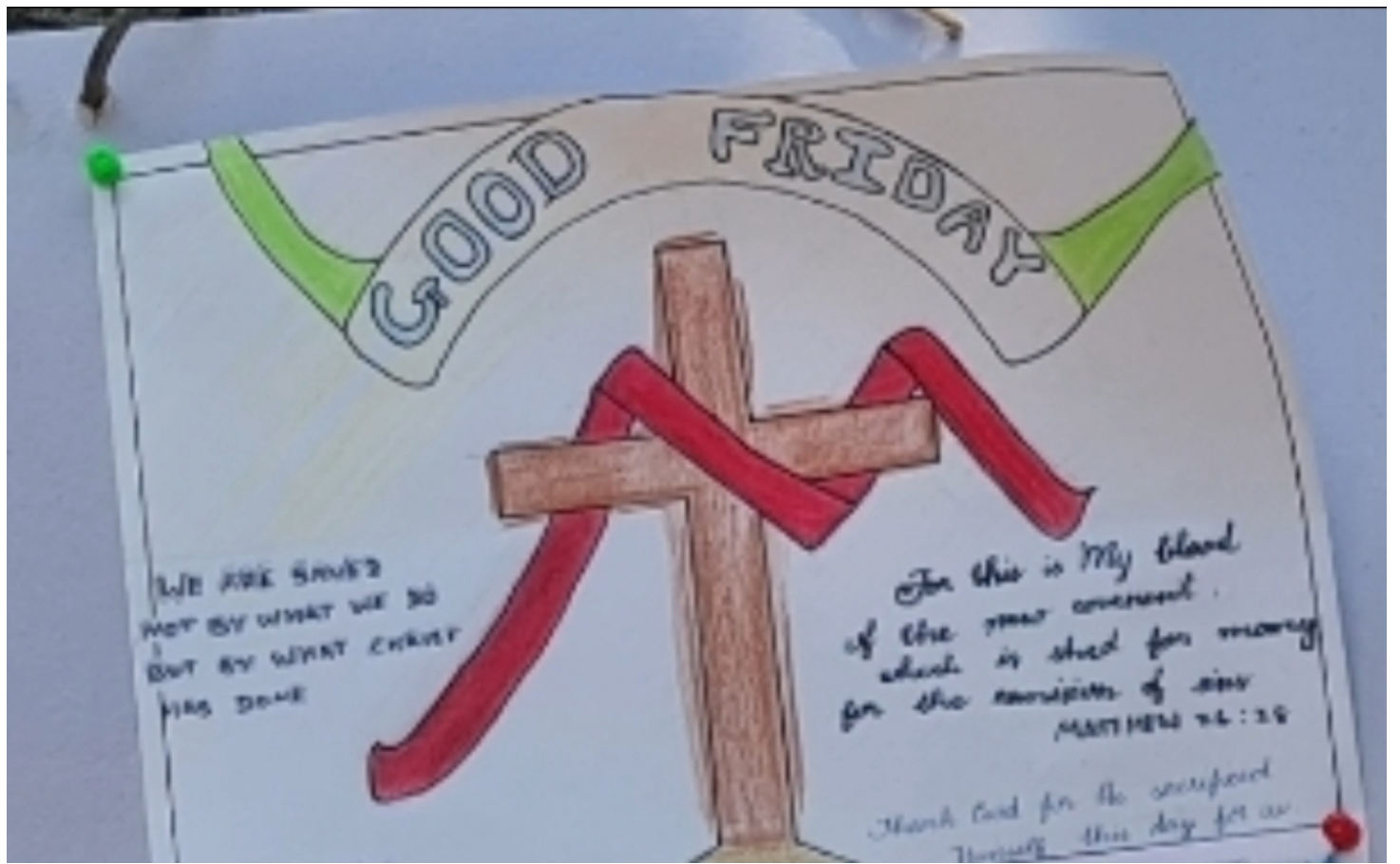
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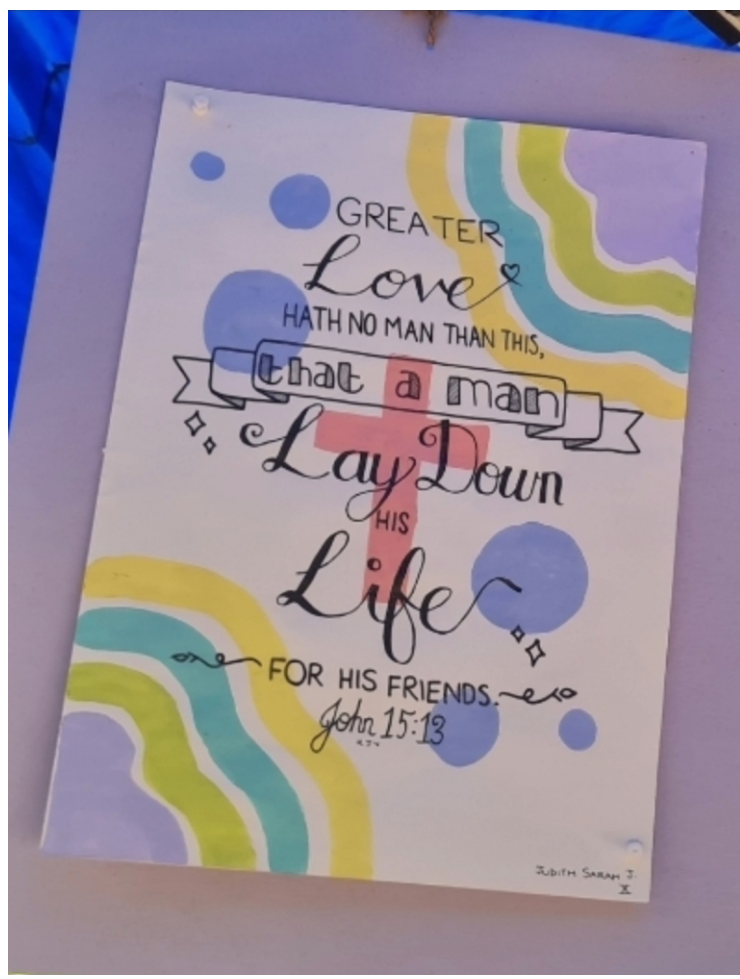
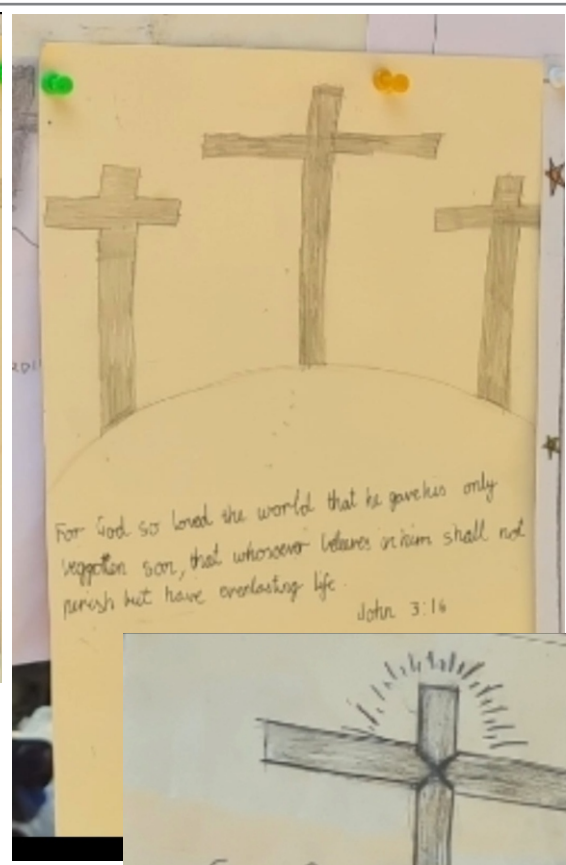
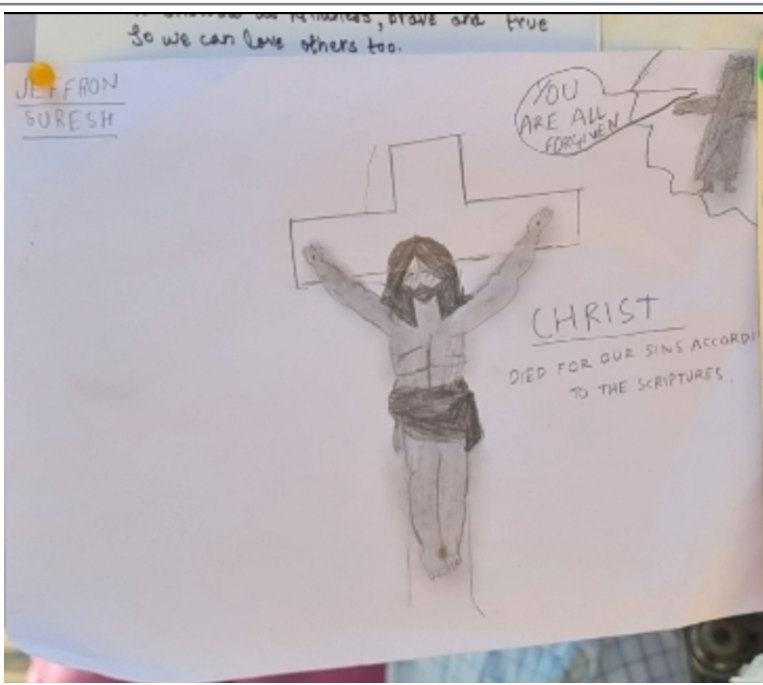
- In Observed in Good Friday
- Prayer & fasting
- Narration of cross
- Station of cross

In the Bible











## Sunday School Retreat 2026

**Meher Retreat, Yawat**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

The Sunday school retreat of St. Matthew's Tamil Church for 2026 was held at Meher Retreat, Yawat, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026. A total of 25 children took part in the retreat. Rs. 300 was collected from each child.

The bus ride to Meher Retreat was filled with songs and activities. Upon reaching the place, we, the children, went to have breakfast. Misal, bread, poha, sheera, tea, and coffee were served for breakfast.

After breakfast, we gathered in the meeting hall for a special sermon by the resource team, **Mrs. Namrata Jadhvani & Mr. Nitin Jadhvani of Christ Embassy Children's Team, Pune**. A video of a Bible story, titled "True Friends," was shown to us, followed by a sermon with the theme: John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." The sermon was centred around the Holy Spirit.

After the sermon, a traditional Maharashtrian lunch, including chhole bajiri, bhakri, poori, papad, aamras, and other dishes, was served. Following lunch, we went back to the meeting hall for a worship session where the Sunday school teachers prayed that the gift of speaking in tongues be bestowed upon us. Cake and chips were served as an evening snack.

We were then taken to the Petting Zoo, where we encountered various animals and birds, such as Guinea pigs, lovebirds, cockatiels, ducks, swans, emus and ostriches. Finally, we played football and various other games before boarding the bus again and returning to St. Matthew's Tamil Church.

**- Judith Sarah J.**

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**RETREAT-2026**



## **Youth Fellowship Retreat 2026**

**Meher Retreat, Yawat**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

The St. Matthews Tamil Church Youth Fellowship Retreat 2026 to **Meher Retreat Center, Yawat**, happened on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. We assembled at Church at 8 am. The opening Prayer was led by Rev. John Stephen before we started travelling from Church by bus at 8:20 am. A total of 12 youths took part in the retreat.

We reached the Meher Retreat Center at 9:40 am. The breakfast served there was Misal and bread. After breakfast, we went to the designated room where we had an energetic Praise and Worship session led by Brother Allwyn. We sang songs like **"Ummi Aarathipen"**, **"All to Jesus"** and action songs like **"Pick Me Up from The Miry Clay."** After this, we had an ice breaker session to introduce ourselves followed by a short break to drink fresh sugarcane juice.

Our Session resumed and we had a message by **Brother Mark from India Youth for Christ**. The message centered around the Bible passage **II Samuel Chapter 6 verses 1 to 12**, on the **Power of the Presence of God**, and about **God's love and forgiveness for us as a Father**, with the example from the story of the **Prodigal Son**. Following this, we had a short Question and Answer session where Brother Mark cleared the doubts of the Youth.

We had a traditional Maharashtrian lunch at 2:15 pm which included puri, bhakri, rice, thecha, chickpeas gravy, koshimbir, aamras, dal and buttermilk. After lunch we participated in activities like cycling, swimming, rain dance and feeding birds and animals in the petting zoo. At 6:15 pm we ate cake and vacated the session room.

We started our journey back to church at 6:45 pm. Our journey back was filled with songs and laughter. We arrived at the Church at 8:30 pm. The closing prayer was led by Rev. John Stephen.

On behalf of all the Youth Fellowship who attended this Retreat, I would like to thank our **Pastor Rev. John Stephen**, the **Pastorate Committee members** and our **Youth Fellowship Coordinator Mr. Arun Immanuel** for arranging this Youth Fellowship Retreat.

**- Jessica J.**











## Other Activities - இதர நிகழ்வுகள்



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sundays during service.

Sunday School classes will start on **7<sup>th</sup> June 2026** after summer vacation.



### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Every Sunday after Holy Communion except first Sunday of the month. YF Meetings will restart on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



### WOMEN'S & MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Third Sunday after divine service.



### TAMIL CLASSES

Second and fourth Sundays after divine service. Tamil classes will start on **14<sup>th</sup> June 2026** after summer vacation.



### THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

First day of every month at 7:00 am.



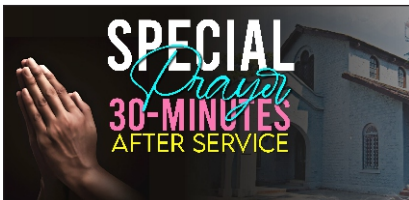
### MISSION SUNDAY SERVICE

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

First 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 26 (Hosea & Zephaniah)

வேதாகம புத்தையல்: உடல் உறுப்புகள்: இதயம்-பாகம் 26 (ஓசியா & செப்பனியா)

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. அவர்கள் பதிவிருக்கும்போது, தங்கள் இருதயத்தை \_\_\_ போல் ஆயத்தப்படுத்துகிறார்கள்.  
For they have made ready their heart like an \_\_\_, while they lie in wait.
2. அவர்கள் தங்கள் படுக்கைகளில் \_\_\_ போது, தங்கள் இருதயத்தில் என்னை நோக்கிக் கூப்பிடுகிறதில்லை.  
They have not cried unto me with their heart, when they \_\_\_ upon their beds.
3. அவர்கள் இருதயம் \_\_\_; இப்போதும் குற்றஞ்சுமத்தப்படுவார்கள்.  
Their heart is \_\_\_; now shall they be found faulty.
4. என் இருதயம் எனக்குள் \_\_\_; என் பரிதாபங்கள் ஏகமாய்ப் பொங்குகிறது.  
Mine heart is \_\_\_ within me, my repentings are kindled together.
5. திருப்தியானபின்பு அவர்கள் இருதயம் மேட்டிமையாயிற்று; அதினால் என்னை \_\_\_\_.  
They were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they \_\_\_ me.
6. நீங்கள் இப்பொழுதே \_\_\_ அழுகையோடும் புலம்பலோடும் உங்கள் முழு இருதயத்தோடும் என்னிடத்தில் திரும்புங்கள் என்று கர்த்தர் சொல்லுகிறார்.  
Now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with \_\_\_, and with weeping, and with mourning.
7. நீங்கள் உங்கள் \_\_\_, உங்கள் இருதயங்களைக்கிழித்து, உங்கள் தேவனாகிய கர்த்தர் இடத்தில் திரும்புங்கள்.  
Rend your heart, and not your \_\_\_, and turn unto the Lord your God.
8. உன் இருதயத்தின் அகந்தை உன்னை \_\_\_\_.  
The pride of thine heart hath \_\_\_ thee.
9. நான்தான், என்னைத் தவிர வேறொருவரும் இல்லை என்று தன் இருதயத்தில் சொல்லி, நிர்விசாரமாய் வாழ்ந்து \_\_\_ நகரம் இதுவே.  
This is the \_\_\_ city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me.
10. \_\_\_ குமாரத்தியே, நீ முழு இருதயத்தோடும் மகிழ்ந்து களிகூரு.  
Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of \_\_\_.



Wishing all  
Mothers of our Church  
A Happy Mother's Day!

May  
2026

நாளை

துன்பத்தின் நடுவில்  
நடந்தாலும் நீர் என்னை  
உயிர்ப்பிப்பீர்.

- சங்கீதம் 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me.

- Psalm 138:7

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Answer to Bible Riddles - வேதாசை விடுகதையின் பதில்கள்

௭:9 ஓய்வு - ஈழநாடு

௭:8 இலங்கை - ஈழநாடு

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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