



Ahmadi - Kuwait

St. Paul's C. S. I Church



Jubilate Deo

Parish Messenger

December 2017

Merry
Christmas

Jesus
is the Reason for the Season

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dearly beloved in Christ,



What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal and that every path may lead to peace. (AGNES M. PAHRO)

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS! MAY IT BRING YOU JOY, HAPPINESS AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU DESERVE.

This story might be familiar to you; it is about an old shoe cobbler who dreamed one Christmas Eve that Jesus would come to visit him the next day. The dream was so real that he was convinced it would come true. So the next morning he got up & went out & cut green boughs & decorated his little cobbler shop & got all ready for Jesus to come & visit. He was so sure that Jesus was going to come that he just sat down & waited for Jesus. The hours passed & Jesus didn't come. But an old man came. He came inside for a moment to get warm out of the winter cold. As the cobbler talked with him he noticed the holes in the old man's shoes, so he reached up on the shelf & got him a new pair of shoes. He made sure that they fit & that his socks were dry & sent him on his way. Still he waited. But Jesus didn't come. After sometime an old woman came, who hadn't had a decent meal in two days. They sat & talked for a while, & then he prepared some food for her to eat. He gave her a nourishing meal & sent her on her way. Then he sat down again to wait for Jesus. But Jesus still didn't come. Then he heard a little boy crying out in front of his shop. He went out & talked with the boy, & discovered that the boy had been separated from his parents & didn't know how to get home. So he put on his coat, took the boy by the hand & led him home. When he came back to his little shoe shop it was almost dark & the streets were emptied of people. And then in a moment of despair he lifted his voice to heaven & said, "*Oh Lord Jesus, why didn't you come?*" And then in a moment of silence he seemed to hear a voice saying, "*Oh shoe cobbler, lift up your heart. I kept my word. Three times I knocked at your friendly door. Three*

times my shadow fell across your floor. I was the man with the bruised feet. I was the woman you gave to eat. I was the boy on the homeless street." Jesus had come. The cobbler just didn't realize it. This is a thought provoking story which makes us think. Many times we are also the same like this shoe Cobbler. We fail to recognize the presence of Jesus near us; instead we look around to find Him.

Each of us †
is
an Innkeeper
who decides
if there is †
room for Jesus

-Neal A. Maxwell

We do not notice the presence and peace that God offers because we are used to seeing a disfigured self and a disfigured world so distant from God's purposes. God shares God's self with humanity in offering God's peace to the world. That is what we see in the Bible from the time of Creation. Christmas is a season of Joy only with the peace of God transforming people's lives. **And in this Christmas season we should be able to see Jesus in others and share the message of peace in reconciliation.** In Christ we treat each other with respect equality. No human being has the right to inflict pain on another human being since all of us are created by God and that every human life is precious. This is the message of the season. This is the message that incarnation through Jesus' birth brings us. We should evaluate our self, are we bringing forth the true message of Christmas through our lives. **Let this Christmas challenge us.** Let this season be filled with fun, joy, peace and understanding.

Oh come let us adore him.

Christ the Lord.

Happy Christmas.

May God bless you and your family on this special day.

Yours' In Christ

Levin Achen

CONDOLENCES : *Elsie Sunny* (78) Trissur, Mother of **Joy Sunny** was called to eternal abode on 27/11/2017. Please uphold the family in your prayers.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017		
<i>Date / Time</i>	<i>Programme/ Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
01 – 12 – 2017 7.45am	Family day /Get together	St. Paul's Church Ahmadi
02 – 12 – 2017 5pm - 9pm	ICC Christmas Singing Competition	St. Paul's Church Ahmadi
5 th to 7 th 10 th to 14 th	House to House Carol rounds	*list published
8 – 12 – 2017 12pm	Sunday School Christmas Programme	St. Paul's Church Ahmadi
9 – 12 – 2017 6.30pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE The Rev. Dr. Michael Mbona	St. Paul's Church Ahmadi
18 – 12 – 2017 7pm – 8pm	Camp Ministry	KCC Camp Mina Abdulla
21 – 12 – 2017 7.30pm – 9 pm	Intercessory Prayer	Parsonage
28 – 12 – 2017 7.30PM	COTTAGE PRAYER	Sam Mathew Chackalayil Mangaf
29 – 12 – 2017 6pm	KECF Christmas Carols	NECK
29 – 12 – 2017 5pm	ICC Christmas Carols	Sabahiya Tent
31 – 12 – 2017 7pm – 8.30pm	Year Ending - Thanksgiving Prayer	Parsonage

KUCSI UNION WORSHIP ON JANUARY 6TH AT NECK FROM 6.45 TO 9PM.
SAVE THE DATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF UNITY.



BIRTHDAYS



- 01 Dec— Adia Susan George
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- 02 Dec— Sinu K. Kunju
- 03 Dec— Serah Ann Stebin
- 04 Dec— Rebecca Kuruvilla
- 04 Dec— Alric Jacob Mohan
- 05 Dec— Rajesh Mathew
- 05 Dec— Milan Joji Iype
- 06 Dec— Ambily John
- 11 Dec— Vinu Jacob
- 14 Dec— Lenan Pavar
- 14 Dec— Juavan Joe Ford

- 15 Dec— Raichel Rajesh
- 15 Dec— Joel Rajesh
- 15 Dec— Joel Joboy Joseph
- 16 Dec— Jubin Jerry
- 20 Dec— Jeslin Jolly
- 21 Dec— Nissy Jaya Samuel
- 23 Dec— Kapil Mohan
- 26 Dec— Joyous Joshy
- 26 Dec— Samuel Mathew
- 31 Dec— Omana Jacob

God's blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Dec— Mrs. & Mr. Jacob John Chacko
- 09 Dec— Mrs. & Mr. Sajan Thomas
- 27 Dec— Mrs. & Mr. Sam Mathew
- 27 Dec— Mrs. & Rev. Levin Koshy
- 29 Dec— Mrs. & Mr. Balaji I Kuruvilla



May you truly sense God's love as you celebrate your wedding anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.



St. Paul's CSI Church, Ahmadi, Kuwait

Nature is getting ready, Angels are rejoicing for Gods Mercy,
Christmas lights are everywhere, Let us celebrate this Christmas together.
We warmly welcome you to this years Carol Service & Seven Lesson...

Sing for **JOY**
Jubilate Deo

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017 | 06:30 PM
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, AHMADI



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WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY



CHILDREN TOOK LEADERSHIP FOR THE SERVICE. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO BD 2ND YEAR STUDENT ANEESH P JOSEPH (KUTS) WAS HANDED OVER .



WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LECTIONARY

1st DECEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 07:45AM TO 09:30AM

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE / ADVENT/FAMILY DAY

FAMILY AS A GIFT OF GOD

Joshua 24: 14—22; Ps 128; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 3:31-35

8th DECEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

MATINS SERVICE / BIBLE DAY

WORD OF GOD: LIGHT TO OUR PATH

Isaiah 55: 6-13; Ps 119:105-112; Galatians 1: 11 –17; Luke 1:67-80

9th DECEMBER 2017 - SATURDAY - 06:30PM TO 09:00PM

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Jubilate Deo ; Sing for Joy

15th DECEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

HOPE OF SALVATION

Zeph 3: 14 –20; Ps. 43; 2 Peter 3: 8 –13; Mat 1: 18-25

22nd DECEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY - 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

HOLY COMMUNION / CHRISTMAS SEASON

GOD COMING TO US

Mic. 5:1-9; Ps. 89:1-4, 19-29; Rev. 21:1-5; John 1:1-14

25th DECEMBER 2017 - MONDAY – 05:30AM TO 7:30AM

HOLY COMMUNION / CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS: FINDING SPACE FOR PRINCE OF PEACE

Is. 9:2-7; Ps. 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Luke 2:1-14

29th DECEMBER 2017 - FRIDAY – 08:15PM TO 09:55PM

HOLY COMMUNION / YEAR ENDING

COME TO THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING

2 Sam. 6:1-15; Ps. 91; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 17:11-19

1st JANUARY 2018 - MONDAY - 08:45AM TO 10:30AM

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE / NEW YEAR / Covenant Day

GOD'S CONTINUING ACT OF GRACE

Zeph. 3: 14-20; Ps 136; Romans 5: 1-11; Luke 13: 1- 9

in loving memory of our beloved



ANNAMMA GEORGE

P.C. GEORGE

Kayalakkakathu Vadakedathu Parambil, Valanjavattom

Called to Eternal Home On

03-03-1999

14-12-2006

By Babu Mathew and Family

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