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"To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless.

[2nd Samuel 22:26]

From the Presbyter's desk

Revd. Dr. Kenseelan Azariah

Dear friends in Christs,

Greetings and blessings for this eight month, August. This is a special month for us citizens of India. In this month, in the year 1947, we got our independence, since then on, we rule ourselves. Though we got our independence in the year 1947, it does not mean that we are self-sufficient and we cannot say that we do not depend on any other countries. For many essential things we depend on others. As Christians, though many times we say that we are washed and saved by the blood of Christ, yet we are not fully clean. Our faith is constantly challenged. Many times we question God for the situation which we go through. Though we make many claims to show that we are very close to God, yet we are led by our own weaknesses. It is not only we, many saints of the scripture had the same problem.

Abraham was fully persuaded. He allowed the evidence God gave him to convince him to trust God. He added up the evidence and acted accordingly. This does not mean that Abraham never had doubts. The Bible makes it clear that he had doubts. The book of Genesis shows that he turned aside from the path now and again. In the case of producing a son, he tried to fulfil God's promise through Hagar, and God had to show him that his faith had broken down. Ishmael was not the promised seed. He had doubts creep into his mind at times, so he did not do things exactly right all the time. One thing we can learn from him—a significant reason God chose him as the father of the faithful—is that his overall trust in God never wavered. Like us, he erroneously processed the information, the evidence, he had from time to time, and making him choose to go the wrong way. His emotions probably got in the way, as they do for us. But God patiently worked with him and turned him back to the right way. When Abraham went down to Egypt, everything turned out wrong. He should have never gone there. Nothing in God's Word, nor God Himself, instructed him to go there. Abraham chose to go on his own, and he almost lost his wife over it. God pulled him out of the fire and led him back to the right path. In the patriarch's experience, God is showing us to steer clear of Egypt, not descend into it as Abraham did.

Even though we may have doubts occasionally, we can still trust God to return us to the right path because He will patiently work with us. When a doubt arises, sometimes it clarifies things because doubt implies that we are asking questions about whether our course of action is right. We should not think that we should never doubt because doubts will surface just because of the experiences we have had in the world. If we are patient and continue to trust God, resolving the doubt through godly thinking and experience will clarify matters. But a warning: Sometimes reaching the clarifying understanding will be painful because God may take us through an experience to help us realize we need to straighten out certain parts of our lives.

We do not have God speaking to us directly as these men did on occasion, but we still have God's Word and calling. We can conclude that faith—godly faith—comes from the combination of God's Spirit working in our minds plus studying God's Word ("the excellency of the knowledge of Christ") plus related experience from the world. It is further strengthened by putting it to work as we move forward. May the good Lord bless all of us in this month in a very special way.

Rev. K. Azariah Priest-in-charge

Reports from the Wings of St. Paul's Church	Reports from the Wings of St. Paul's Church -		
St. Paul's Youth Fellowship (SPYF)Youth Advisors – Mr. Benjamin and			
	Mrs. Mrinal Johnson		
	President – Mr. Rohan Rajkumar		
7 th July: The session was led by Mrs. Pree	ti Alva on the topic "Dealing		
with Emotions"			
14 th July: The session was led by Ms. Nee			
21 st July: The session was led by Mr. Sam			
turn to?" from 1 Samuel chp: 20 v.31-33,	Psalm 57, Luke 23 V.33-43, Job		
28 v.12-28	a an Davil an tha tania		
28 th July: The session was led by Mr. Reul	ben Paul on the topic		
"Obedience"			
Manan's Followskin for Christian Comise	President Mrs Senhana Kenseelan		
Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)	President – Mrs. Sophana Kenseelan Secretary – Ms. Veronica Bhalerao		
The WFCS had a monthly meeting on 21^{st} of July. We started with a song,			
"My God how wonderful thou art, Thy majesty how bright." We had a short			
devotion, Mrs. Sophana Kenseelan share	ed the word of God on Psalm 92.		
The meeting ended with a closing prayer.			
Sunday School Superintenden	t – Mrs. Priscilla Victor		
On the 7 th of July, during the general asse	mbly, the Praise and Worship		
was conducted by Mrs. Minhee Im. The Devotion was taken by Ms. Lisa			
Khanapur on the 'Parable of the Sower', with the emphasis on the fact			
that the impact of God's word varies based on the choice of how it is			
received, much like seeds falling on different types of soil. After the			
general assembly, there were regular classes. On the 14 $^{ m th}$ of July, the			
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Singavarapu took the Devotion on 'Daniel and the Lions den' with emphasis on God's protection on those who are faithful to Him. Mr. Benjamin Johnson taught the song 'Thanks and Praise' to all the Sunday School students. After the general assembly, there were regular classes. On the 21st of July, during the general assembly, the Praise and Worship was conducted by Mr. Benjamin Johnson, Mr Ivan Benjamin, Mr Kevin Victor and Mr. Aarul Daniel. The Devotion was taken by Mrs. Rashmi Lodha on 'Katarina's Missionary Journey', highlighting the transformative power of faith and service as Katarina spread God's love through her handson work. After the general assembly, there were regular classes. On the 28th of July, in church, all the Sunday School students sang the song 'Thanks and Praise', which was taught by Mr. Benjamin Johnson. All the children sang beautifully and they were accompanied by Mr Ivan Benjamin on the keyboard, Mr. Aarul Daniel on the cajon, Mr. Kevin Victor on the electric guitar and Mr. Benjamin Johnson on the acoustic guitar. The Devotion was taken by Mrs. Vibhuti Jadhav on the topic, 'With God, All Things are Possible'. She demonstrated an object lesson and also explained through the story of 'Tabitha' (Acts 9:36-43), that with God, all things are possible. After the general assembly, there were regular classes. Our Sunday School teachers are putting a lot of effort in imparting the word of God. All glory to our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ministry

Saved to Serve

Updates on St. Paul's church sponsorship of Mrs. Sumalatha Regunwar , missionary at Nandgaon mission field and around it, at Nandgaon, Dist. Chandrapur of The National Missionary Society of India (NMSI). Mrs. Sumalatha and her husband Satyapal are spreading the word of God in and around of Nandgaon mission field. They distribute tracks, bibles, bible story books etc. They also pray for them and also pray for the needy and sick people and tend to the old people around.



Updates from St. Paul' Church office -

Defence Sunday will be celebrated on 11th August and the convenor for this year is Lt. Col. Thomas Mathew assisted by Defence services fraternity. Ms. Mrudula Thakore an old member of our church passed away on 2nd July.

Our condolences and prayers are with the bereaved family.

Teens Retreat was held on 28th July conducted at the Parish hall by Mr. Robin, a Bible teacher who is working with teens and youth. The nine teenagers of our church that attended retreat really enjoyed the sessions. We thank Mr. G Kumar and Mrs. Bobby Vinodhini who are taking care of Teens fellowship along with Mrs. Madhumati and Mr. Premchand Pagadala.

Events in Church History

1st Sunday of August' 24 to 1st Saturday of September' 24

<u>August</u>

04 Dominic (1221): Monk, Evangelist

- 06 **The Transfiguration of Christ**
- 07 The Holy Name of Jesus
- 12 Clare of Assisi (1253): Nun, co-worker with Francis
- 15 Independence Day: The Founders of the Nation

- 20 Bernard of Clairvaux (1153): Monk, Theologian
- 24 Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr
- 28 Augustine of Hippo (430): Convert, Bishop, Theologian
- 31 John Bunyan (1688): Devotional Writer

<u>September</u>

- 02 The Martyrs of New Guinea (1942)
- 03 Sadhu Sundar Singh (baptized 1905): Convert, Evangelist
- 07 Abraham Malpan, of Kerala (1846): Theologian

Messages from the Pulpit Sunday sermons

7th July 2024

1st reading – Haggai 2:1-9

2nd reading – 1Corinthian 1:26, 2:1-5

Theme: "from very small beginning God produces great result"

Message by Rev. Kenseelan Azariah

God called Abraham and Sarah (instead of a community) and created a huge nation. When God wanted to liberate the Israelites from slavery, HE called Moses instead of an army. Jesus called only 12 disciples, not even well qualified to change the world. Jesus used the example of a mustard seed to show that if we have faith of the size of the mustard seed then we can move mountains. When God wanted to make a kingdom for Israel, HE chose David, a shepherd boy. We too so many times try to convince ourselves that we are nobody; that we do not have power, no strength, no qualification, no money. We may be small but our God is capable to make it big. God can do great things provided we listen to HIM and ask HIM for guidance and blessing in all that you want to do. God works through you in a mighty ways. There are 3 characters in the Bible who are not prominent yet God worked through them. *The four lepers in 2 kings chapter 6—who helped the people from being killed by hunger. *the young boy who shared his meal in John 6:9- where Jesus feeds five thousand and more people with this meal. *2Kings chapter 5—Naaman's servant girl who saved him by asking him to go to Israel to be surely healed of the leprosy through the prophet Elisha. Give everything in the hands of God and HE will make it fruitful.

<u>14th July 2024</u>

1st reading – Ruth 1:1-5

2nd reading – Acts 4:23-31

Theme: 'God upholds us in time of trouble'

Message by Bishop Anil. Servand

There are two mighty forces which are at work at all times. One force is always pulling everything apart and the other is always putting things in place. We know that sin is the destroyer and the Holy Spirit is the builder. There has been increasing wickedness in the world than ever before. Man has become extremely selfish; rebellion has become a part of the culture. And we are today governed and rule by this culture which has taken us away from the presence of God. During the time of Ruth, the judges ruled over the Israelites, they did not had any king, and everyone did what they felt right in their own sight. The book of Ruth talks about the family of Elimelek, his wife Naomi, their sons and daughters-in-law. When famine struck Israel, instead of seeking God's grace and mercy, Elimelek and his family chose to run to a foreign country in search of a better life. The word of God was given to the Hebrews so that they can lean on HIS everlasting promises and walk by faith and not by sight. The sons of Elimelek were married to gentile women. While in Midian, Naomi lost her husband and her sons and was bitter towards God. When Naomi heard the news of good harvest in Bethlehem, she decided to go back. She wanted to cover up her mistakes by asking her daughters-in-law to back to their mother's house. Orpah left Naomi, but Ruth chose to go with Naomi and be with her for the rest of her life. The book of Ruth talks about a family who went through crisis and the story of a gentile woman who acknowledged the God of Israel as her God and the people there as her people. Ruth is introduced to her kinsmen redeemer, Boaz, who redeems the Ruth and becomes her husband and the two are blessed with a child. Therefore, always express your solidarity to God even in the midst of difficult situation (Psalm 34:1). Remember, God sees us through the dark valley and not into the dark valley. Godly influence can bring change in ones life.

21st July 2024

1st reading—2 Kings 5:9-19

2nd reading—Acts 9:17-22

Theme: 'bearing witness to the healing Mercy of God'

Message by Dr. Rev. Mithra

The passages read to us this morning speaks of three different stories on healing:* the healing of Naamaan; *the conversion of Paul; *the deliverance of the man possessed by a legion of evil spirits. Each one of us have received the healing Mercy of God and therefore there is a reason for each of us to bear witness to the healing Mercy of God. *Naaman a defense officer of the army of the king of Aram, was a gentile, who came to Israel by the word of his servant girl (a Jewish captive) that he can find cure for his leprosy in Israel. He did find a healing in the river of Jordan as he dips 7 times as was told by the prophet Elisha. Naaman, did not just bore witness to his miraculous healing but also witnessed a living God, and declared that there was none like HIM. * Paul-a devout Jew, an anti-Christian participated persecution and had in the of the church/Christians. However, when he had an encounter with the Risen Lord while he was on his way to Damascus to bring more trouble to the Christian, he recognized the Lord and was blinded by the light of Christ's glory. And he could now see what he was doing. He knew that very instance that Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord God of the world. On that day, Paul received a spiritual healing. *In Mark 5:6 onwards, we see that the Lord delivered the demon-possessed man. Conclusion---- the defense officer acknowledged to the Mercy of God. The Devout Jew declared God's Mercy as a change of his attitude. The person with demons and the demons themselves recognized the living God.

28th July 2024

1st reading—Ezekiel 47:1-9 &12
2nd reading—Acts 20: 7-12
Theme: 'The life giving power of God'
Message by Mr. Robin (Bible teacher)
The life giving power of God is always at work in those who know HIM
and have faith in HIM. *the life-giving power of God flows through Grace
and love. *the life-giving power of God works in transforming the
community and not just one individual. The life-giving power of God did
not just end with Jesus Christ or with Peter or with Paul, it continued
through all of us who are in HIM.



Church Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Service	Volunteer		
11-August-2024	12 th Sunday after Pentecost – Defen	ce Sunday		
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament –Deuteronomy 6: 20- 25	TBD – Defence Fraternity		
	Psalm 33:12-19	TBD – Defence Fraternity		
	Epistle – Galatians 5: 1,13-18	TBD – Defence Fraternity		
	Gospel –Luke 22: 24-27	Presbyter		
	Element Bearers	TBD – Defence Fraternity		
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme - God multiplies the gift of the	generous giver.		
18-August-2024	13 th Sunday after Pentecost			
0.00 AM	Theme – Jesus is the bread of life.	Mar Obvietele 11/2 mile		
8:00 AM The Lord's Supper	Old Testament – Exodus 16: 2 – 7, 13 – 15	Mrs Christabel Vergis		
	Psalm – 105: 37 – 43	Lay Leader		
	Epistle – Hebrews 3: 1 – 6	Mrs Yasmin Mathew		
	Gospel – John 6: 24 – 35	Presbyter		
	Element Bearers	Mr Sandeep & Mrs Minna Pathak		
6:00 PM -The Lord's Supper	Theme – Jesus is the bread of life.			
25-August-2024	14 th Sunday after Pentecost			
8:00 AM	Theme – Baptism and the Lord's Supp Old Testament – Isaiah 55: 1 – 7	er. Dr Ms Benita Chelliah		
The Lord's Supper				
	Epistle – Romans 6: 1 – 11	Ms Marya Rahator		
	Gospel – John 6: 47 – 59	Presbyter		
	Element Bearers	Mr Alex & Mrs Pranoti Pawar		
6:00 PM Eve Worship	Theme - Baptism and the Lord's Suppe	er.		
01-September-2024	15 th Sunday after Pentecost			
	Theme – God's judgement is just and merciful.			
8:00 AM	Old Testament – Isaiah 51: 3 – 8	Mrs Anjali John		
The Lord's Supper	Psalm – 9: 7 – 12	Lay Leader		
	Epistle - Romans – 2: 1 – 11	Dr (Mrs) Geeta Chitre		
	Gospel – John 8: 2 – 11	Presbyter		
	Element Bearers	Mr Arpan & Mrs Garima Rao		
6:00 PM - The Lord's Supper	Theme - God's judgement is just and merciful.			

Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries –

(1st Sunday of August'2024 to 1st Saturday of September'2024)

	Birthdays in August			
04	Ms. Sana Sampson	17	Mrs. Abha Christian	
	Andrew Balid	18	Mr. Leslie Khanapur	
05	5 Mr. Andrew Daniels Mrs. Valarie Isaac		Mrs. Valarie Isaac	
	Mrs. Rhea Zacharias	19	Mr. lain Kashyap	
	Mrs. Smriti Boshat Laxman		Mr. Benhur Thakur	
	Ms. Leah John		Janice Singavarapu	
06	Mrs. Aparna Jadhav		Mr. Vimal Kumar Dutta	
	Abraham Dutta	20	Mr. Franklin Bell	
07	Mrs. Minoti Salvi		Mrs. Nandini Kaunds	
	Mr. Robert John	21	Mrs Anjali John	
08	Mrs. Sindhu Pathe		Mr. Balachandran Mallic Kumar	
	Maj. Gen. B. N. Rao AVSM VSM		Mr. Nitin Angre	
	(Retd.)			
09	Mrs. Lorraine Pillay		Mr. Sandeep Chougule	
	Ms. Shiphrah Deane		Mr. Nilesh Lodha	
	Mr. Vaibhav Samuel	22	Mrs. Evelyn Jadhav	
10	Mrs. Yvonne Jadhav		Dr. Alfred Jacob	
	Mr. Calvin Rajkumar		Mrs. Lavina Samuel	
	Ms. Deepti Korabandi	23	Dr. Mrs. Geeta Chitre	
	Nathan Aikin		Ms. Annie Jadhav	
	Mrs. Chaitanya Halli		Mr. Joseph Mani	
12	Mrs. Christabel Vergis	24	Mrs. Irmala Sutterwala	
	Ms. Prachi Chitre		Mr. Jonathan Samuel	
	Mrs. Sunalini Bankapur		Daniel Hans Kaunds	
13	Mrs. Rajashree Kaunds		Reshawn Jadhav	
	Mrs. Yasmin Mathew	25	Mr. Paras Parekh	
	Mrs. Madhu Massey	26	Mr. Harshad Wairagar	
14	Mrs. Aruna Timothy	27	Mr. Vilas Bhalerao	
15	Mrs. Lalitha Airan		Ms. Mellonie Sahu	
	Mrs. Sarojini Bhalerao	28	Ramona Bell	
	Ms. Vipul Bhalerao		Mrs. Deepa Felton	
16	Mr. Pon Moses	29	Mrs. Anita Thamburaj	
	Dr. Ms. Benita Chelliah		Mrs. Wrunalini Paranjape	
17	Mr. K V Kurien		Natania Charles	
	Ms. Marya Rahator			

	Birthdays in September			
02	Deandra Samuel	06	Philemon Singh	
04 Mr. Griffith Kaunds Mr. Premchand Pagadala		Mr. Premchand Pagadala		
05 Rt. Rev. Andrew Rathod 07 Mrs. Natasha Samuel		Mrs. Natasha Samuel		
Mr. Jonathan Frederick Mark			Mrs. Lisy Kaunds	
	Pillay			
Mr. Aaron Jadhav Mr. Mark Deane		Mr. Mark Deane		
06	Mrs. Hephzibah Christian		Mr. Alexander Leenus	

Wedding Anniversaries –

(1st Sunday of August'2024 to 1st Saturday of September'2024)

Anniversary in August			
12	Mrs. Bhavana & Mr. Marvel Puri		
15	Mrs. Chandrika & Mr. Ravinder Sampson		
	Mrs. Anjali & Dr. David Hanagal		
17	Mrs. Priya & Mr. Joseph Chaly		
	Ms. Sharon Hastings & Mr. Clement Rohit Raj		
21	Mrs. Priyadarshini & Mr. Herbert Domathoti		
	Mrs. Asha & Maj Gen B N Rao		
22	Mrs. Prithvi & Mr. Adrian Samuel		
24	Mrs. Irmala & Mr Kuresh Sutterwala		
25	Dr. Mrs. Anjali & Mr. Obed Gaikwad		
28	Mrs. Anjali & Mr. Robert John		
31	Mrs. Christinal & Mr. Jim Charles		
	Anniversary in September		
01	Mrs. Christina & Mr. Lester Vaz		

Prayer Requests –

- 1. Pray for Aged, Sick and the Housebound
 - a. Mrs. Rachel Chacko
 - b. Mr. Virgil Daniels
- 2. Pray for Missionaries/Organizations Supported

#	Organization Name	Missionary Supported
1	Indian Evangelical Mission (IEM)	Mr. Shrikant (Washim Mission Field)
2	Maharashtra Village Ministries (MVM)	Mr. Shankar Jungare (Asgaon Mission Field)

3	Indian Missionary Society (IMS)	Mr. Motilal Joel (Pentri Mission Field, Gadchiroli)
4	The National Missionary Society of India (NMSI)	Mrs. Sumalatha Reguntwar (Nandgaon Mission Field, Chandrapur)
5	Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB)	Mr. Shrinivas Rao (Jawahar Mission Field, Palghar)
6	Mission to the Blind (MTB)	Mr. Manoj Tayade (Pune Mission Field, Pune)
7	Children Evangelism Fellowship of India (CEF)	Mr. Yohan (Ministering at St. Crispin's Home on behalf of St. Paul's Church)

Donations –

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All Donations in cash/cheque to the wings of St Paul's Church, Pune – 1, viz. Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and Medical Fellowship, are to be given to the Hon Treasurer of the Church Pastorate Committee who will issue a Receipt and account the same and the information of the Donation will be intimated to the particular church wing and given to them for the said purpose. All cheques are to be crossed and drawn in favor of '**The Society of St Paul's Church**'.

Kindly remember to inform the Hon Treasurer or send an Email to stpaulchurchpune@gmail.com mentioning your Name, Amount and Purpose of Giving.

Donations can be made for the following causes / purposes which need to be clearly mentioned:

- a) Donation to needy Churches / Diocese / Priest
- b) Donation to Christian and Missionary Organization
- c) Donation to Poor, Needy & Sick
- d) Financial support to Theological Students & Institutes
- e) Feeding of the Poor
- f) Sponsoring Pastors' Children's Education of Pune Diocese CNI

Church Services

Sunday	8-9:30 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)
	6-7:30 pm – The Lord's Supper (HC Service) – 1^{st} , 3^{rd} and 5^{th} Sundays
	6-7:30 pm - Evening Worship Service - 2 nd and 4 th Sundays
Wednesday	7:30-8 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)
Thursday	8:15-8:45 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)
Friday	7:30-8 am – The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion Service)

Other Activities

Sunday	8:15-9:30 am – Sunday School for Children
	8:30-9:30 am – Teens Fellowship meeting – 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays
	10:00-11:30 am – Youth Fellowship meeting - 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Sundays
	10:00-11:00 am – WFCS meeting on 3 rd Sunday
	10:00-11:00 am – St. Paul's Medical Fellowship meeting on 2 nd Sundays
Friday	6:30-7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Saturday	3 pm to 5pm – Women's Prayer Group (1 st , 3 rd and 4 th Saturdays)
	3 pm to 5pm – Fasting Prayer meeting (2 nd Saturdays)
Adhoc	Cottage Prayer Meetings - as per schedule decided by groups

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ABOUT CHANGE OF NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER. CHILDREN OF MEMBERS AGED 18 AND ABOVE SHOULD SUBMIT A SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP FORM AT THE CHURCH OFFICE, IF NOT DONE ALREADY. PLEASE UPDATE CHURCH DATABASE BY ENTERING DETAILS ONLINE @ <u>https://zfrmz.in/sNMsRwm8M5d7qyvlsri5</u>

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Katarina's Missionary Journey: The Ten-Finger Story

Meet Katarina, a little girl who lived on a beautiful island with her mom and dad. Katarina loved her mom and dad very much, but there was one thing she wanted more than anything else— going to Sunday School!



However, her mom didn't think it was a good idea and said Katarina couldn't go.

One day, Katarina's dad made a special promise. He said she could go to Sunday School ten times, just like the ten fingers on her hands. Katarina was overjoyed and went to Sunday School as much as she could. She learned wonderful stories about Jesus, like how He was born, how He taught people, and how He did amazing miracles.

But then, Katarina's family had to move to a new village where there was no Sunday School. Katarina was sad because she wanted to learn and share more Bible stories. So, she decided to teach the other kids in her new village the nine lessons she knew. She told them about the birth of Jesus, His teachings, and His miracles, and they listened with excitement. One day, a missionary visited the village and started sharing Bible stories. The kids were so excited because they already knew many of the stories from Katarina. They even showed the missionary the special "finger stories" Katarina had taught them. The missionary was amazed and told Katarina that by sharing these stories, she was doing exactly what Jesus wanted— telling others about Him.

Just like Katarina, you can share the stories of Jesus with your friends too. It's a wonderful way to show love and help others learn about Jesus!

By Rashmi Lodha