

# St. Matthew's Tamil Church



19, Dr. Ambedkar Road,  
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Sunday Service -10.30 AM

## News Letter - October 2008

(For private circulation only)

*Dear in Christ,*

*Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!*

*On the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month we would be remembering St. Thomas. Though he stayed with Jesus and experienced Him in his personal life, he finally doubted His resurrection. But by the grace of God he was given a chance to see Jesus again and then he confessed, 'My Lord and my God'. Let us not doubt the resurrected Jesus, His power and love like Thomas. Let us walk by faith and not by sight.*

*St. Thomas came to Kerala in India in the 1<sup>st</sup> century to spread the good news of Jesus. Then he toiled hard to spread God's love among Tamilians. At the end, he died as a martyr in our own soil. 2000 years have passed away. God sent his own disciple to our land with a mission. Are we concerned today with that mission? Let us carry out the mission which St. Thomas left behind in our soil!*



*On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month, we are having our Church Retreat in the "Spiritual Life Center" at Nasrapur. I encourage you all to participate with prayer so that you all may be blessed!*

*May God bless you all!*

*With prayers,*

*Yours in His Service,*





*Rev. S. John  
Presbyter-in-charge  
St. Matthew's Tamil Church*

### **PROMISE FOR THE MONTH**

ஏசாயா 43:18,19(a) முந்தினவைகளை நினைக்கவேண்டாம்;  
பூர்வமானவைகளைச் சிந்திக்கவேண்டாம். இதோ, நான் புதிய  
காரியத்தைச் செய்கிறேன்.



## Important Days in October

Oct. 1	International Day of Older Persons	
Oct. 3	World Habitat Day.	
Oct. 4	World Animal Welfare Day.	
Oct. 8	Indian Air Force Day.	
Oct. 9	World Post Office day.	
Oct. 10	National Post Day.	
Oct. 10	World Day Against the Death Penalty	
Oct. 13	UN International Day for National disaster reduction.	
Oct. 14	World Standards Day.	
Oct. 15	World White Cane Day (guiding the Blind).	
Oct. 16	World Food Day	
Oct. 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	
Oct. 24	UN Day, World development information Day.	
Oct. 30	World Thrift Day.	

The Book of Revelation is the **youngest** book in the New Testament, written about 95 A.D.



The book of James is the oldest book of the New Testament, written as early as A.D. 45.

## As we remember Thomas this month.....

Thomas the Apostle of Christ, also called Judas Thomas, Doubting Thomas, or Didymus, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is believed to be the twin brother of Matthew. Didymus in Greek means twin. He is perhaps best known for disbelieving Jesus' Resurrection when first told of it, then proclaiming "My Lord and my God" on seeing Jesus (John 20:24-29).



It is believed that Thomas preached in Persia, Parthia and also in India. He is said to have landed at a small village named Palayoor in Kerala where he established the Ezharappallikal or "Seven and Half Churches". Then he left for Tamil Nadu to preach the good news. St. Thomas Mount, located a little off Guindy in Chennai is associated with St. Thomas, who is believed to have been martyred here. A small relic-filled Church built in 1523 by the Portuguese stands at the summit of the 300 foot high St. Thomas Mount. It is believed that the tomb of St. Thomas is at Mylapore, in Chennai, India. Thomas is believed to have been killed with a spear. The spear and a builder's square are the symbols of Thomas.

## October 2<sup>nd</sup> Retreat

Nasrapur, is a small village located @ 40 km from Pune city. The Christian retreat centre here which is @ 35 acres was bought by a Swedish woman way back around 100 years ago. It would be a nice time to be one with God in a quite and peaceful environment like this. We will have time to renew our spirit.



### **Other Events:** Team games, children's programme, outdoor activities, wild tour etc.



The most exciting part is the water falls. *Please bring along a pair of clothes so as to be warm. We have enough rooms for both ladies and gents.*



**Plan! Participate!! Be Blessed!!!**

## Give thanks to the Lord; His love endures forever. Ps. 106:1

May the good God bless all our members who celebrate their birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

### Birthdays

1. Mr. Prince David
1. Mrs. Suneera Manohar
2. Mr. Richardson Samson
3. Mr. M.G. Jairaj
3. Mr. Manoharan Samuel Raj
5. Mr. Cephas Mitsubishi Joseph
6. Miss Nikida Wilson Daniel
7. Mr. Charles Navamani
7. Mr. Samuel Tennety
7. Mrs. Shakila Ambasankar
8. Mr. Kennedy Doss
10. Mrs. Jebaleela Sugumar
11. Mr. Kingsly R. Joseph
11. Mr. Anbu
11. Mast. Paulwin Jeba
12. Mr. Nishant Tilak
12. Mr. John Amalraj
12. Mrs. Kasturi Navamani
12. Mr. V. Ravikumar Joseph
15. Miss Sneha Anbu
15. Mr. R.P. Jeyakumar
18. Mr. James Jayraj
20. Mr. Gunaseelan Sathianathan
20. Mr. S. John Franklin
22. Miss Nadiya Priatharsini Chandran
22. Miss Tinu Sruthika Mathew Manoharan
25. Mrs. Elizabeth Daniel
25. Mr. Joshua Alexander Matthew
26. Mrs. Rita Shelton
26. Mr. Andrew Michael
28. Miss. July Victor
30. Miss Achsha Beril Shilhi



### Wedding Anniversaries



- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Babu U.B.I
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. C. Chellam
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. T. Vijayan

#### Sermon topics for this month

- Oct.5<sup>th</sup> – God's Gracious Invitation
- Oct.12<sup>th</sup> – Love Sums Up And Fulfils Every Law
- Oct.19<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday
- Oct.26<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship

#### Pray for our church-sponsored missionaries:



- Mr. Vijay Babu (FMPB)
- Mr. Prakash B. Balke (Vishwa Vani)
- Mr. Anil Pilaji Lohar (GEMS)

Faith sees the invisible,  
believes the incredible and  
receives the impossible.



### **FORGIVENESS WRITTEN ON STONE**

A story is told of two friends who were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, "Today my best friends slapped me in the face." They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from nearly drowning, he wrote on a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

His friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." **To keep on forgiving is a God-like characteristic. Let us follow God's command and keep on forgiving.**



**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**  
**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the Service

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &  
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after the Sunday Service



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES  
GUITAR CLASSES**

- Every Sunday after the service  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Service.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the Service

**Exams will be held on the following dates:**

19<sup>th</sup> October - II Revision 30<sup>th</sup> November - Final Exam



**PORTION FOR CHURCH BIBLE QUIZ - EZEKIEL**

Psalm 119 (176 [16 x 11] verses)  
is the longest chapter in the Bible.  
Our King James Version was first  
published in the year 1611.



**BIBLE QUIZ**  
**October 2008**

- விடைகள் வசன ஆதாரத்துடன் இருக்கவேண்டும்
- Last date of submission of answers to our pastor / assistant-to-pastor - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008

1. பெலிஸ்தியரின் சந்ததிக்குத் தலைவன் யார்?
2. அந்தகன் எனப்படுவது யார்?
3. என் ஆவியை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுமென்று சொன்னது யார்?
4. ஆறு வருஷம் கர்த்தருடைய ஆலயத்தில் ஒளித்துவைக்கப்பட்டிருந்தவன் யார்?
5. தேவனுடைய தூதனானவன் யாரிடம் "தேவன் உனக்குத் தயவுபண்ணினார்" என்றான்?
6. யாருடைய ஜெபமும் அருவருப்பானது?
7. யாருடைய முகம் தேவதூதன் முகம் போலிருக்கக் கண்டார்கள்?
8. தேவாலயத்துக்கும் பலியீடத்துக்கும் நடுவே கொலைசெய்யப்பட்டவன் யார்?
9. "திக்கற்றவன் உம்மிடத்தில் இரக்கம் பெறுகிறான்", வாசிப்பது எங்கே?
10. எது உண்டகாததற்கு முன்னும் கர்த்தர் இருக்கிறார்?



**Bible Quiz September 2008 விடைகள்:**

1. யோபு (யோபு 30:29)
2. அலங்கம் (நெகேமியா 6:15)
3. அப்சலோம் (II சாமுவேல் 14:25)
4. வெளியின் பெண்மான் (எரேமியா 14:5)
5. ஆகாப் ராஜா (I இராஜாக்கள் 22: 30,35)
6. யோசவா (யோசவா 8:30)
7. எசேக்கியா (ஏசாயா 38:14)
8. பதினாயிரம் ( லேவியராகமம் 26:8)
9. எசேக்கியேல் 47:9
10. சிம்ரி (I இராஜாக்கள் 16:18)



Winners of September Bible Quiz 2008 -Mrs. Johnsy Bestus

Mrs. Jebaleela Sugumar

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