

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH

## C.N.I. MALAYALAM CONGREGATION, KALYAN

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Theme: Harvest Festival

**2024**

**YEAR OF RENEWAL**

- SUNDAY WORSHIP: 11 AM
  - FRIDAY PRAYER: 8 PM (GOOGLE MEET)
  - WF PRAYER: 3RD SATURDAY 7 PM
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# Harvest Festival

NOVEMBER 24, 2024, 7AM -3PM



CELEBRATE THE HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH A  
VIBRANT ARRAY OF FOOD & ACTIVITIES

FOOD COUNTERS

LIVE AUCTION

EXCITING GAMES

CRAFTS & GAMES

PLEASE WHATS APP YOUR AUCTION ITEMS LISTS  
TO SECRETARY AT THE EARLIEST!

FOOD & GAMES COUNTERS WILL START FROM 9 AM  
LIVE AUCTION WILL START FROM 10 AM



*From Presbyter's Desk*

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)**

The main aspects of our Harvest Festival is rooted in Thanksgiving. Christian Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude to God for His blessings, provision, and guidance. Rooted in Biblical teachings, this celebration encourages believers to acknowledge God's role in their lives, both in times of abundance and adversity. In order to acknowledge God; we should understand what is Christian Giving is?

Christian giving is a fundamental aspect of the Christian faith, emphasizing the importance of generosity, compassion, and stewardship. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament, giving is more than a financial obligation; it is a reflection of God's love, a response to His generosity, and an act of worship.

The Bible is filled with passages about giving, such as 2 Corinthians 9:7, which says, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This verse illustrates that giving is not just about the amount, but about the heart and intention behind it. Whether through financial support, time, or talents, Christians are called to serve others as an expression of God's love.

Christian giving also emphasizes stewardship, where believers are seen as caretakers of the resources God has entrusted to them. This stewardship approach encourages Christians to use their resources wisely, not only for personal needs but also for the benefit of others and the furthering of God's kingdom. Giving to the church, charitable organizations, and directly to those in need are common practices, each serving as an extension of God's work in the world.

Through Christian giving, believers embody values like compassion, humility, and sacrifice, following Jesus' example. It not only blesses those who receive but also enriches the lives of those who give, fostering a spirit of thankfulness and community that reflects God's love and generosity.

**Rev. Abraham G. Sathyanathan**

Presbyter in-Charge

## Lectionary November 2024

DATE	DAY	THEME	LESSONS
10.11.2024 9 AM HC Service	Unity Sunday	Light on the Lamp Stand	Zech. 4:1-14
			Psalm 27
			1 Cor. 3:10-15
			Matt. 5:14-16
17.11.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Christian Giving	Exod. 23: 14-17
			Psalm 24
			2 Cor. 8:1-15
			Luke 21: 1-4
24.11.2024 7 AM HC Service	Harvest Festival	Thanksgiving	Deut. 26: 1-11
			Psalm 65
			1 Tim. 6: 6-12
			John 6:26-35
01.12.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	World Sunday School Sunday	Hold on to What is Good	Micah 6:1-16
			Psalm 37:1-20
			Rom. 12:9-21
			Luke 10:38-42
08.12.2024 11.15 AM HC Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	Word of God: Inspired to Inspire	1 King 19:1-21
			Psalm 119:33-40
			Rev. 10:1-11
			Luke 1: 39-45

## Sunday & Special Service in November 2024

Date	Time	Service
10.11.2024	11.15 AM	Unity Sunday @ MTC Kalyan West
17.11.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service
24.11.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service – Harvest Festival
01.12.2024	11.15 AM	Mal. H. C. Service – Sunday School Sunday
08.12.2024	11.15 AM	Malayalam H. C. Service



## **Church News & Notices:**

- ❖ **Cottage prayer:** Request remaining Houses to take up cottage prayers in the coming months.
- ❖ **Unity Sunday:** This year we will observe Unity Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Kalyan West Mar Thoma Church. The Service will be in CSI Order.
- ❖ **Harvest Festival:** Our Harvest Festival is on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 from 7AM to 3PM. Request all to bring your offering through cover collection and in items. Intimations will be given in Whats app group, on time to time.
- ❖ **Sunday School Sunday:** December 1<sup>st</sup> will be observed as Sunday School Sunday. Sunday School students and teachers will lead the Sunday Service.
- ❖ All Church transactions should be done using the below account number.

**Name: ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH CNI MALAYALAM CONGREGATION**

**A/c No: 0467073000001097**

**SOUTH INDIAN BANK, KALYAN WEST**

**IFSC CODE: SIBL0000467**



## **Please Pray For:**

- People experiencing hardships due to Pandemic, famine, and the ongoing war in Ukraine, Palestine etc.
- All elders of our Church, our members who are sick, suffering and in pain.
- Our members who have difficulty in work, job and business.
- All mission fields and missionaries in India and in the world
- Our own mission work, Shalom Mumbai Mission – inmates, staff, trustees.
- Our Bishops, Presbyters and Lay Leaders

## **BIRTHDAYS**

5.11	Mrs. Sumati Simon John	20.11	Mrs. Merin Babu
5.11	Mr. Kunjappy Samuel	26.11	Mrs. Raina Prince
10.11	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian	26.11	Mr. Justin Kunjappy
		04.12	Mrs. Aleyamma George

<b>BIBLE READINGS</b>
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DATE	LESSON 1	LESSON 2	PSALM	KISS OF PEACE	OFFERTORY	ELEMENTS
10.11	Mr. Money G. Mathai	MTC	MTC	Mrs. & Mr. Baby M. Benny	MTC	Mr. Vincent Paul
17.11	Mrs. Mariakutty Cherian	Mr. Kunjappu Samuel	Mrs. Sheeba Shaji	Mrs. & Mr. K. David Jacob	Mrs. Sumati Simon & Mrs. Amandip Sonal	Mr. Vinay Cherian
24.11	Mrs. Merin Babu	Mr. Justin Kunjappu	Mrs. Aleyamma George	Mrs. & Mr. K. S. Mathew	Mrs. & Mr. Moncy K. Varghese	Mrs. Raina Prince
01.12	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School

### Harvest Festival Quiz

1. Which festival in the Bible is known as the "Feast of Ingathering" and marks the end of the agricultural year?
  - A) Passover
  - B) Pentecost
  - C) Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)
  - D) Yom Kippur
2. In the Old Testament, which book mentions the command to celebrate the "Feast of Weeks" (also known as the Harvest Festival) to thank God for the wheat harvest?
  - A) Exodus
  - B) Genesis
  - C) Leviticus
  - D) Psalms
3. According to Deuteronomy 16:10, what are the Israelites commanded to bring during the Feast of Weeks as an offering to God?

- A) Animals
  - B) Baskets of grapes
  - C) Grain offerings
  - D) Firstfruits of the harvest
4. In the Book of Ruth, what is the significance of the barley and wheat harvests in the story?
- A) It symbolizes God's provision and leads to Ruth meeting Boaz
  - B) It signifies the end of a drought
  - C) It marks Ruth's inheritance
  - D) It represents famine and struggle
5. Which verse encourages believers to be thankful, saying, "The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us"?
- A) Psalm 67:6
  - B) Psalm 23:1
  - C) Proverbs 3:9
  - D) Isaiah 12:2
6. In Leviticus 23:22, what instruction is given regarding the harvest to care for the poor and the foreigner?
- A) Leave a portion of your harvest for them
  - B) Invite them to the feast
  - C) Sell your excess harvest
  - D) Donate the best of your produce
7. During the Feast of Booths, the Israelites are commanded to live in booths or shelters for seven days. What does this commemorate?
- A) The Exodus from Egypt
  - B) The arrival in the Promised Land
  - C) The harvest of the fields
  - D) The giving of the Ten Commandments
8. Which offering was given at the temple to celebrate the firstfruits of the harvest?
- A) Burnt offering
  - B) Grain offering
  - C) Sin offering
  - D) Peace offering
9. In Proverbs 3:9, believers are encouraged to honor the Lord with what?
- A) Songs of praise
  - B) Tithes and offerings
  - C) Their wealth and the firstfruits of all their crops

- D) Sacrifices of animals
10. What does Jesus compare to a harvest in Matthew 9:37, saying, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few"?
- A) The grain in the fields
  - B) The hearts of those ready to receive the Gospel
  - C) The Kingdom of Heaven
  - D) The land of Israel
11. In which book do we read the command to "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field"?
- A) Deuteronomy
  - B) Exodus
  - C) Psalms
  - D) Isaiah
12. How did the Israelites thank God during the Harvest Festival, as described in Leviticus 23?
- A) By fasting
  - B) By bringing offerings of the firstfruits
  - C) By giving alms
  - D) By sacrificing a lamb

### **Answer Key**

1. C (Feast of Booths/Tabernacles)
2. A (Exodus)
3. D (Firstfruits of the harvest)
4. A (It symbolizes God's provision and leads to Ruth meeting Boaz)
5. A (Psalm 67:6)
6. A (Leave a portion of your harvest for them)
7. A (The Exodus from Egypt)
8. B (Grain offering)
9. C (Their wealth and the firstfruits of all their crops)
10. B (The hearts of those ready to receive the Gospel)
11. B (Exodus)
12. B (By bringing offerings of the firstfruits)



# Cottage Prayer Rota

1	Thomson William Paul	Kalyan East	
2	Varghese Thomas	Kalyan West	
3	Beena Viju	Kalyan West	
4	David Jacob K.	Kadakpada	
5	Kunjappy Samuel	Kalyan East	
6	Mariam Alexander	Dombivili East	
7	Nirmala Thomas	Dombivili East	
8	Sheela Varghese	Dombivili West	
9	Thomas Sam Paul (Biju)	Kalyan West	

## Pastorate Committee

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Mr. Moncy G. Mathai (Joint Secretary)	9769114593
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## SHALOM MISSION PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS

Bank Account details

A/c Name : Shalom Charitable Trust

A/c No : 465010100004367

Bank : Axis Bank

Branch : Lamington Road

IFSC : UTIB0000465

# HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024



**24th November 2024, 7 AM to 3 PM**

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**Church Address:**

St. Christopher's (CNI)  
Malayalam Congregation,  
Near Central Railway Hospital,  
Kalyan West - 421301

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