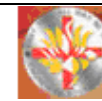


**NEWS & NOTES**

Fellowship		Venue
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	Every Tuesday 7.30 pm at Parsonage	
<b>Ladies' Fellowship</b>	Friday 9.00 am ,8th Dec. at Parsonage	
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays 9.30 am at UIS-Abbasiya.	
<b>Ladies &amp; Gent's</b>	Every Friday at 5.30 pm at Activity Hall Room 3	
<b>Cottage Prayer</b>	<b>Every Thursdays at 7.30 pm Venue as listed</b>	
<b>Bethel</b> 7-Dec-06	Mr. John Mathew (Raju)	6026337
<b>Shalom</b> 7-Dec-06	Mr. Cyriac George	5733603
<b>Joint Prayer</b> 28-Dec-06	Indian Public School	6832323
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Every Wednesday 7.30pm at UIS, Abbasiya	
<b>Christmas Carols</b>	Our Christmas Carols will be held at 7.15pm on Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> of Dec.2006 at Church & Parish Hall.	
<b>Sunday School Christmas Programme</b>	The Sunday School Christmas Programme will be held from 4.00pm on Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> of Dec.2006.	
<b>KECF Christmas Carols</b>	The KECF Christmas Carols will be held at 6.00pm on 27 <sup>th</sup> of Dec.2006 at Indian Central School, Abbasiya	
<b>House to house Christmas Carols</b>	House to house Christmas Carols will be held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec. at Abbasiya</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Salmiya. All are welcome</li> </ul>	
<b>Obituary:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Krupa Arly w/o Mr. Arly John went to be with the Lord at Kottayam on 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov.2006</li> <li>• Mr. V. A. Varghese, father-in-law of our member Mr. Reuben Thomas passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov. 2006 at Kalamasserry.</li> </ul>		

**Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.**

Date	Time	Venue	Theme	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Psalms	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Epistle	Worship Schedule for December 2006							
								1 <sup>st</sup> Week in Advent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Advent	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Advent	4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Advent				
02 Sat	7.15 pm	Church & Ph.	FESTIVAL OF UNITY Marthoma liturgy H.C	Ezek. 37:15-23	Ps: 106	Eph 2:11-22	Lk. 10:1-9.								
09 Sat	7.15 pm	Church & Ph.	Tithe Day CELEBRATING THE GOOD NEWS	Gen. 18:1-16	Ps 146	Heb. 2:1-10	Luke 1:39-56								
16 Sat	7.15 pm	Church & Ph.	DELIVERANCE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN	Is. 40:1-11	Ps:100	Rev.2:12-17	Mk.1:1-18								
22 Fri	8.45 am	Diwaniaya	MARANATHA-COME LORD JESUS	Jer.23:1-8	Ps: 96	Rev.22:6-21	Jn.14:8-14								
23 Sat	7.15 pm	Church & Ph.	GOOD NEWS THE GREAT JOY	Is 52:7-10	Ps 148	Titus3: 4-8	Lk.2:1-14								
25 Mon	6.30 pm	Church & Ph	CELEBRATING THE GRACE AND THE TRUTH	Mic.5.2-4	Ps.19	ITim.1:14-17	Jn.1:1-14								
30 Sat	7.15 pm	South Tent	THE LORD IS OUR HELP AND REDEEMER	Is.55:6-13	Ps 121	Cor.13:5-14	Jn.12:35-36								



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 Parish Messenger December 2006  
**Presbyter's Letter**  
**Christmas Rose**

My dear friends in Christ,  
 When the little baby Jesus took birth and the wise men and shepherds were going to greet the Christ child laden with all kinds of presents, a little poor shepherdess named Madelon saw them on their way. She was tending her sheep in the cold wintry night, when she saw the caravan of richly dressed Three Wise Men with their expensive gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense hurrying across their way to baby Christ and followed by the shepherds who were informed by the angel of the coming of their Savior who were carrying gifts such as fruits, honey and dove that were not so rich but spoke volumes of their love. She followed them to worship baby Jesus . Seeing the gifts presented by the wise men and shepherds, ! She despaired, she had nothing to offer the Lord of the Lords and the King of the Kings! In vain she searched the countryside for a flower that she might bring, but the winter had been cold and harsh - and there were no flowers to be found. Suddenly, the girl began to weep. An angel passing over her stopped to provide comfort and smote the ground that was wet from her tears. There did spring a beautiful bush that bloomed of white roses." Nor myrrh, nor frankincense, nor gold," said the angel, "is offering more meet for the Christ Child than these pure Christmas Roses." And thus young Madelon went her way and worshipped the Prince of Peace, bearing the gift of her heart and tears. Yes, this is the Legend of the Christmas rose, but this story gives us the real meaning of Christmas "Christmas transforms our tears into roses".

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
 and the government will be upon his shoulder,  
 and his name will be called  
 "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

With Christmas greetings  
 Rev. Jiji Joseph, Vicar

### BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER 2006

1st	Babu Mathew	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abraham Eapen Jeena Merrien George Mrs. Suma M. Kuruvilla	W/o Mr. Jacob Samuel W/o Mr. Monaji MKuruvilla
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saneej Mathew	S/o Mr. K. M. Mathew
4th	Anurag James Jacob Mrs.Saji Mary Oommen	S/o Mr. Santhosh Jacob W/o Mr. Oommen Kanjirappally
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Anish Jacob George Ephrain Cherian Paul Mr. V.C. Kurian Mrs. Lovely Zachariah Mrs. Mariam George Podippara Mrs. Mary Joseph Raoyees Ninan Philip	S/o Mr. Paul T. Cherian  W/o Mr. Zachariah Mathew W/o Mr. George Podippara Chacko W/o Mr. Joseph John S/o Mr. Philip M. Ninan
8 <sup>th</sup>	Miss. Giby A.Varghese Miss. Sara Varghese Mr. K. I. Thomas	D/o Mr. Varghese Koshy D/o Mr. Mammen Varghese
9 <sup>th</sup>	Suresh Thomas	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Cecily Koshy	W/o Mr. K.P. Koshy
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mahiba Paul Samuel Mr. Moby K. Mathew Olive Abraham Mrs. Vinsu Jerin	D/o Mr. Paul C. Samuel  S/o Mr.. Chandy Abraham W/o Mr. Jerin Jisu Varghese
12 <sup>th</sup>	Anil Kuruvilla Varghese Mr. George Kaippallil Mathew Mrs. Merry K. Mathew	S/o Mr. George Podippara  W/o Mr. Korah G. Mathew
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Cejo Johnson Mr. Ribu Jacob Kurian Rubina Rachel Chandy Mr. Samson Jackmol Mrs. Vimi Mathew	W/o Mr. K. E. Thomas  D/o Mr. Reji Chandy Koshy  W/o Mr. Moby K. Mathew
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Annie Mathew	W/o Mr. K. M. Mathew
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Annamma Thomas Mr. A. A. George Mrs. Susan Edward	W/o Mr. Thomas Philip  W/o Mr. A. Edward
16 <sup>th</sup>	Miss. Sonila Susan Mathew	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Nagesh	S/o Mr. T. N. Nagesh
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Abraham Timi Thomas	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Priya Jacob	W/o Mr. Jacob Mathew
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mr. Paul Varghese	

	Joel Kurian Vinod	S/o Mr. Vinod Kurian
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Miss. Bincy Koruthu	D/o Mr. Koruthu Varghese
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Teo John Mathew	W/o Mr. Mathew P. John
24 <sup>th</sup>	Nita Mariam Abraham Eden Koshy	D/o Mr. Abraham Mathew S/o Mr. Eugene O. Koshy
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Ajith Mathews Mrs. Betsy Annie Jacob Mr. Samuel Mathew	W/o Mr. Jacob Kurian
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Mathew George	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Anju Sam Mr. Justin T. Varghese Neethan Jacob Varghese	D/o Mr. Sam T. Kuruvilla  S/o Mr. A. Timi Thomas
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Alice Prakash Mr. C. V. Ipe	W/o Mr. Prakash Thomas

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER 2006

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Biji Jacob Cherian
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. K. M. Mathew (Mallappally) Mrs.& Mr. Soman John
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Selin Nelson
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Jiboy Chandapilla
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Aji John Mathew
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs & Mr. Joseph Abraham
26 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Eugene Oommen Koshy
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Peter Mrs. & Mr. Kurian T. Mathew Mrs. & Mr. Paul C. Samuel
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Sam T. Kuruvilla
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. & Mr. Korah G. Mathew Modayil

### KECF

Kuwait Episcopal Churches Fellowship will conduct an Ecumenical Christmas Carol on 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 at 6.00pm at Indian Central School, Abbasiya.

### THOUGHT

*To survive the storms of life, be anchored to the Rock of Ages*

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas**

**Year Ending Service :31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Sun 10.30pm at Church**

**Covenant Service : 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.2007, Mon.6.30pm at Church & Parish Hall**

### Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival (HF) will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2007. A Souvenir for HF will be released.

### Articles/Poem/Picture for Souvenir

- Articles and Poems on Harvest Festival is invited from our school going children in Kuwait (Age 10 & above)
- Drawings on Harvest Festival is invited from children below 10 years. Theme : Harvest Festival.

Selected items will be published in the Souvenir and prize will be awarded.

Last date of submission 16 Dec.2006

### Cover Page Design

Design for Harvest Festival Souvenir's Cover Page is invited from members. Theme is Harvest Festival

Must be Biblical and with Kuwait Landmark. Prize will be awarded for the selected one.

Last date of submission 16 Dec.2006

### Photos of members

Photos are invited from members of our Congregation, who completed 25years or more of active membership in our Congregation . Please handover a passport size photograph to be published in the Souvenir. Last date of submission 16 Dec.2006

For anymore information please contact:

Mr. George Koshy

Harvest Festival Convenor at 4332396 / 9716021