



# Trinity Messenger

## April 2023



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# Roshen Achen's Message

Dear Trinity Family,

Grace and peace be with you all!

As we wrap-up the Lenten season and celebrate Easter, I would like to take this opportunity to remind each one of us of the importance of Lent. This season of fasting and prayer helps us to reflect on our lives, seek forgiveness and renew our relationship with God. Let us continue to grow spiritually and draw closer to God.

The apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (**Colossians 3:12-14**).

As members of the body of Christ, we are called to love and support one another, even in times of disagreement or difficulty. Let us strive to cultivate these virtues in our daily lives, and extend grace and forgiveness to one another as Christ has done for us. May we always seek to be a community that is united in purpose, and may our love for one another be a reflection of the love that God has for us. Together, let us continue to grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with Him.

I would also like to take this opportunity to appreciate the 2022 executive committee members for their dedicated service to the church. Their hard work and commitment have contributed to the growth and development of our church. I would like to extend my heartfelt wishes to the new office bearers and the 2023 executive committee members. May God bless you abundantly as you take on your new responsibilities.

I am delighted that our church cricket team has won the inaugural **Mar Thoma Cricket** tournament. Congratulations to the team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the sport. I am also proud to be part of the winning team.

As I write to you, I am filled with mixed emotions. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Assistant Vicar for the past four years. I am grateful for the love, support, and encouragement you have extended to me as well as my family. We will be moving to Kolkata Mar Thoma Church by late April. While I am excited about this new chapter in my life, it is difficult to say goodbye to such a wonderful community. I ask that you keep our family in your thoughts and prayers as we begin a new journey. I pray that God will guide me, give me strength and wisdom to serve His people in Kolkata Mar Thoma Church.

I will always cherish the memories and experiences I have had at Trinity Mar Thoma Church. It has been a joy to serve alongside you all. I am grateful for the many ways in which you have supported me and made me feel at home. I will miss you all dearly.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Assistant Vicar. May God bless each one of us as we continue to serve Him with all our hearts.

In Christ,

Roshen Achen



# Vicar's April Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Apr-23	Saturday	11:30 AM	Baptism
		5:30 PM	Missouri City & Stafford Area Prayer Meeting
2-Apr-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	<b>Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam</b>
		11:30 AM	Pearland East & Pearland West Farewell Meeting
3-Apr-23	Monday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer @Trinity
4-Apr-23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer @Trinity
5-Apr-23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer @Trinity
6-Apr-23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Muandy Thursday HC Service @ Trinity
7-Apr-23	Friday	9:00 AM	Good Friday Service
8-Apr-23	Saturday		
9-Apr-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	<b>Easter Sunday Holy Qurbana Service: English</b>
10-Apr-23	Monday	7:00 PM	
11-Apr-23	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Edavaka Mission cottage prayer
12-Apr-23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	
13-Apr-23	Thursday	7:00 PM	
14-Apr-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (at Trinity)
15-Apr-23	Saturday	6:00 PM	YF Meeting
		11:30 AM	Engagement
16-Apr-23	Sunday	6:00 PM	North Shore Area Prayer
		8:30 AM	<b>Holy Qurbana Service: English</b>
17-Apr-23	Monday	11:00 AM	Trinity Organization Farewell Meeting
		7:00 PM	
18-Apr-23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	
19-Apr-23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	
20-Apr-23	Thursday	10:30 AM	Sevika Sanghom cottage prayer
21-Apr-23	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer (at Trinity)
22-Apr-23	Saturday	2:30 PM	Marriage
23-Apr-23	Sunday	8:30 AM	<b>Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam</b>
		11:30 AM	<b>Roshen Achen farewell meeting</b>
		6:30 PM	Missouri City & Stafford Area prayer
24-Apr-23	Monday	7:00 PM	
25-Apr-23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	
26-Apr-23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	
27-Apr-23	Thursday	7:00 PM	
28-Apr-23	Friday	6:00 PM	<b>YF Men's/Women's Bible study</b>
29-Apr-23	Saturday	2:30 PM	Marriage
30-Apr-23	Sunday	9:00 AM	English Divine Service
		5:00 PM	<b>Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam</b>



## *Warm Welcome to Jeevan Achen and Family*



Rev. Jeevan John (Home Parish: St Thomas MTC, Varampore), Merly Babu Kochamma (Home Parish: Immanuel MTC, Polikodu) and Jeremy Jeevan John (born June 23, 2020) will join Trinity Mar Thoma Church early next month.

Please continue to pray for their travel arrangements and plans to serve at Trinity.



## Secretary's Note

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another new, exciting, and busy month.

I am pleased to note that progress is being made on the Trinity Campus Building Project. Mr. Alwin Thomas, our Convenor, is working closely with an engineering firm on detailed engineering drawings. The project is focused on improving, updating, and optimizing the use of available church space, with the aim of optimizing overall flow, parking, and access to our Wayside property. Specifically, the plan is to add a new church entry point from Wayside, additional parking space, and remove the septic tank system & connect to the City of Houston's sewer line. The project also aims to update existing common areas to improve functionality and flow, as well as to create purpose-driven spaces for various ministries in our Church and Sunday School. The total project cost estimate, including the Fellowship Hall renovation, is \$4,500,000. Please pray for the success of this project and support it financially. Donations options include sponsoring a lounge area or a Sunday school classroom over multiple years.

Roshen Achen, Titty Kochamma, Reona, Sherona, and Malhar will soon be leaving Trinity to embark on a new assignment in Kokotta, India. We will miss them dearly and appreciate their dedication and service. Please attend the Parish farewell meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd, following the Holy Communion Service, and continue to pray for their travel and other arrangements.

We will be welcoming Rev. Jeevan John, Merly Babu Kochamma, and Jeremy Jeevan John to Houston and Trinity early next month. Please pray for their travel plans.

Please continue to pray for our Church, our Achens and their families, the office bearers, executive committee, and me.

Thank you,

Reji George

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# Worship Services and Lectionary

2-Apr	<b>(Palm Sunday) Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Hosanna - Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem – Alternative Style of Kingship</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Zechariah 9:1-12	<b>Epistle</b> Colossians 1:15-23
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> Hebrews 5:5-10	<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 21:17-22
North Shore Areas members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
6-Apr	<b>(Maundy Thursday) Malayalam Holy Communion Service 7:00 PM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Jesus Christ broken for the salvation of the World</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Exodus 12:1-20	<b>Epistle</b> 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> Hebrews 9:1-12	<b>Gospel</b> Matthew 26:17-29
Middle Age Fellowship members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
7-Apr	<b>Good Friday Services 9:00 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: The salvific death of Jesus Christ &amp; invitation to bear the Cross</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Isaiah Chapter 53	<b>2nd Lesson</b> 1 Peter Chapter 1
	<b>3rd Lesson</b> Zechariah Chapter 13	<b>4th Lesson</b> Galatians Chapter 3
	<b>5th Lesson</b> Numbers 21:1-9	<b>6th Lesson</b> Hebrews 3:1-19
Sunday School, Sevika Sanghom and Edavaka Mission members will assist the Services		
9-Apr	<b>(Easter Sunday) English Holy Communion Service 9:00 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: The Celebration of New Life, End of Great Lent</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Isaiah 60:12-22	<b>Epistle</b> 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> 1 Corinthians 15:42-58	<b>Gospel</b> Mark 16:1-8
Pearland East Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
16-Apr	<b>English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Jesus Christ who Restores - First Sunday after Easter</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Genesis 32:22-32	<b>Epistle</b> Colossians 1:15-23
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> Colossians 3:1-11	<b>Gospel</b> John 20:24-29
Pasadena Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
23-Apr	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Jesus Christ who transforms human situations - Second Sunday after Easter</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Genesis 18:1-10	<b>Epistle</b> Hebrews 13:1-8
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> Romans 12:9-16	<b>Gospel</b> John 21:1-14
Pearland West Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
29-Apr	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service 10:00 AM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Resurrected Lord, the Co-traveler</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Exodus 40:34-38	<b>Epistle</b> 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
	<b>2nd Lesson</b> Acts 27:27-37	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 24:13-35
Healing Hearts Ministry members will assist the Holy Communion Service		
30-Apr	<b>English Divine Service at 9:00 AM</b>	
	<b>Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 5:00 PM</b>	
	<b>Theme: Resurrected Lord, the Co-traveler - Third Sunday after Easter</b>	
	<b>1st Lesson</b> Exodus 40:34-38	<b>Epistle</b> 2 Corinthians 1:3-10
<b>2nd Lesson</b> Acts 27:27-37	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 24:13-35	
Alief and Sugar Land Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service		



## Demises

**Mrs. Sara Philip** (76) received the heavenly call on Thursday, February 2, 2023, in Houston. She is the mother Mrs. Blessy Rachel Thomas, from the Stafford Missouri City prayer group. The funeral was held on Saturday, February 11, at 9:00 AM, at the Living Waters Church, in Stafford, followed by interment at South Park Funeral Home, in Pearland.

**Mr. M. S. George** (76) received the heavenly call on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in Kalyan, Mumbai. He is the father of Mrs. Shyla Sunny, from the North Houston Area prayer group. The funeral was held on Monday, February 13.

**Mr. K. C. John** (75) received the heavenly call last week. He is the father of Mrs. Rincy Jacob Kochamma. The funeral was held on Saturday, February 11.

**Mrs. Leelamma Varghese** (73) received the heavenly call on Thursday, February 23, 2023, in Karunagappally, Kerala. She is the mother of Mr. Thomas Vargeese (Shibu) from the Galveston and Other Area. The funeral was held on Monday, February 27, at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Karunagappally.

**Mr. K. Alexander** (80) received the heavenly call on Friday, February 24, 2023, in Houston. He is the father of Mr. K. A. Joseph & Mr. Vincent K. Alexander, both from Missouri City and Stafford prayer group

**Mr. P. J. David** (87) received the heavenly call on Sunday, February 26, 2023, in Kerala. He is a CSI Evangelist and the oldest brother of Mrs. Annamma John (Chinnama Aunty) from North Shore prayer group.

**Mr. Cherian Joseph** (78) received the heavenly call on Sunday, March 12, 2023, in Kerala. He is the father of Mr. Vinil Cherian, from the Missouri City & Stafford Area. The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 14, at Mar Thoma Church, Pathanapuram.

**Mr. Itty Chandy Thekanal** (78) received the heavenly call on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, in Kalluoppara, Kerala. He is the brother of Mrs. Achamma Varughese, from the Pearland East Area. The funeral was held on Monday, March 20, at St. George Orthodox Church, Chengaroor.

**Mrs. Tina Susan Mathew** (42) received the heavenly call on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in Houston. Her parents, late Thomas Mathew (Somu) & Susan Mathew, were former members of Trinity Mar Thoma Church. The funeral was held at the Earthman Southwest Funeral Home in Stafford, on Wednesday, March 29, at 10 AM.

**Mr. Zachariah Thomas** (Kunj - 80), received the heavenly call on Sunday, March 26, in Kochi, Kerala. He is the brother of Dr. Thomas Alexander of the Galveston and Other Area residing in Corpus Christi. The funeral was held on Thursday, March 30, at Trinity Mar Thoma Church in Thittael, Chengannur.

May God comfort all family members and friends with His Divine Peace. We extend our heartfelt condolences to all family members and friends.



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