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*Each day that God gives us is holy and a precious gift from him. We should enjoy it fully. Joy is powerful.*

*Joyce Meyer*

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## Diocese Of Jabalpur Church Of North India

### Greetings to all our esteemed readers!

New Year Greetings to all readers and members of the Diocesan family from the editorial team- Rev. Bruce, Rev Subha, Malcolm, Nikhil and Rev. Ipe!

It is six months since we reached out to you through our Diocesan News Letter. Due to COVID restrictions this issue also is a double volume covering the period of July to December 2021. During these six months we experienced some kind of improvement in COVID situation. Things were falling back to normal, but now conditions have changed and a new wave of the pandemic has emerged in the form of Omicron. Everything has slipped back to square one!

In the last issue we discussed briefly about the emerging "new normal" situation and the challenge before us to adjust and get used to the new normal. We have observed that the new normal situation has affected the whole world and, in turn, the community of our diocese also. We were encouraged to learn and understand the different aspects of the new normal. Another task was to measure the impact of the new normal on our life. We wish to make the following observations about the impact of the new normal situation created by the pandemic.

1. The new normal situation is a shut-in condition for all people which involve limitation of movements and activities. In children this condition has made them hyperactive at home, reduced motivation in studies because they miss their class and friends, and physical ailments due to lack of exercise of body.
2. Mental health problems. Lack of social activities, limited opportunities for self expression and lack of space for venting out emotions create conditions of mental ill health.
3. Lethargy towards spiritual matters like worship, Sunday Schools, Bible studies and fellowship meetings which take place



Rev Dr. Ipe Joseph  
Editor

virtually because they lack the warmth of physical togetherness.

4. Drying of emotions and sentiments. This is related to mental health. We have been witnessing the suffering and death of our dear ones and their burial in plastic bags and our inability to bid them farewell in person. Watching death and burial virtually has been leading to the numbness of mind and drying of tears. Pastors and parish as a whole need to innovate new strategies for resolving all these issues. New methodologies which focus on the individuals and families to rebuild and refurbish them are to be formulated and implemented. It is good to know that several of our pastors have undergone training in mental health though courses arranged by Synod.

In this issue we have included Bishop's Christmas message also in addition to the regular message. Bishop's message of hope in the midst of sufferings and pain and the affirmation that incarnation happens to give us divine company in the midst of our pain is very comforting. Other items include Bible study from Rev. Shubh and Rev. Neelesh Singh, reports and write ups of various youth and women's activities, World Sunday School Day, Cathedral fete and Nine Lessons Carol service, IT education programme, Bandhavgarh sessions, Colourful pictures of all programmes and activities.

We congratulate Revd. Ajay Umesh James, one of our Pastors who was elected and consecrated as the Bishop on 5th December and installed as Bishop of Chhattisgarh on 9th December in Raipur.

We wish all readers happy reading and safety from the Pandemic.

Editorial Team



## Diocese Of Jabalpur Church Of North India

### *Bishop's Message*



The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh  
Bishop Diocese Of Jabalpur CNI

Dearly Beloved in Jesus Christ,

In this New Year I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In this year's Christmas message I raised the issue of "how to reconcile the hope of Christmas with the pain and suffering we are undergoing due to the pandemic". We sought the answer to this question by looking at the history. The birth of Jesus happened in a time when people of God were undergoing similar pain and suffering due to the oppression of Romans and also that of the religious leaders. This is the ripeness of time when we need a saviour most. My New Year message also was one of hope. However, my forecast was that 2022 will not be a more comfortable year than 2021. Now it has become a reality. We had a short period of relief from COVID-19 in the second half of 2021. Now the pandemic has become more severe in this New Year by taking new forms like the Omicron. We need to train ourselves in forbearance and patience.

Though we had much COVID restrictions our diocese continued worship services and meditation on the word of God. Let us glance through the past six months. In the month of July 2021 we were deliberating on the theme of stewardship. The high qualities of stewardship namely, transparency and accountability are missing from all areas of our life. We need to train ourselves in these qualities. We remembered the life of St. Thomas on July 3rd. In August we celebrated our Independence day on the one hand, and on the other hand, observed the black day against the discrimination of Dalits supported by the Presidential Order of 1950. In September we concentrated on the theme of education and paid homage to all our teachers. Education is the key to the future of our nation. October, we reflected on the priesthood of the laity. Though our Lord has given this privilege to all His people we had been reluctant to accept that privilege and practice it in real life. November was our Unity month when we revisited our motto of Unity, Witness and Service and celebrated the 51st year of the formation of CNI on 29th. On December 5th we observed the Bible Sunday and made our contribution to the spreading of the gospel through the production and distribution of the Bible. The

nine lessons carols was held in a solemn way in Christ Church Cathedral in the month of December along with the celebration of our Jabalpur Diocesan day on the 13th December 2021.

I am happy to note that, in spite of all COVID restrictions, we were able to fulfill our programmes and activities of the Pastors, Youth, Women and children. The IT education for Pastors conducted by Mr. Malcolm Tully and Piyush Singh was a timely need. It was good that our diocesan youth were able to participate in the training course organized by CNI SBSS under the leadership of Mr. Soumya Mohanty and others in Bhandhavgarh. We thank God that we were able to hold the Vikas Asha Kendra fete this year in a large scale as usual. I congratulate Mrs. Nora Singh and all those who gave leadership in this great event. We all are happy that Revd. Ajay Umesh James from Jabalpur diocese was consecrated as the Bishop on 5th December and installed as Bishop of Chhattisgarh on 9th December in Raipur. I request you to uphold him, his family and the diocese in prayer. Let me remind all pastors to take care of the mental and physical health for themselves and their parishioners.

With Blessings,

The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh



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## Christmas Message

Dear Members of the Diocesan Family,

"Glory to God in the highest and goodwill to all in whom God is pleased!"

The key words of Christmas are Joy and Peace. Joy makes us jubilant to shout out, "Glory to God in the highest" and Peace enables us to share goodwill with all humanity and all of God's creation. This year I wish to add another key word "Hope" to my greetings because it is something which makes my life going forward in the midst of struggles. It is the guiding light, which sometimes is far, but always clear. I wish to share this assurance of hope which our Lord has promised with all the members of the Diocesan family, especially to those who pass through difficult times.

We are eagerly waiting for the arrival of the Baby in the Bethlehem manger. Yet, our minds are full of pain and agony which we continue to face because of the pandemic and other turbulent conditions of our life today. Almost two years of absence from regular worship services and regular participation in the activities of the church, offices, schools and other institutions has thrown off the smooth rhythm of our life. An inner lethargy still haunts our minds. Pastors are unable to visit houses freely and interact and pray with family members. Many parents are afraid to send the children to school even though schools are fully open. Offices and other work places have only limited attendance. Many people still suffer under health problems related to the pandemic. A large number have lost their job. Poverty has come to make life difficult for ordinary people. All these together have affected the mental health of the community, family and individuals.

Let me return to the theme of hope which is directly related to incarnation. Jesus was born when the time was "ripe". It was a period of

darkness, oppression and frustration for God's people. The situation was similar to the situation we are in now. The good news is that incarnation takes place in the midst of human pain, suffering and hopelessness and transforms them to an occasion of Joy, Peace and Hope.

Let me make a few suggestions for you. We had several workshops at Synod, Regional and Diocesan levels on enhancing mental health of Pastors, teachers, families, children and individuals with special needs. We must make a conscious effort to improve and restore the conditions of mental health of all these categories. This exercise needs much patience and willingness to invest our time and other resources. General dealings with groups does not help in the beginning. We need to focus on each person, be it the elderly, the young and a child. Each person has undergone her/his own traumatic experiences and hence the need to focus on individuals. Most of all, let us regain the power of prayer staying as close as possible to our Lord Jesus who understands the inner yearnings of our hearts and responds to our cry. My family and I, would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy, prosperous and a safe New Year 2022.

The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh  
Moderator CNI Synod &  
Bishop Diocese of Jabalpur



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### Colossians 2:7

और उसी में जड़ पकड़ते और बढ़ते जाओ और जैसे तुम सिखाए गए  
वैसे ही विश्वास में दृढ़ होते जाओ और अत्यन्त धन्यवाद करते रहो।

जब हम किसी पौधे को रोपण करते हैं तो हम प्रतिदिन उसमें खादए जल एवं अन्य पूर्ति के संसाधन इस्तेमाल करते हैं जिससे पौधा निरंतर बढ़ता रहे परंतु एक समय ऐसा भी आता है कि उस पौधे की बढ़ती रुक जाती है ना तो वह बढ़ रहा होता है ना उसमें फूल या फल आ रहे हैं ऐसी स्थिति में हम यह देखते हैं की धीरे धीरे उस पौधे के पत्तियां फिर डंठल फिर शाखाएं और तना और अंत में पूरा की पूरा पेड़ सूख के नष्ट हो जाता है। यदि इसके कारणों पर हम दृष्टि करें तो हम उस समय को स्मरण करेंगे जब उस पौधे में बढ़ना बंद कर दिया और उसका विघटन आरंभ हो गया।

आत्मिक परिवेश भी कुछ ऐसा ही है हम मसीह होने के नाते निरंतर परमेश्वर और उसके सामर्थ में बढ़ने वाले और उसकी महिमा को अपने जीवन से प्रकट करने वाले लोग हैं और यह हमारी प्राथमिकता है कि हम परमेश्वर पर भरोसा रखें। Jeremiah 29:11 यहीवा की यह वाणी है कि जो कल्पनाएँ में तुम्हारे विषय करता हैं उन्हें मैं जानता हूँ वे हानि की नहीं वरन् कुशल ही की हैं और अन्त में तुम्हारी आशा पूरी करूँगा।

हमारी जिंदगी परमेश्वर की योजनाओं के अनुसार व्यतीत होती है इसमें न केवल बहुत सारी आशीषें हैं पर साथ ही साथ कई कठिन चुनौतियां भी हैं और इन तमाम चुनौतियों में उस विश्वास को थाम कर जो हमारे परमेश्वर ने प्रभु यीशु मसीह में हमें दिया है निरंतर आगे बढ़ना है।

आज कोविड-19 महामारी के कारण वर्तमान संसार बहुत सी बातों में चिंतित है सहमा हुआ है, कई प्रकार की निराशाओं और अपने प्रिय जनों के खो देने के कारण दुख में है अपने आप को स्थिर कर लिया है शांत कर लिया है और यह हम मसीही लोगों को भी अत्यधिक प्रभावित किया है परंतु यह परिस्थितियां हमें आत्मिक उन्नति से रोक नहीं सकती हैं हमारी उन्नति यहीवा परमेश्वर की योजना और उसकी महिमा पर आधारित है। इसलिए इस बात का स्मरण रखें कि हमें निरंतर बढ़ते रहना है और परमेश्वर के कार्यों को अपने जीवन से पूरा करना है हमारा भरोसा हमारे परमेश्वर यहीवा पर हो।

जब हम अच्छी बातों के होने की आशा करते हैं तब वह वास्तव में होता है और परिणाम ऐसा नहीं होता जैसा कि हमने आशा किया था हम फिर भी परमेश्वर पर भरोसा रख सकते हैं जिसके पास हमारे लिए महान योजनाएं हैं हमारा परमेश्वर एक अच्छा पिता है जो

लिए एक सुंदर भविष्य का निर्माण कर रहा है वह जो उसके आशीषों के लिए ठहरते हैं उससे पाएंगे। सफलता और प्रसन्नता उनके पास आती है जो उसे प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं। निराशा अवरोध का काम करती है। हमें निराशा में विजयी होना है।

परमेश्वर की महिमा के लिए मसीही को प्रसन्नता पूर्वक रहना चाहिए और यह प्रसन्नता तथा सफलता तब आती है जब हम "आत्मिक परिपक्व" होते हैं अब किस तरह हम आत्मिक परिपक्व हो सकते हैं ? हम निरंतर परमेश्वर पर भरोसा रखें और हमारे हृदय उसके हर एक कामों के प्रति खुले रहें हमारा जीवन और मृत्यु परमेश्वर की योजना पर आधारित है।

यदि आप आशीषित होना चाहते हैं तो अपने हृदय परमेश्वर के लिए खुले रखें एवं हर एक परिस्थिति पर सामर्थी परमेश्वर यहीवा पर भरोसा रखें जैसे वर्षा में बर्तन के टक्कन को खोला जाता है और जितना अधिक आप खोलेंगे उतना ही अधिक आप आशीषों की वर्षा से भरते जाएंगे।

1. हम अपरंपार आशीषों को प्राप्त कर सकते हैं जब हमारा भरोसा परमेश्वर पर बना रहे।

आशीष एक उपहार है जो हमारे जीवन में परमेश्वर हमें देता है इसलिए हम तभी इसे प्राप्त कर सकते हैं जब हमारे हृदय को परमेश्वर की योजना के प्रति हम खुला रखें और विश्वास और सकारात्मक व्यवहार के द्वारा हमारा भरोसा हमारे परमेश्वर यहीवा पर दृढ़ हो।

जब हम आत्मा को प्राप्त करते हैं तब हम सत्य को समझ पाते हैं और जब हम समझ लेते हैं हमारा नजरिया बदल जाता है तथा आत्मिक रूप से परिपक्वता में हम बढ़ने लगते हैं तथा परमेश्वर का वचन हमारे हृदय और विचारों में नियंत्रण रखता है और हम परमेश्वर के कामों पर पूर्ण रूप से भरोसा रखना सीखते हैं अवश्य है कि व्यक्ति अपनी कोशिशों से बहुत कुछ हासिल नहीं कर सकता है पर परमेश्वर का अनुग्रह उसे आशीषित बनाता है।

Psalms 119:18 मेरी आँखें खोल दे, कि मैं तेरी व्यवस्था की अदभुत बातें देख सकूँ।

जितना हम परमेश्वर पर भरोसा रख कर अपने हृदय और मन की आँखों को खोलते हैं उतना ही अधिक हम उसके वचन के अर्थ और परमेश्वर की योजना को समझ पाते हैं।



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2. हम बदल सकते हैं जब हमारा भरोसा परमेश्वर पर बना रहे।

हमारे जीवन की बहुत सी समस्याएं हट जाएंगी यदि हम अपने आप को बदल देते हैं एक ही परिस्थिति में हम विभिन्न रूप से व्याख्या कर सकते हैं किसी के लिए भक्ति और किसी के लिए कठिन परिस्थिति दृष्टिकोण पर निर्भर करती है यदि हम अपने परमेश्वर पर भरोसा रखें जब आप अपने दृष्टिकोण को बदलते हैं आपका व्यवहार बदलता है तथा आप किसी बात को लेने और समझने के लिए तैयार हो जाते हैं जोकि हृदय का खुला होना भी कहा जा सकता है किसी के लिए परिस्थिति कठिन होगी पर विश्वासी के लिए परमेश्वर की महिमा नजर आएगी।

आज भी लोग दूसरे पर दोष लगाते तथा आलोचना करते हैं लेकिन जब हम अपने हृदय को खुला रखते हैं तब हम उनके परिस्थिति को समझकर सकारात्मक विचार धारण करते हैं जैसे 'शायद कोई कारण होगा जो मैं नहीं जानता' तब हम पूरे संसार को गले लगा सकते हैं।

हम स्वयं को बदलने की कोशिश करें बहुत सी परिस्थितियां अपने आप ही बदल जाएंगी और आज शायद हमें बहुत सी चीजें नकारात्मक नजर आती हैं वही उन्नति का कारण बन जाएंगी।

3. हम दूसरों को बदल सकते हैं जब हमारा भरोसा परमेश्वर पर बना रहे।

हम हमेशा दूसरों को बदलने के लिए दबाव देते हैं जबकि हम अपने आप को बदलना नहीं चाहते।

यदि हम नीले रंग के चश्मे को पहनते हैं तो सारा संसार नीला दिखाई पड़ता है और यदि लाल रंग के चश्मे को पहनते हैं तो सब कुछ लाल नजर आता है इसलिए सबसे पहले अपने चश्मे को बदलना होगा। उन चीजों को वैसा ही देखने के लिए जैसा वह है वैसा नहीं जैसा आप देखना चाहते हैं। हमारा उचित नजरिया दूसरों के जीवन में भी सकारात्मक प्रभाव डाल सकता है एवं दूसरों के जीवन को भी प्रभावित कर सकता है और हम भली प्रकार से परमेश्वर यहोवा पर भरोसा रखकर उन्हें भी परमेश्वर की योजनाओं से अवगत करा सकते हैं एवं जीवन के तमाम उतार-चढ़ाव में किस प्रकार हमारा जीवन परमेश्वर की महिमा में व्यतीत हो इसके प्रति आदर्श बन सकते हैं।

बीते 2 वर्षों ने हमें बहुत कुछ सिखा दिया है कि मनुष्य अपने प्रभाव, ज्ञान और सामर्थ में सब कुछ हासिल नहीं कर सकता है अभी भी उसका ज्ञान अर्धुरा है बहुत सी बातों में असमर्थ है पर हमारा परमेश्वर हमें सब बातों में परिपक्व करता है जिसमें हो कर हम परमेश्वर की सिद्ध और भली इच्छा को समझ सकें और बड़े भय के साथ विश्वास योग्यता से जीवन को व्यतीत करें। रास्ते कई हैं मंजिल वही है।

अंत में कविता की इन पंक्तियों के साथ अपने लेख को समाप्त करना चाहूंगा।

बस चलते रहो ॥

आये जो दो राहें कभी,

गुमराह ना होनाए घबराना नहीं

बस चलते जाना ...

अपनी राह पर, अपने मुकाम पर

हर पल आगे बढ़ते जाना ॥

परमेश्वर आपको बहुतायत से आशीष प्रदान करें।

रेव्ह सुहिन्द्र निलेश सिंह

प्रिसबिटर इंचार्ज

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Rev Subha

## **The Incredible Journey of faith Hebrews 11:8-10**

In the Bible we can see so many people who walked with faith in God.

Can you name them? Who are they?

The Incredible Journey of faith - what does it mean to live by faith in an uncertain world?

Hebrews 11 offers us a long list of men and women who obeyed God even when things didn't always work out the way they expected. The names written there are like a biblical hall of fame:

1. Abel . . Enoch . . Noah . . Abraham . . Sarah . . Jacob . . Joseph . . Moses . . Joshua . . David.
2. They are Different people, different stories, they live in separate times & circumstances.
3. The men and women whose stories are told in this particular chapter differ in every way but one thing was similar: What they did, they did by faith.

Our focus in this message is on the man we often call "Father Abraham." In the Bible he stands as the preeminent example of a man who lived by faith.

Hebrews 11:8-10 tells how he obeyed God's call at great personal sacrifice. It tells us what he did; more importantly, it tells us why he did it. And it clearly shows us that obeying God doesn't always work out the way we think it will.

What does it mean to live by faith in an uncertain world?

What is Faith? Hebrews 11:1

1: Living by faith means accepting God's call without knowing where it will lead.

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your fa-

house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8).

Obedying God's call meant giving up his friends, his career, his traditions, his home, his position, his influence, and his country. More than that, it meant risking his health and his future on a vague promise from an unseen God to lead him to "a land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). When Abraham left Ur, he burned his bridges behind him. For him there could be no turning back. Once he left the walls of Ur, he was on his own, following God's call into the unknown. "He gave all that up?" "Yes."

Abraham truly didn't know where he was going, didn't know how he would get there, didn't know how long it would take, and didn't even know for sure how he would know he was there when he got there.

All he knew was that God had called him. Everything else was up in the air.

If you truly want to do God's will, sometimes you will find yourself exactly where Abraham was—setting out on a new journey that doesn't seem to make sense from the world's point of view.

How would he ever explain his decision to leave the comfort of Ur for the uncertainty of a long trek across the desert?

The only certainty he had was that God had called him and he must obey. The rest was





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shrouded in mystery.

Hebrews 11:8 says he “obeyed and went.” There was no greater miracle in his life than that.

God called; he obeyed. That truth was the secret of his life. He stepped out in faith even though there were no guarantees about his own personal future.

2: Living by faith means stepping out for God and leaving the results to him.

The life of faith means, “I am going to be the man or woman God wants me to be, no matter where it leads. I don’t know the future, but I trust him to work out the details. In the meantime, I step out by faith and follow where he leads me.”

That the second great truth about living by faith.

3: Living by faith means waiting on God to keep his promises.

“By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.” (Hebrews 11:9).

That’s Abraham. He didn’t own anything in the Promised Land. God had promised to give him the land; yet he lived like a stranger in a foreign country

God had promised him the land . . . but he had to scratch out an existence in tents. Hundreds of years would pass before the promise was completely fulfilled.

A third principle at work in Abraham’s life is the ultimate key to the life of faith.

4: Living by faith means never taking your eyes off heaven.

“For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” (Hebrews 11:10).

Abraham was “looking forward” to a city; it really means that he never found what he was looking for in this life

Verse 10. Abraham looked for a city with foundations—that is, for a “city,” not a lonely spot in the desert. He wanted to live in a place filled with other people. He also looked for a city with “foundations,” a place with security and permanence that could not be found in a tent.

That meant he was looking for a city designed and built by God. Why? Because all earthly cities eventually crumble to dust.

No wonder Abraham was looking for a city built and designed by God. Revelation 21 describes that city as “the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God” (v. 2). In his vision John saw a city of breathtaking beauty, shining with the glory of God, “its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal” (v. 11). Christians have always looked to the New Jerusalem as the final abode for the people of God, the place where we will spend eternity together in the presence of the Lord. But note this. Heaven is a city. It’s a real place filled with real people.

Abraham knew he was going to heaven and that changed his whole perspective on life. He knew not just that he was going to die, but that after death he was going to enter a city God had designed and made.

Hebrews 11:10 says that Abraham was motivated by a vision of something the people around him simply couldn’t grasp. He was looking forward to something they couldn’t see at all. Following God will sometimes lead you



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to make decisions that those around you simply will not understand.

When that happens, all you can do is to explain things as best you can, and then set off to obey God's call, leaving the results in his hands.

If you ever decide to make God's will the great priority of your life, you will discover that it is indeed an incredible journey.

Like Abraham of old, your search for God's will will lead you out of your comfort zone into the exciting arena of living by faith. Along the way, you will discover that you can indeed survive without absolute certainty about what tomorrow will bring. You may even learn to enjoy living on the edge between faith and absolute disaster. In any case, knowing God's will will cease to be an academic exercise, like doing your homework before going to bed at night. Instead, it will become the most exciting adventure you've ever known as you set out into the unknown to follow God wherever he leads you. What is emphasized from Abraham's life is his trust in God. Trust is the most powerful fruit, the strongest, clearest evidence, of belief. Trust is faith in action, setting a truly converted person apart from one who believes only intellectually. The Christian must live his life by faith.

Abraham saw Christ as the Savior and Author of eternal salvation in his mind's eye and demonstrated his trust in this fact through his conduct. Abraham's proceeding on despite not knowing where he was going demonstrates that he put himself unreservedly in God's hands. He actually performed what he said he believed despite its potential cost. His feet, as it were, gave proof of what was in his heart by where and how he walked.

God expects us to follow the same trustful attitude that motivated Abraham's actions.

Abraham's obedient response suggests that no

proud, stiff-necked rebel will be in the Kingdom of God. No one wrapped up in himself will survive this difficult path, only those who by faith are humbly submissive to God's will.

The call of Abraham is told with dramatic simplicity in Genesis 12:1.

Abraham is the supreme example of faith.

(i). Abraham's faith was the faith that was ready for adventure.

It is sometimes necessary for the Christian to take the way to which the voice of God is calling him without knowing what the consequences will be. Like Abraham he has to go out not knowing where he is going.

(ii). Abraham's faith was the faith which had patience.

The man of faith is the man whose hope is flaming bright and whose effort is intensely strenuous even in the grey days when there is nothing to do but to wait.

(iii). Abraham's faith was the faith which was looking beyond this world.

God cannot give us the vision unless we permit him; but if we wait upon him, even in earth's desert places he will send us the vision and with it the toil and trouble of the way become all worthwhile.

It is our turn that do we live by faith.

Abraham left all the pleasures, comfort and moved towards God.

Are we willing to hear his call and to obey?

Are we willing to follow Him? It is the time to examine ourselves

Abraham faith expressed in obedience and patience

He left every thing

He waited patiently for a new city which he had never seen

In this technological World, without faith How will we reach the destination

By faith Abraham obeyed the call of God.

By faith Abraham waited for the promise of God.



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## मसीही सेवा महिला संगति

जबलपुर डायोसिस, चर्च ऑफ नार्थ इंडिया  
विस्तृत बाइबिल अध्ययन

प्रभु यीशु मसीह के मधुर नाम में जय मसीह की।

अत्यन्त हर्ष का विषय है कि जबलपुर डायोसिस मसीही सेवा महिला संगति द्वारा 17 जुलाई 2021 से 2 अक्टूबर 2021 तक विस्तृत बाइबिल अध्ययन का आयोजन प्रत्येक शनिवार को संध्या 6 बजे से 7 बजे तक जूम एप पर किया गया। यह बाइबिल अध्ययन आमोस नबी के पूरे 9 अध्याय व यिर्मयाह नबी की पुस्तक के 30 अध्याय से 52 अध्याय तक किया गया, जिसमें जबलपुर डायोसिस के सम्मानिय पासवान रेव्ड अजय उमेश जेम्स, रेव्ड नीलेश सिंग, रेव्ड बूस थंगादुराई, रेव्ड डेनियल नाथ, रेव्ड थॉमस कुजूर, रेव्ड. राहुल रोहण कुमार व डीकन रजनीश पॉल डेनियल ने उत्साहपूर्वक अपना सहयोग प्रदान किया एवं संचालन आदरणीय मैडम नोरा सिंह, श्रीमती पूनम डेनियल, श्रीमती सविता जोसफ, श्रीमती प्रेरणा जॉली शाह, श्रीमती किरण जेम्स, श्रीमती प्रियंका थंगादुराई, श्रीमती नमिता बाघ व श्रीमती ग्रेंस ज्योत्सना मोजेस के द्वारा किया गया।

में परमेश्वर पिता को धन्यवाद देती हूँ कि इन विषम परिस्थितियों में लॉक डाउन होने पर भी परमेश्वर के वचन को समझने का अवसर डायोसिस की सभी महिलाओं को मिला। इसका पूरा श्रेय माननीय द मोस्ट रेव्ड. डॉ. पी.सी. सिंह व आदरणीय मैडम नोरा सिंह जी को देती हूँ जिनके सतत मार्गदर्शन में यह कार्य सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न हुआ। श्री पीयूष पॉल सिंह जी को भी हृदय से धन्यवाद देती हूँ जिन्होंने प्रत्येक शनिवार को जूम मीटिंग का आयोजन करने में सहयोग किया। इस अध्ययन से हम सभी बहनो ने आशीष प्राप्त की है !

श्रीमती सविता जोसफ  
सचिव

डायोसिसन मसीही सेवा महिला संगति  
जबलपुर डायोसिस सी.एन.आई.





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**Women Fellowship for Christian Services,  
Disciples Church of Christ, CNI, Jabalpur**

Women Fellowship for Christian Services, Disciples Church of Christ, CNI, Jabalpur had organized One Day Seminar for Women on 6th Nov. 2021 based on the Theme – **“Effect of Modern Technology in Christian Family”** under the guidance of our presbyter In-charge Rev. S. Nilesh Singh. The main verse taken from Bible was **“She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness” (Proverbs: 31-27)**. This Seminar was conducted in Three Sessions. First Session’s Main Speaker was Mrs. Nora Singh, the first lady of CNI, Synod and the Director Vikas Asha Kendra. The subject is **“Effect of Modern Technology between Husband and Wife.”** Madam Nora Singh in her message taught that today, in every family modern technology is affected very badly and the parents specially mother should watch very minutely their children’s activities and teach what is good for their children. The Second and Third Sessions’ Main Speaker was Rev. Mrs. Shirley Lall, Programme Director, Synod, CNI, Delhi. The subject was **“Effect of Modern Technology between parents & their children and in our youth – habit or addict”**. Rev. Shirley Lall in her message said that the modern technology is very good, if it is used for good causes, but also very bad, if it is used for bad causes. The results are good or bad depends upon its uses. She taught that the area of using modern technologies i.e. Mobile, Whatsapp, Google, Internet is very vast. This is the responsibility of parents that they should teach their children as well as youth how to use these social media apps for their growth. In this Seminar, we organized different interesting Games also, in which, the women enjoyed very much. We have invited all the Local Pastors of CNI and Women Fellowship Members of different churches. All the women had a blessed time and learnt through biblical characters that how Christian family grow spiritually and lives happily in this modern technology time.

Mrs. Moona Pandit  
President

Mrs. Leena David  
Secretary

Mrs. Chandra Prabha Masih  
Treasurer





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### मसीही महिला सेवा संगति सेन्ट पॉल्स चर्च सी.एन.आई. ढायोसिसन स्तरीय एक दिवसीय कार्यशाला दिनांक 19.11.2021

मुख्य पद :- "हर बुद्धिमान स्त्री अपने घर को बनाती है। (नीतिवचन 14:1)  
मुख्य विषय :- मसीही महिला अपनी सन्तान की उत्तम शिक्षिका है।

आप सभी को जय मसीह की,

सर्वप्रथम मैं परमेश्वर पिता को धन्यवाद देना चाहती हूँ, कि हमारी सेंट पॉल्स चर्च में कोरोना महामारी के पश्चात् ढायसेसन स्तरीय एक दिवसीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन दिनांक 19.11.2021 को सफलतापूर्वक हुआ। जिसमें मुख्य अतिथि और मुख्य वक्ता प्रथम महिला सी.एन.आई. सिनड एवं डायरेक्टर विकास आशा केंद्र, हमारी आदरणीय श्रीमती नोरा सिंह जी थी। इस कार्यशाला में DWFCS की महिला सभा और जबलपुर जिले की चारों कलीसियाओं (डिसाईपल्स चर्च ऑफ क्राईस्ट चर्च, क्राईस्ट चर्च कैथीड्रल, सेन्ट पॉल्स चर्च गो. क्लपुर, सी एन आई चर्च घाना ) की महिलाओं ने अपनी उपस्थिति दी।

आदरणीया वक्ता ने अपने उद्बोधन में बताया, कि एक मसीही महिला को अपने घर की उत्तम संचालिका, अपने बच्चों की अध्यात्मिक शिक्षिका, प्रार्थना योद्धा, अपने सहयोगियों के बीच विश्वासी योद्धा तथा सभी के मध्य स्नेहपूर्वक व्यवहार करने वाली होना चाहिए। अपने बच्चों को मसीह की आज्ञाओं से अवगत कराना आदि प्रेरणादायक बातों से महिलाओं को जागरूक किया।

इस कार्यशाला में आयोजित प्रतियोगिताओं में सभी कलीसियाओं की महिलाओं ने उत्साहपूर्वक हिस्सा लिया, और उनमें अनेक पुरस्कार जीते।

- प्रार्थना योद्धाओं ने अनेक विषयों पर प्रार्थना की।
- खेलों द्वारा महिलाओं का मनोरंजन हुआ।
- अंत में सभी विजेताओं, निर्णायकों को पुरस्कार वितरित किया गया।
- आभार-प्रदर्शन, अंतिम प्रार्थना और प्रभु की प्रार्थना द्वारा कार्यशाला का समापन हुआ।

अंत में मैं परमेश्वर पिता को धन्यवाद देती हूँ एवं सभी के प्रयास से यह कार्यशाला सफलतापूर्वक सम्पन्न हो सकी।

धन्यवाद।

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श्रीमती अमिता डेविड  
सेन्ट पॉल्स चर्च, घमापुर





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### Youth Month



Ms. Srishti Sathe

The month of September is usually observed as Youth Month in the Diocese of Jabalpur. This year's theme was from the Book of Joshua Chapter 1 v 9 "..... Be strong and courageous"

As we all are aware that the days of Youthhood are challenging as we have lot of earthly distractions but at the same time through this fellowship we have the opportunity to learn more about the Word of God and to grow in the Lord together.

Several meetings were held by the Youth Office bearers of different Churches and a detailed order was finalised towards the Youth Weeks that would be held by various Church Youth Groups.

Each Church had kept distinct competitions for the Youth.

Keeping in mind the Covid protocol, only a three day Youth Week was organised by each Church and a maximum of 50 people were allowed to witness and participate in these competitions.

The Youth Week began with a Devotion Service where our Guest of Honour was Mrs. Nora Singh, The First Lady of CNI, SYNOD and Director of Vikas Asha Kendra, who also shared the Word of God with us and encouraged the Youth to actively participate in the work of the Lord.

The first Youth Week was conducted by Christ Church Cathedral. Everyday the Praise & Worship was led by the Church Youth Group consisting of 21 members. Pastors from other Churches, Principals of the member schools and the active parishioners helped in judging various competitions.

We all had the privilege to have the presence of our Hon. Moderator The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh and Mrs. Nora Singh on the final day and they helped us in giving away the prizes.

The second Youth Week was held in Disciples Church of Christ where the Youth Group helped us with learning new Worship Songs.

Many interesting competitions were held which also involved the audience and left them with greater enthusiasm.

On the Final Day Rev. Nilesh Singh, Pastor of Disciples Church of Christ and Rev. Bruce Thangadurai, Pastor of Christ Church Cathedral helped in giving away the prizes.

The third Youth Week was organized by St. Paul's Church. The Word of God was shared with us by their Parish members which enlightened us all.

On the final Day, the Guest of Honour was Mrs. Nora Singh, The First Lady of CNI, SYNOD and Director of Vikas Asha Kendra who helped in giving away the prizes. The Youth Group of St. Paul's Church gave a small note of thanks and chocolates to different Church Groups that participated.

A one Day Youth Retreat was held in S.S. Philips & James Church, Katni and in Seoni Church, Kacheri Chowk respectively.

A Badminton Tournament (Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles) was held at the Robinson Hall. A Volleyball Tournament for men also took place and it was graced by the presence of Mrs. Nora Singh.

This year holds a testimony that even after certain hurdles, the Diocese of Jabalpur was able to successfully conduct the Youth Month through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were all one in Christ and our Almighty God helped us to be Strong and Courageous throughout the competitions we took part in.

We would like to thank our Honourable Moderator Sir, The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, CNI, SYNOD for all his kind support and Madam Nora Singh, First Lady of CNI, SYNOD for all her guidance throughout.

We would also like to thank all the Pastors of different Churches for their encouragement and the Pastorate Committee members for their readiness to help physically and financially.

We are grateful to all the parents who willingly sent their children to join the Youth Fellowship and we would really love to see the numbers grow, not only in the Youth Fellowship but also all the Sunday Schools where their roots in the Lord will get stronger.

Above all we thank our Almighty God for providing us with all the resources for having a successful Youth Month 2021.

# Youth Month September 2021





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### **Christ Church Cathedral Annual Fete 2021**

Keeping to the tradition which has been followed by Christ Church Cathedral, Jabalpur for over four decades, the annual church fete this year was held on the 7th of November 2021. However, adhering to the Covid-19 protocol as imposed in the city, the fete had to be confined only to the parishioners and the hostellers of both the Christ Church Schools as an event to bring the people closer to each other in the spirit of enjoyment.

The event began with a word of prayer by Rev. Shubb after which Mrs. Nora Singh, the first lady of the Diocese declared the fete open. With this, the games stalls and food stalls commenced and there was a lot of enthusiasm among the visitors. Mr. Philip Palmer and Rev Bruce Thangadurai who were the comperes for the day made the event lively and fulfilled. As the day progressed, we had a good strength of visitors who crowded the stalls and were seen enjoying themselves.

The game stalls included horse race, car race, pyramid, hoopla, etc. which got the attention of children and grown-ups alike. There was a variety of food stalls selling a wide range of food items right from snacks to meals most of which were prepared by the parishioners themselves and was appreciated by all.

Apart from these stalls, games were organised by Mr. Jason Langon for all the children present at the venue. All the children present at the fete participated in various group events and games with zeal and were rewarded as well for winning the competitions which involved flat race, lemon race, banana race, sack race, etc. There were games organised for the adults as well and was fun to witness them participate and win. We even had tug-of-war between the youth members and later between the married and unmarried men and women members of our Church.

The finale event of the fete, the Lucky draw was decided with the spinning of the number wheel. The crowd present held on to their raffle tickets to witness their luck with the prizes. The prizes of the lucky draw included -Refrigerator, Microwave, Mixer grinder, 2.1 Sound System, Trolley bag, Induction cook top, Digital clock, LED torch big and small and Steam iron press. The prizes were won not only by the parishioners but also by the others who bought the raffle tickets to support the church.

The purpose of the Christ Church annual fete is to generate revenue which can be used for maintenance of the Church and other purposes. In the year 2015 the entire revenue raised from the fete was donated towards the renovation of the Ratanpur Church, a rural Church adopted by Christ Church Cathedral.

This year with God's blessing and the support of the parishioners, we were able to raise 15% more than the previous year's annual fete revenue. This will be used for the maintenance and future projects for the betterment of our Cathedral.

The Church fete this year too was a big success and was possible because of the tireless efforts of our fete conveners Mr. Abhay Sathe & Col. Vineet Daniel, our two pastors Rev. Bruce Thangadurai & Rev. Subha Venkatram, the Church workers and the Women and Youth Fellowship members who are the backbone of our Church.

As a Church and its Members, we were able to witness the guidance and providence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the success of our Annual Church. We thank Him for His presence which made everything possible inspite of the challenges and the uncertainties we faced.

**Isaac A. Thangadurai,**  
Vice-President (Youth Fellowship)



# Christ Church Cathedral Fete 2021





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# Church Activities





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## **Nine Lesson Carol Service**

The Messiah was born two thousand years ago in the little town of Bethlehem in a manger. He came to this world as a reminder of God's love for all of us. The 'Nine Lesson Carol Service' is a century old tradition followed by the Christ Church Cathedral which involves reading of nine scripture lessons regarding the birth of Christ followed by singing of carols after each lesson. The service prepares us for the season of Christmas and helps us to welcome our saviour with a joyful heart. The service is attended by the clergy of the church and the schools that function under its name. The head of the Cathedral, Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese and other pastors bless the occasion with their presence in the service.

The first 'Nine Lesson Carol Service' was held in Christ Church Cathedral in 1918 on the Christmas eve and was planned by Eric Milner-White. Since 1919, the service has always begun with the hymn, 'Hark the Herald' or 'O Come All Ye faithful' reminding us to prepare ourselves for the season of Christmas. The service has been continuing for more than a century and is revered as a sacred occasion which brings everyone together for Christmas till today.

The service commenced in the evening on 12th December, 2021. The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, Moderator of CNI, Synod and Bishop of Diocese of Jabalpur graced the service with his presence and his blessings for everyone for Christmas. He has always been supportive to the

activities of the Cathedral and a source of encouragement to every Christian. Mrs. Nora Singh, The First Lady of CNI, SYNOD and Director of Vikas Asha Kendra, Jabalpur, was also present. The Cathedral was blessed with the presence of many other dignitaries.

The service began with the Presbyter in-charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Bruce Thangadurai welcoming all the attendees to the service followed by Rev. Richard Rodgers performing the opening prayer. 'Hark the Herald' was the first hymn sung to glorify the coming of Baby Jesus. The song was sung by the congregation in unison, praising and honoring the occasion of Christmas.

The Pastorate Committee performed a special number with four part singing and lifted the Christmas spirit of everyone. The service proceeded with the nine lessons being read by the different wings of the church and the schools. Each lesson was followed by singing of carols by the choirs representing the groups and the schools. The Christ Church Sunday School children presented the carols after the first lesson. The children sang in the dark with only a few lights on which gave a heavenly feeling. The Christ Church Youth Fellowship performed their carols in the second lesson. The youth has been very actively participating around the city in many carol singing events and has impressed many with the addition of new members to the group.



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## Nine Lesson Carol Service

The Third to the Eighth lessons were read by the Principals of the various Christ Church Schools which come under Diocese of Jabalpur and the students participated in singing the carols for their respective schools. The Third lesson was done by Christ Church School for Boys & Girls ISC followed by Christ Church Co-Ed School, Saliwada who did the Fourth lesson. The Christ Church Girls' Senior Secondary School did the Fifth lesson while Christ Church Boys' Senior Secondary School did the Sixth lesson. Christ Church Jabalpur Diocesan High School did the Seventh lesson and Christ Church Girls' School, Vijay Nagar did the Eighth lesson.

The Ninth and the final lesson was done by the Christ Church Women's Fellowship. The Women's Fellowship of our Church, comprises of women of different age groups who come together to glorify Christ in different church activities and events.

Mr. Philip Palmer, active member of the Church offered the Offertory Prayer.

Mr. Nora Singh, The First Lady of CNI, SYNOD and Director of Vikas Asha Kendra gave the concluding narration on the service.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Subha Venkatram, Assistant Presbyter of Christ Church Cathedral. The Benediction was offered by The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, Moderator of CNI, Synod and Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese

who gave his blessings to all present in the service.

The 'Nine Lesson Carol Service' was concluded with the benedictory carol 'Silent Night'. The carol was sung by the congregation by kneeling down. After the service the cake prepared by the church was served to everyone.

The 'Nine Lesson Carol Service' is a tradition which brings together the people to ready their hearts for the Christmas season. With the ongoing pandemic it was a relief that everyone could get together to experience and participate in this service.

**Mr Samarth Gaikwad**  
Youth Member  
Christ Church Cathedral





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**Disciples Church of Christ, CNI, Jabalpur  
World Sunday School Day 2021**

यीशुने कहा छोटे-छोटे बालको को मेरे पास आने दो उन्हें माना न करोक्युकीपरमेश्वर का राज्य ऐसा ही का है च मरकुस 10:14

डिसाईपल्स चर्च आफ क्राइस्ट सीएनआई जबलपुर में प्रतिवर्ष इस वर्ष भी दिनांक 14<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 21 को वर्ल्ड सन्डे स्कूल डे आयोजित किया गयाच विगत दो वर्षों से कोरोनाकाल के उपरांत यह एक अत्यंत सफल कार्यक्रम आयोजित हुआच इस कार्यक्रम में हमारे चर्च के पासवान रेव्ह<sup>०</sup> एस<sup>०</sup> निलेश सिंह<sup>०</sup> डिकन इडिथ करिश्मा मार्टिन एवं श्री कीर्ति नाथ तथा सन्डे स्कूल सुप्रिन्टेन्डेन्ट श्रीमती रजनी बनाफरे सन्डे स्कूल टीचर्स श्रीमती कंचन परशादी<sup>०</sup> श्रीमती ग्लोरिया कर्निलियस<sup>०</sup> श्रीमती अलका<sup>०</sup> श्रीमती शीना जॉय परशादी<sup>०</sup> श्रीमती अनुभा जेकब<sup>०</sup> श्रीमती जेनिस जेम्स<sup>०</sup> चर्च सचिव श्री सौरभ पंडित<sup>०</sup> चर्चकोषाध्यक्ष श्री शितिज जेकब<sup>०</sup> कन्विनर श्री एरियल विक्टर का भरपूर सहयोग एवं अगुवाई प्राप्त हो सकाच महिला सभा<sup>०</sup> युवा सभा सभी का इस कार्यक्रम में सहयोग प्राप्त हुआच इस कार्यक्रम में 8 चर्चके लगभग 200 बच्चो ने भाग लिया यह गिनती कोविड के कारण सिमित की गई थीच

वर्ल्ड सन्डे स्कूल कार्यक्रम रेव्ह<sup>०</sup> निलेश सिंह की प्रार्थना से प्रातः 9 बजे आरंभ हुआच आरंभिक स्तुतिगान युवा सभा की अगुवाई में हुआ च बच्चो की कक्षा अनुसार विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताये चर्च परिसर में सदभावना भवनएवंगार्डन में आयोजित की गयी च कलीसिया के सदस्यों द्वारा निर्णायकगण<sup>०</sup> इन्चार्ज का दायित्वसहर्षनिर्वाह किया गयाच जिसके लिये वे धन्यवाद के पात्र हैच 11बजे तक प्रथम चरण प्रतियोगिता समाप्तहुई एवंबच्चो कोचाय नाश्ता प्रदान किया गयाच

डिकन इडिथ एवं श्रीमती रश्मि विक्टर द्वारा फन गेम बेहद मनोरंजक तरीके से आयोजित किया गयाचविधिवत तरीके से फुगगे उड़ाकरसांस्कृतिककार्यक्रमका शुभारम्भ कियागयाच 11:30 बजे से कार्यक्रम का द्वतीय चरण आरंभ हुआचसांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया जिसमे सभी चर्चों के बच्चो ने नृत्य<sup>०</sup> गीत<sup>०</sup> ड्रामा के द्वारा परमेश्वर की महिमा कीच बच्चो द्वारा सराहनीय कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया गयाच अंत में पारितोषक वितरणकिया गया विभिन्न प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम<sup>०</sup> द्वितिय<sup>०</sup> तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त करने वाले बच्चो को पुरस्कार दिया गयाच अनुशासन शील्ड इस वर्ष सेंट लुकस चर्च एसीएनआई मंडला को मिलीच

दी<sup>०</sup> रेव्ह<sup>०</sup> अजय उमेश जेम्स एवं विभिन्न कलीसिया के उपस्थित पासवान साहब द्वारा पारितोषण वितरण में सहयोग किया गयाच आप सभीकी उपस्थिति से कार्यक्रम और भीगौरवमयी हो गयाच

वर्ल्ड सन्डे स्कूल स्कूल डे कार्यक्रम कन्वीनर श्री एरियल विक्टर द्वारा धन्यवाद जापन किया गयाच रजिस्ट्रेशन कमेटी श्रीमती रीता धन्यवाद द्वारा सफलतापूर्वक संचालित हुआच अंत में भोजन व्यवस्था महिला सभा के सहयोग से सुव्यवस्थित तरीके से संपन्न हुआच बच्चो ने स्वादिष्ट बिरयानी का लुफ्त उठायाच

इस प्रकार वर्ष 2021 18वाँ वर्ल्ड सन्डे स्कूल डे कार्यक्रम परमेश्वर की उपस्थिति<sup>०</sup> दया से सफलतापूर्वक संपन्न हुआच

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श्रीमती शीना जॉय परशादी





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## New Members on Board All We Can

The Jabalpur Diocese is please to welcome the following members in our All We Can (overseas) Team. We pray for their well being and wish them well!



Ms. Sophie French, UK

**Ms. Sophie French** joined the Jabalpur Diocese as a Partnership Manager for CNI at All We Can, London. She is also 'Safeguarding, Impact and Learning officer' at All We Can.



Prof William Otiende Ogara, Nigeria

**Prof William Otiende Ogara** is a born again Christian and a family man. He is currently a Freelance Consultant/Executive Coach targeting Senior Leadership in Churches, NGO's and Private Sector Organizations in Africa and beyond. William brings with him rich experience from CORAT Africa (a Pan African Leadership Development Entity) spanning over 2 decades of work in Organization Development and Change Management, Leadership Development, Coaching Support, Risk and Corporate Governance and Finance Management. In terms of honorary assignments he serves as Provincial Treasurer of ACK, Chair of Finance Committee of AACC, among many other pan African Organizations.

**In the field of Corporate Governance and Leadership:** William has since served in a number of Boards. These include the two terms at Central Bank of Kenya (eight years in total) where he served as a Board Member and Chair of Audit and Risk Committee of the Bank 2006/2015. He now serves in the Central Bank of Seychelles Board. He has served as a Board member at PWRDF, Canada and a Committee Member of Church World Service USA. William is also involved in occasional assignments on request from IMF.

**In the field of Strategy and Finance:** William is a Finance Expert having qualified as CPA(K) with PwC (formerly Coopers and Lybrand). He is currently one of the facilitators at the Centre for Corporate Governance, where he specializes in strategy, risk and financial matters. William has done a number of assignments in a number of NGO's in some 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. William holds a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya.

**Academically and Professionally:** William is a Professor in Organizational Change in Renewal He brings with him useful experience of having worked with an International Audit firm, presently Price Water House Coopers, where he qualified as a Certified Public Accountant. In addition, he has obtained the following academic qualifications: B.Com (Hons) University of Nairobi; MBA Brunel University, UK; PhD (in Organizational Change and Renewal) from Louisiana, USA.

**Distinguished Awards:** William is privileged to have received several international distinguished awards. These include one from the Primate's World Relief Development Fund, Canada (2012); The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya as a Fellow of ICPAK (2012) and the presently a Lay Canon of the ACK Diocese of Nairobi.



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Prof. Nivedita Abraham,  
Consultant All We Can,  
Diocese Of Jabalpur.

### **Workshop at Bandhavgarh**

36 Youth attend 2 Day SYFC Workshop at Bandhavgarh Synodical Youth Fellowship Committee youth Programme was held at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve on November 2nd and 3rd. About 36 youth representatives from more than 7 Diocese attended the programme. The core objective of the programme was to help the youth identify their calling to serve the Lord by way of different ministries, including, helping them to identify their calling.

After worship and prayers, Mr. Piyush Paul Singh, President, SYFC thanked God Almighty and welcomed the dignitaries and the participants.

The Theme of the workshop was "we are called to serve". After lighting of the lamp, Mr. Saumya Ranjan Mohanty, Chief Coordinator, CNI SBSS narrated the journey and the propose of SYFC. How SBSS has been active in different locations and on different agendas and issues was highlighted to the youth. The basic objective was to develop sensitivity among the youth on the issues like this and help them to find ways and means to contribute his/her best to the community. Mr. Mohanty also emphasized on understanding the nature of Injustice and Slavery in modern times.

Every session concluded with some reflection exercise and group work. This made the sessions interactive and lively.

It was also shared by the dignitaries that the basic objective of such Youth Programmes is to develop the leadership qualities of the youth leaders and help them take care of their respective churches and eventually develop second line command and succession planning in the churches. One of the other issues among the youth was gender representation amongst the churches. Some recognized that though there is negligent level of gender imbalance in the local church but much gender imbalance existing at the Diocesan and Synodical level.

One the prominent Church Veteran, Mr. Suresh C Jacob, (Treasurer CNI, SBSS) highlighted the CNI History and significance of the different Boards in fulfilling the Mission of CNI. He also briefed the organizational structure and different ministries that help in achieving its missions and objectives.

The house was left with a couple of burning questions for them to reflect on. One of such question that the house was left with was, "If sent from SBSS to do field work, which sector of the society would you serve and why?"

The afternoon session after the lunch was for sightseeing. Some could spot tiger, while some could not! The day ended with the bonfire dinner and fellowship.

The next day started on the right note, with morning prayers and devotion. Mrs. Nivedita Mohanty, Resource Person, took special session on Leadership and Youth. The session was engaging and interactive helping the youth to recognize their role in the church ministry.

Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan, Bishop Diocese of Bhopal talked about the Church and Community on Social Issues. While Bishop, The Rt. Rev M U Kasab, Chairperson CNI SBSS, emphasised the need for awareness among the youth.

The dignitaries present apart from participants were, Rt. Rev M U Kasab, Bishop of Marathwada, Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan, Bishop of Bhopal, Mr. Suresh C Jacob, Mr. Soumya Rajan, Mr. Mayank Thomas, Mr. Shitij C Jacob, Prof. Nivedita Abraham, Consultant All We Can, Diocese Of Jabalpur.





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## क्राइस्ट चर्च बाँयज सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल जबलपुर

क्राइस्ट चर्च बाँयज सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल जबलपुर के 1 नवंबर 1870 स्थापना दिवस एवं 150 वर्ष पूर्ण करने पर विशेष आलेख

किसी नगर की सांस्कृतिक गरिमा के संवाहक उसके विद्यालय होते हैं। यह विद्यालय राष्ट्र और प्रदेश के शक्तिशाली शिक्षा व्यवस्था के वह नींव पत्थर होते हैं जिन पर शिक्षा रूपी सुसंस्कृत इमारत का निर्माण होता है। इसी शाश्वत विचारधारा के पोषक रेव्ह विलियम बारकर ड्रॉब्रिज (1833-1919) ने क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल की स्थापना हेतु अपने सद प्रयास आरंभ किए। 25 मई 1870 में रेव्ह ड्रॉब्रिज ने ईस्ट इंडिया रेलवे बोर्ड ऑफ एजेंसी की सभा कार्यवाही के विद्वार लेखन, (मिनट बुक) में उद्धृत किया, '.....क्योंकि कंपनी कर्मचारियों के बच्चों के लिए कोई एक अच्छा स्कूल नहीं है अतः उनके पादरों ने बोर्ड से अपेक्षा तथा प्रार्थना की कि इस महत् कार्य हेतु बोर्ड उन्हें आधे बंगले के उपयोग की अनुमति दे तथा किताब एवं अन्य छोटी मोटी आवश्यकता की पूर्ति भी करे। रेव्ह ड्रॉब्रिज एवं मि.जीपी थॉमस के प्रयासों से स्कूल स्थापना का कार्य और तेज हुआ तथा कंपनी के निश्चय क्रमांक 1381 में उत्तर पश्चिमी सीमांत प्रांत के बैरिक मास्टर से बिना किराए के रेलवे का आधा बंगला तथा 20रु प्रति माह की दर से अनुदान (1 जून 1870) से देने का निर्देश दिया गया। इस तरह क्राइस्ट चर्च के पार्श्व भाग से शुरू हुए स्कूल की विधिवत शुरुआत हुई। स्कूल के विस्तार हेतु रेव्ह ड्रॉब्रिज हमेशा प्रयासरत रहे। एक दस्तावेज में वे लिखते हैं, '1871 के प्रारंभ में मैंने उक्त रेलवे स्कूल के लिए शासकीय अनुदान हेतु आवेदन किया। फलतः एम.ई. विलिण्ड इंस्पेक्टर जनरल ऑफ एजुकेशन सी पी, के आदेश क्रमांक 1647 नागपुर 5 जून 1872 के द्वारा रुपए 50 प्रति माह की दर पर शासकीय अनुदान 1 अप्रैल 1872 से स्वीकृत किया गया।

क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल के प्रथम प्रधानाध्यापक सी डब्लू हारकोर्ट थे, जिन्हें 150रु प्रतिमाह वेतन दिया जाता था। एक शिक्षक श्री फिटजविलियम थे जिन्हें 50 रु प्रतिमाह वेतन प्राप्त होता था।

यह स्कूल क्राइस्टचर्च कैथिड्रल से हमेशा संबद्ध रहा है। स्कूल कमेटी तत्कालीन कमिश्नर, कलेक्टर की अध्यक्षता में कार्य करती थी तथा ईस्ट इंडिया रेलवे तथा गेट इंडियन पेनिनसुलर रेलवे जी. आई. पी.आर. के प्रतिनिधि इसमें सदस्य रहते थे। उन दिनों यह गिरजा चर्च ऑफ इंग्लैंड कहलाता था जो अंग्रेज शासकों का राजकीय गिरजा हुआ करता था। अतः यह स्कूल प्रारंभ से ही अंग्रेज शासकों के संरक्षण में रहा। तत्कालीन अंग्रेज सरकार के इंस्पेक्टर ऑफ स्कूल मिस्टर जॉर्ज थॉमसन ने स्कूल के दस्तावेज में 15 दिसंबर 1876 को अंकित किया शाला में 38 विद्यार्थी नामांकित हैं। थॉमसन ने शाला के छात्रों की परीक्षा ली तथा उनकी प्रगति को संतोषजनक पाया। उन्होंने इसी प्रतिवेदन में यह रोचक अंकन भी किया कि वर्तमान में यूरोपियन बच्चों को उर्दू पढ़ाई जाती है क्या उन्हें उर्दू के स्थान पर हिंदी पढ़ाना ज्यादा उपयोगी ना होगा? दिनोंदिन शाला में छात्रों की संख्या बढ़ने लगी 1873 में पहली बार इंस्पेक्टर ने दोनों शालाओं शब्द का उपयोग किया। इसके पूर्व 1873 में छात्रों की संख्या का संकेत नहीं मिलता, अतः 1873 से क्राइस्ट चर्च बाँयज और गर्ल्स शालाएं अलग अलग कार्य करने लगी परंतु कार्यालय व्यवस्था एक ही थी। 1894 में क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल अपने वर्तमान परिसर में स्थापित हो गया था।

आंशिक यूरोपियन बच्चों के शाला प्रवेश हेतु एक रोचक प्रसंग मिलता है। सन 1900 के पूर्व इस शाला में केवल यूरोपियन बच्चों को ही प्रवेश दिया जाता था। मिस्टर आई. डीलैंज डिप्टी कमिश्नर कार्यालय को एक बच्चा रेलवे स्टेशन पर मिला उन्होंने यूरोपियन पद्धति से उस बच्चे का पालन पोषण किया, जब उसे स्कूल में भर्ती कराने का प्रयास किया तो कमेटी के द्वारा आपत्ति उठाई गई। तब मिस्टर डीलैंज ने स्पष्टीकरण दिया कि इस बात से इंकार नहीं किया जा सकता कि यह बच्चा आंशिक यूरोपियन नहीं हो सकता है। इस तर्क पर मि. डीलैंज के पुत्र के रूप में उस बच्चे को प्रवेश दिया गया।

जैसे जैसे नगर की आबादी बढ़ने लगी, शाला में छात्रों की संख्या में भी इजाफा हुआ। छात्रों को घर से स्कूल तक लाने के लिए 1903 में स्कूल मैनेजिंग कमेटी के सदस्य डॉक्टर पीटर कलन ने स्कूल को एक ओमनी बस भेंट दी। यह ओमनी बस पेट्रोल चलित गाड़ी नहीं थी अपितु एक बैलगाड़ी थी। इस बस से फैक्ट्रियों एवं रेलवे के कर्मचारियों के बच्चों को स्कूल लाया जाता था। ओमनी बस में बैल खरीदी हेतु डॉक्टर कलन ने 150 रु भी दिए थे जो उन्हें सधन्यवाद सहित वापस कर, शासन द्वारा बैलों को उपलब्ध कराया गया था। यह ओमनी बस जब बच्चों को स्कूल लेकर आती थी तो लगभग डेढ़ घंटे का समय लगता था। कई बार विद्यार्थी इस बस को छोड़कर पैदल ही स्कूल पहुंच जाते थे।

सन 1920 में तत्कालीन कमिश्नर एफ. जे. वुडवर्ड ने भाषाई संवाद को दूर करने के लिए एक विशेष बात कही। मिस्टर वुडवर्ड ने कहा कि अंग्रेजी ना बोलने वाले बच्चों को सीमित संख्या में 1 जुलाई से प्रवेश दिया जा सकता है। शुल्क 10 रु प्रति माह और यदि एक परिवार के दो बच्चे हों तो शुल्क 8 रु प्रतिमाह लिया जाए। 13 मई 1929 को कचहरी में हुई



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द्वारा एक और निर्णय लिया गया। मिस्टर एस. ए. स्लोकाक, जो उस समय पदासीन थे की उपस्थिति में यह निर्णय था, मात्र 10 अपेक्षाकृत संपन्न नॉन क्रिश्चियन भारतीय बच्चों को शाला में प्रवेश दिया जाए।

19 अक्टूबर 1929 में पहले भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षक को नौकरी, 125 रु प्रति माह के वेतन पर दी गई।

क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल ने समयसमय पर शिक्षा सोपानों को पार किया है। 1956 में यह शाला हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल तथा 1994 में सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल बनी।

क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल परिसर में देशविदेश के अनेक गणमान्य नागरिक शिक्षाविद, धर्म उपदेशक, चिंतक, साहित्यकार भारतीय एवं पश्चात्य तत्वज्ञान के मनीषियों का आगमन हो चुका है। मानवता की पोषक नोबेल पुरस्कार से सम्मानित स्वर्गीय मदर टेरेसा ने 5 मार्च 1975 को अपने आशीर्वाचनों से स्कूल को नवाजा था। आर्चबिशप आफ केंटरबरी जस्टिन वेल्बी का आगमन भी शाला में हो चुका है।

क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल से निकले छात्र ज्यादातर भारतीय सेना में गए हैं। कुछ छात्र अपनी उल्लेखनीय भूमिका के लिए सम्मानित हुए हैं। सेकंड लेफ्टिनेंट डेविड देवदासन वीर चक्र मरणोपरांत, मेजर इनायत युसूफ जी वीर चक्र, मेजर सुरेश सोनपार वीर चक्र, वाइस एडमिरल ग्यानन एन. नाडकर भारतीय नौसेना, लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल एडगर पेंटागल अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल, रेक्स नारेस भारतीय ओलंपिक के हॉकी खिलाड़ी, मिस्टर फ्रैंक एंथोनी लोकसभा सदस्य, मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री द्वारिका प्रसाद मिश्र के बेटे श्री ब्रजेश मिश्र कई देशों में राजदूत राष्ट्र संघ में स्थाई प्रतिनिधि नामिबिया में यूएन कमिश्नर, जेम्स कोटिलिंगम अमेरिका में रोनाल्ड रीगन के शल्य चिकित्सक एरल एसाई इंग्लैंड के प्रसिद्ध गायक स्टार ऑफ एशिया के खिताब से सम्मानित, अक्षरधाम के महंत श्री वीनू पटेल आदि लोगों ने विश्व स्तरीय प्रसिद्धि पाई। डॉक्टर पी एस छावड़ा नेत्र विशेषज्ञ, श्री रत्नेश सोलोमन, श्री पुष्पराज सिंह, श्री विवेक तंखा, डॉ. दीपक चौफिन, चंद्रयान साइंटिस्ट डॉक्टर दीपक पुत्रेव, पूर्व न्यायाधीश राजेंद्र मेनन, मुख्य न्यायाधीश श्री संजय यादव, पद्मश्री अजय चौधरी, फिल्म अभिनेता श्रीशरद सक्सेना, श्रीअन्नू कपूर, श्रीआशुतोष राणा, डॉ हेमंत सिंह, विधायक राहुल सिंह आदि छात्रों ने अपने अपने क्षेत्रों में विशेष ख्याति अर्जित की है।

छात्रों को उंचाइयों तक पहुंचाने वाले अनेक शिक्षक शाला को गौरवान्वित करते रहे हैं। स्वर्गीय डी वी बीटसन, स्वर्गीय रामेश्वर प्रसाद गुरु, श्री बी एच पवार, श्रीमती एल जॉस, श्री आर सी सिन्हा, श्री जी. गोस्वामी, श्री वी चौधरी, श्री वीपी गौतम, श्री डब्लू लाजरस, स्वर्गीय बी.बी. सिंह, स्वर्गीय एके दुबे, आदि अध्यापकों की भूमिका निसंदेह सराहनीय रही है।

क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल के गरिमा में प्राचार्य पद को सुशोभित करने वाले व्यक्तित्व हैं मि. सीडब्ल्यू हारकोर्ट 1876 ए मि. जी गालर्ड 1902 ए मि. चार्ल्स थावाय 1903, रॉजर्स 1907, मिस्टर केथ पर्सी 1922, मिस्टर ईसी नेचर 1932, मिस्टर जी के पील 1937, मिस्टर जे पाली 1938, मिस्टर एम डूटरे 1940, रेव. डंब्रिजका. जेई रॉबिसन 1948, मिस्टर बी जे चांदेकर 1978, श्रीमती के एफ जोनाथन 1987, मि.लेडली मैथ्यू के उपरांत श्रीमती एल. एम. साठे आज इस पद को महिमामंडित कर रही हैं।

शाला स्तर में गुणात्मक सुधार हेतु विशप राइट रेव. सुनील काक, रेव. पीडी थंगादुराई के साथ ही वर्तमान प्रबंधक मि. सुरेश सी जैकब, वर्तमान मॉडरेटर, विशप राइट रेव. डॉक्टर पी. सी. सिंह शाला के विकास में सतत प्रयासशील हैं।

21.25 एकड़ में फैला क्राइस्ट चर्च स्कूल परिसर में 1915 को बना छात्रावास अपनी विशिष्ट सेवाओं के लिए प्रसिद्ध है। यहां नर्सरी से 12 वीं कक्षा तक के छात्र मि.एफ. क्लॉडियस के साथ आत्मीय संस्पर्श महसूस कर रहे हैं। खेलकूद में यह शाला विशेष रूप से अग्रणी रही है। यहां की मशाल पीटी कदाचित शालेय स्तर पर देश में शायद ही कहीं अन्यत्र होती है।

विद्यालय में लाइब्रेरी, उन्नत प्रयोगशाला, रंगमंच, विशाल खेल के मैदान एवं कंप्यूटर विभाग भी हैं लगभग 120 अध्यापकों, एवं कार्यालयीन व्यक्तियों के कुशल संचालन में विद्यालय बालकों के सर्वांगीण विकास हेतु वचनबद्ध है।

सादर

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## **Founder's Day Commemoration Service Christ Church Boys' Sr. Sec. School & Christ Church Girls' Sr. Sec School**

With the blessings and guidance of our Moderator, Bishop and Chairman The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh the traditional Founders Day Commemoration Service of the Christ Church Boys' Senior Secondary School and the Christ Church Girls' Senior Secondary School was held on the 1st of November, 2021 at the Christ Church Cathedral.

This Thanksgiving service was started in the year 1892 to memorialize our Founder The Reverend William Barker Drawbridge and all those who have contributed to the development and progress of both the institutions.

The procession of the flag bearing Captains and House Captains of both the schools to the chancel was followed by an hour long service. The Bible lessons were read out by the Principal of the Girls' School Mrs Preeti Thangadurai and the Principal of the Boys' school Mrs Luvy Mary Sathe.

The Founder's Day message was delivered by The Reverend Dennis S. Lal, General Secretary of the CNI Synod, Delhi. He advised the students to be committed and persevering in their actions.

A Collect remembering the Founders, Former and Present Chairmen, Secretaries, Headmasters, Headmistresses, Teachers and old students was read out by the Presbyter The Reverend Bruce Thangadurai. The Responsive Praise and Thanksgiving section was read out by the Reverend Shubb.

The Cathedral echoed with the School Hymn and other hymns that were rendered melodiously by the congregation.

After the Commemoration Service The First Lady of the Synod and Diocese and Manager of the Christ Church Girls' School Madam Nora Singh, Manager of the Christ Church Boys' School Mr Suresh C. Jacob, Principals of the CNI Institutions, Members of the Management, Staff and Prefect Councils of both the schools assembled in the Mary George Hall and enjoyed a sumptuous fellowship breakfast.





**Diocese Of Jabalpur  
Church Of North India**



## **Digital Churches**

### **Training on Information Technology for Pastors at Christ Church Cathedral**

In response to the COVID Lockdown and lockdown of Churches, the Bishop of Jabalpur, The Most Rev Dr. P C Singh, also the Moderator, Church of North India, envisioned "Digital Churches"!

The basic reason for Digital Churches is to connect the congregation to the Pastors and Leaders so that Church would not only be limited to boundaries. One of the most effective measures is to connect online with the body of Christ and cater to their spiritual needs at the time of crises.

22 pastors of Jabalpur Diocese, both from urban and remote rural areas were trained on Information Technology for Church Outreach on October 28, 2021. This training was under the aegis of World Communion of Reformed Churches, Germany.

These sessions on IT are follow up sessions after smart phones were provided to them. The sessions focused on the training on audio visual aid, use to spreadsheet and excel and how to use multimedia and power point presentations.

The Most Rev Dr. P C Singh, also the Moderator, Church of North India was present to encourage the participants of the training.

Mr. Piyush Paul Singh, Principal Christ Church ISC School and Mr. Malcolm Tully (Office Superintendent) were the resource persons for the training.

Prof. Nivedita Abraham, Consultant, also spoke a few words of encouragement to the participants.



**Congratulations Rt Rev Ajay James  
On Being Elected As Bishop Chhattisgarh**



 Congratulations



*Mr Neeraj David*

*On Being Appointed AS*


**SECRETARY**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**DIOCESE OF JABALPUR**



*Congratulations*

**Piyush Paul Singh**  
On Being Appointed as Principal Of  
Christ Church School For Boys & Girls ISC





With a new beginning and fresh start,  
Full of inspiration and positive thoughts,  
Let's begin this year  
with an optimistic thought.



**Wish You All  
A Very Happy  
&  
Prosperous New Year  
2022**