



## Carmel Mar Thoma Church Liverpool United Kingdom

### From the Vicar's desk ....



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Dearly beloved in Christ  
Greetings

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth,  
that shall he also reap (GALATIANS 6: 7):

This is a story from an unknown author.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour a day to drain the fluids from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed next to the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed would live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the outside world. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake, the man had said. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Lovers walked arm in arm

amid flowers of every colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Unexpectedly, an alien thought entered his head: Why should he have all the pleasure of seeing everything while I never get to see anything? It didn't seem fair. As the thought fermented, the man felt ashamed at first. But as the days passed and he missed seeing more sights, his envy eroded into resentment and soon turned him sour. He began to brood and found himself unable to sleep. He should be by that window - and that thought now controlled his life.

Late one night, as he lay staring at the ceiling, the man by the window began to cough. He was choking on the fluid in his lungs. The other man watched in the dimly lit room as the struggling man by the window groped for the button to call for help. Listening from across the room, he never moved, never pushed his own button which would have brought the nurse running. In less than five minutes, the coughing and choking stopped, along with the sound of breathing. Now, there was only silence--deathly silence.

The following morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths. When she found the lifeless body of the man by the window, she was saddened and called the hospital attendant to take it away--no words, no fuss. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it all himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The pursuit of happiness is a matter of choice...it is a positive attitude we consciously choose to express. It is not a gift that gets delivered to our doorstep each morning, nor does it come through the window. And I am certain that our circumstances are just a small part of what makes us joyful. If we wait for them to get just right, we will never find lasting joy.

The pursuit of happiness is an inward journey. Our minds are like programs, awaiting the code that will determine behaviours; like bank vaults awaiting our deposits. If we regularly deposit positive, encouraging, and uplifting thoughts, if we continue to bite our lips just before we begin to grumble and complain, if we shoot down that seemingly harmless negative thought as it germinates, we will find that there is much to rejoice about.

Sow happiness and reap happiness

Praying to God for all his blessings  
With regards  
Sincerely yours  
Rev. Varghese Mathew

*P.S Achen will be on leave from 18th to 28th October 2010 and in his absence Rev. Sabu C. Mathew, Vicar of St. Peters MTC will be vicar in charge*



Schedule of Worship for the Month of September 2010

Place of Worship: St. Mary's Church, Irvine Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool, L7 8TT

<p><b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010</b>  <b>4pm Holy Communion Service in Mal.</b>                  L-I : 2 Kings 7:3-10 - Denis C Daniel                  L- II : Romans 1:8-17 - Medlin Varghese  <b>Sunday School Annual Day after Service</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b>                  4 pm Ordinary Worship in Mal.                  L-I : 2 Sam. 9:1-3 - Jasan Abraham                  L- II: 1 Thes. 5:12-22 - Lynette A Mathew</p>
<p><b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b>  <b>9am Holy Communion Service in English</b>  <b>Venue:</b>  <b>CHRIST THE KING, STOCKBRIDGE LANE, HUYTON, KNOWSLEY, L36 3SD</b>                  L-I : Genesis 30:1-23 - Royal G Rajan                  L-II : 1 Timothy 4:6-16 - Anila S George  <b>VBS continues after service</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010</b>                  4pm Ordinary Worship in Mal...                  L- I : Josh 24:1-17 - Jesvin Varghese                  L- II : 1 Pet 3:7-14 - Linda M Philip</p>
<p><b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b>                  4:00pm - <i>To be informed later!</i>                  L- I : 1 Samuel 24: 1-15 - Geevarghese John                  L- II : Rev 19:1-10 - Jessy Geevarghese</p>	



**Birthdays:**

Aaron Madathilparambil - 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Bini Varghese - 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Aby Mathew - 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Vinay Nishant Mathew - 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Ashish Varghese - 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Linda Mary Philip - 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Abraham Philip(Doye) - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Joel Jose - 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Aathira Chinnu Varughese - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Aji Thomas - 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Molly Oommen - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Lijusara Daniel - 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Royal Georgy Rajan - 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Ameelia Susan Abraham - 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Benz Mathew - 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Marykutty Thomas - 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Geevarghese John (Sunny) - 20 <sup>th</sup> October	

*We send you wishes of good cheer as you celebrate a special day. May your dreams all come true and good things come your way...Happy Birthday...*



**Prayer Meetings will be held at the residences of the following persons**

<p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 @ 5 pm</b>          Dr Gigu Jacob George          25 Millfield Neston,          Cheshire          CH64 3TF          (Contact No : 0151 3368100)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 @ 5 pm</b>          Mr. GeeVarghese John (Sunny)          32 Davidson Road, Old Swan          Liverpool          L13 2BT          (Contact No: 0151 2915852)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010 @ 5 pm</b>          Mr. George Skariah          60G Sutton Street, Tuebrook ,          Liverpool          L13 7EL          (Contact No: 0151 2541359)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 @ 5 pm</b>          Mr. Philip Varghese (Johnson)          22 New Red Rock View,          Liverpool          L6 5NA          (Contact No: 0151 2639187)</p>
<p><b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010</b>  <b>To be informed later!</b></p>	



**Wedding Anniversaries**

Vincent Benedict (Benny) & Susan Benedict : 31 <sup>st</sup> October
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*May the Almighty Lord shower His abundant blessings on your family now and forever! ...Happy Wedding Anniversary...*



**Bible Verse of the Month**

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” - *Phil 4:19*

**Dates for your Diary**

- **Sunday School Annual Day** on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 after Service
- **VBS** being held on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:**

CHRIST THE KING,  
 STOCKBRIDGE LANE,  
 HUYTON, KNOWSLEY,  
 L36 3SD

Please do not forget to register your children!

You can register online:

<http://www.carmelmarthomachurch.org.uk/page4.html>



**Timings:**

Friday: 6pm - 9pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 5pm  
 Sunday: 9am - 3pm

- **Family Day and Convention on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>** - more information to be announced later
- **Carol Rounds on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December** - more information to be announced later
- **Carol Service 2010** to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 @ 2pm

For more details please visit <a href="http://www.carmelmarthomachurch.org.uk">www.carmelmarthomachurch.org.uk</a>
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