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## MESSAGE FROM PHILIP C MATHEW ACHEN

Dearly beloved in Christ,

First of all let me wish you all a newness in life in the name of the risen Christ who makes everything anew. He invites us all to have a fresh beginning as He did with his disciples Peter, Thomas and others. After resurrection, the redeemer spent forty days and appeared several times for recalling, reinforcing and re-commissioning. Jesus says nothing is beyond repair, recovery, redemption, reconciliation and restoration. This is the message that the Gospel conveys to us.



I wish all our students a meaningful and fruitful academic year as they are already in to a new one. Let their education be a becoming process so that they would be equipped to face life and its unknown challenges. As parents, we try to do everything for our children in the best possible way. But do we spend some time everyday to pray for them and pray with them? 'Cry for your children today; otherwise they will make you cry tomorrow'. This year, our VBS ended very well. The main theme of our VBS this year was "fruit bearers". It was a life touching theme. Being successful is very important but being faithful and fruitful is the most important thing in our lives.

As per the church lectionary we observe the first Sunday of this month as "Bhoo Bhavana Daanadinam ". Our church has a vision that every person should have his/her own house. Matt.25:40 says 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me'. So having concern for the least and the needy and extending helping hands to them are our Christian duty and responsibility. More over it is God's will. The Christian churches celebrate the Ascension day, on the 40th day after resurrection. This year it falls on May 9. Though we observe Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, we forget the Ascension day. God descended to earth to save us and He ascended to heaven to place us in heaven. Also we observe the pentecost, ten days after the ascension.

In this occasion we must remember the commendable service rendered by Rev. K S Mathews and family in our parish during the last three years. He is transferred to Ayroor Salem M T C. May God be with him and continue strengthening him in his ministry at the new parish. I would like to extend warm welcome to the new asst. vicar Rev. Philip George and family to our church. I request the wholehearted co-operation and prayers of all our parishioners for his service. Our office bearers , executive committee members and prayer group secretaries (20012-13) have done their duties very well. I would like to thank all for their valuable service to the parish. Our new committee of 2013-14 will take over their charges after the general body meeting in May. I request every members of the parish to co operate with the new executive committee and prayerfully take part in all the affairs of the parish. May God guide us all.

I have completed one year in Sharjah parish. Thank you for your co operation so far in my ministry here. Please feel free to make your complaints, concerns and suggestions to me .I request your continued prayers and support.

May the almighty God bless each one of us.

Yours in His Service

**Rev. Philip C Mathew**



## FROM THE YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S DESK...

Dear Friends,

Greetings.

"The world makes way for those who know where they are going".

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Talking with people is important to us! We make sure that we can call others whenever we want. We also make sure people can reach us wherever we are.

So if talking to people is easy and we do it all the time, why is it so hard to spend time talking with God?

Why is it important to talk with God?

1. God wants us to know Him.
2. God really does answer prayer.
3. God loves us through prayer.
4. We love God through prayer.

Remember that it's as simple as talking to someone you love.

T: TAKE the TIME:

Find time in your day to talk to God. Pray at the same time each day. Make it a habit, like brushing your teeth. Ya'll brush your teeth, right?

A: AHHHHHH.... Quiet:

Find a quiet place in your home. Turn the TV off, your music off, and find a way to escape from your little brother. Sit under a table, go in your closet if it's big enough, make a fort, whatever!

L: LEARN from God's Word.

Read one verse a day. If you're up for the challenge, read one chapter a day. Try to understand what God is saying to you. Ask a grown-up who knows Jesus for help if you need it.

K: KEEP a Prayer Plan.

Write down how to pray. Pray that way. Write down praises, prayer requests, and verses that mean a lot to you. Keep it simple or else you won't keep doing it.

Let us praise God the wonderful conduct of the VBS. I appreciate all the VBS and Sunday School officials for their untiring effort in making the VBS a success.

Let us welcome our new Asst. Vicar Rev. Philip George and family. May their ministry at Sharjah Mar Thoma Church be fruitful to everyone. I wish them all the success.

As per the decision of the Episcopal synod, we will be going to UK on May 24th to lead the VBS of Bristol St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church and Cardiff MTC. We will be reaching back on 6th June. Do uphold us in your Prayers.

May God bless you

Yours in Christ

**Samson Achen**



Warm Welcome To Our New  
Assistant Vicar  
Rev. Philip George &  
Family



## TRUSTEES MESSAGE

*Psalms 127:01*

*Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.*

*Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.*

*We, the newly elected trustees of the Mathoma Parish Sharjah take charge of our duties submitting ourselves to God Almighty. We hope to carryout the responsibilities entrusted to us to the best of our ability through the bounteous blessings of God.*

*We earnestly solicit the co-operation and prayers of all parish members in our humble efforts to discharge our duties to your utmost satisfaction.*

*With prayers*

*Cherian Thomas  
Trustees-Finance*



*Biju T Koruthu  
Trustees-Accounts*

## HOLY QURBANA LECTIONARY & AREA ACOLYTES

Date	Day-Time	Aco-lytes From	Holy Qurbana (HQ) Theme	Ist Lesson	IInd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
02 May	Thu-7.30 pm	SCS	These my least ones- Metropolitan's Fund	Deut.24:14-21	Acts.4:32-37	2Cor.8:1-9 St.Mat.25:31-40
03 May	Fri- 7.30 am	UAQ				
05 May	Sun 08.00 pm	ABC				
09 May	Thu-7.30 pm	ACC	The Church that has to watch upon to receive power	Isa.40:25-31	Acts.1:1-8	Acts.1:12-14 St.John.14:25-31
10 May	Fri- 7.30 am	AJC				
16 May	Thu-7.30 pm	AGM	The Feast of Pentecost: Holy spirit:One among Trinity	Gen.2:1-15	Acts.2:1-11	Gal.5:16-24 St.John.16:5-15
17 May	Fri- 7.30 am	BMW				
17 May	Fri- 7.00 pm	CA				
23 May	Thu-7.30 pm	DXA	Trinity Sunday	Gen.18:1-15	Eph.1:1-14	2Cor.13:11-14 St.John.1:12-18
24 May	Fri - 7:30 am	DXG				
25 May	Sat-8:00 am	IM				
30 May	Thu-7.30 pm	KHS	Student Sunday- God the Source of Wisdom	Prov.2:1-12	Jam.3:13-18	Rom.11:33-36 St.Luke.2:41-52
31 May	Fri- 7.30 am	MC				
02 Jun	Sun 08.00 pm	MM				
06 Jun	Thu-7.30 pm	NS	Environmental Sunday	Lev.25:8-25	Rev.22:1-7	Rom.8:18-25 St.Mat.6:25-34
07 Jun	Fri- 7.30 am	RCH				



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1	CA	J-454	Mr.Jebu P Thomas St Thomas Marthoma Church, Thamarkulam, Charumood 055-1661903 jabuthomas@gmail.com		9	RCH	T-246	Mr.Thomas Joseph Marthoma Mathilakam Ascension Church, Puthencavu, 050-5443955 thomesjoseph74@gmail.com	
2	IM	S-490	Mr.Shibu C T Salem Marthoma Church, Kaviyoor, Thiruvalla 050-6914964 sofyshibu@gmail.com		10	MC	S-492	Mr.Sujith Thomas John Venmony Salem Marthoma Church, Kozhuvalloor, Chengannur 050-1010281 sujithtjohn@gmail.com	
3	KHS	P-123	Mr.Peter Mathew St Thomas Marthoma Syrian Church, Kaithakuzhy, Kollam, 050-6820581 jissypeter@gmail.com		11	MC	A-302	Mr.Anith Thomas Easow St Thomas Marthoma Church, Puthenpeedika, Pathanamthitta 055-6642958 anithvilavinal@yahoo.com	
4	RCH	S-489	Mr.Sony Mathew St Thomas Marthoma Church, Kozhencherry 050-3868105 sonymalayil@yahoo.com		12	NS	L-52	Mr.Laby O Thomas Christos Marthoma Church, Eruvellipra, kat-tod, Thiruvalla 050-2938291 laby_thomas@yahoo.co.in	
5	ACC	J-455	Mr.Joy Kurian St Thomas Marthoma Church, Kodinjil, Ayur 055-4645762 jkurian66@gmail.com		13	SCS	G-154	Mr.Geevarghese Idicula Bethany Marthoma Church, Venmony 055-1848134 gee.varghese@intertekcom	
6	SAN	S-491	Mr.Shijumon Thankachan Ebenezar Marthoma Church, Areepalchy, Anchal, Kollam, 050-9676111 bindhu6dubai@yahoo.co.in		14	MM	G-155	Mr.George Varghese Nedumpuram Christos Marthoma Church, Amichakary, Thiruvalla 055-4615648 georgeninu.varghese@gmail.com	
7	ACC	A-301	Mr.Aju T K Bethel Marthoma Church, Koodal, Konni 050-1010948 aju.varghese@yahoo.com		15	SCS	S-493	Mr.Stanly K Chacko Salem Marthoma Church, Vetiyar South, Mankamkuzhy, 055-4569342 stanlykc@rediffmail.com	
8	BMW	B-258	Mr.Binu John Salem Marthoma Church, Kundara East, Kollam 056-6927870 binujn2004@yahoo.co.in		16	KHS	A-303	Mr.Anish Mathai St.Andrews Marthoma Church, Pariyaram P O, Mallappally, 050-1716223 anish362@gmail.com	



**FAREWELL TO REV. K.S. MATHEWS & FAMILY**

## AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Area	Date	Time	Venue	Hosted by	ID No.	Tel. No.
DXG	3-May Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Eapen Philip	E-7	050-5592491
AJC	6-May Mon	08:30 PM	Church	Mr.Alexander K T Mr.Linu Jacob	A-71 L-31	050-5378753 050-5452051
RCH	6-May Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Alexander Varghese	A-96	050-4273398
NS	7-May Tue	08:30 PM	Church	Mr.Georgekutty P O Mr.John Mathew Mr.Thomas P M Mr.Thomas O	G-27 J-170 T-25 T-108	050-2304011 050-7864239 050-5772830 050-2304011
MC	7-May Tue	08:30 PM	Church	Mr.Renny P Cherian	R-18	050-6363642
RSQ	10-May Fri	07:30 pm	Church	Mr.Varghese Abraham	V-44	050-5779417
DXA	10-May Fri	06:30 pm	Church	Mr.Blesson Abraham Mr.Bovas Abraham	B-92 B-146	050-2593777 050-8677801
CA	13-May Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Jacob Thomas Mr.Thomas Mathen	J-2 T-53	050-7148123 050-4576722
BMW	13-May Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Contact Area Secretary		050-9654470
ABC	14-May Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Cherian Thomas Mr.George Thomas Mr.John Eapen	C-7 G-23 J-206	050-6263398 050-6286199 050-7681838
MM	19-May Sun	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Johnson Jacob	J-11	050-4556272
IM	20-May Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Easo K Thomas Mr.Sunil Thomas Easo	E-17 S-154	050-6167340
KHS	20-May Mon	08:30 pm	Residence	Mr.K T Thomas	T-13	050-3656488
SCS	20-May Mon	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Aji Thomas Mr.Ajith John Mathew	A-292 A-151	055-3047365 050-7243542
SAN	21-May Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.John Mathew	J-28	050-6265926
ACC	21-May Tue	08:30 pm	Church	Mr.Wilson P V Mr.Mathew Abraham Mr.Jacob Mathew	W-5 M-207 J-264	050-6747656 050-2788037 050-7269685
AGM	24-May Fri	08:00 pm	Church	Mr.Philip Thomas	P-59	050-7756125
UAQ	7:00pm on all Fridays except 3rd Friday,Contact Area Secretary Mr.Shaji Abraham				S-283	050-3618443

### June 2013 - Prayer Group Dates

3- AJC & RCH, 4- MC & NS, 7-DXG, 10- BMW & CA, 11- ABC & MM, 14-DXA, 17- IM & SCS,  
18-ACC & SAN, 21- AGM, 24-KHS & RSQ

## KIDS & TEENS

**SHARJAH CRICKET STADIUM AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 15th May 2013. For more details Contact Area Secretary 050-7441504

**MUSALLA MAISALON AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:30 pm on Friday, 17th May 2013 , at the Residence of Mr.Syju Simon George ( ID # S-384) Contact No.055-4214979

**NABBA SHARQ AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Friday, 17th May 2013 , at the Residence of Mr.Thomas Philip ( ID # T-206) Contact No. 050-4663974

**DUBAI GHUSAIS & DUBAI AL NAHDA AREA PRAYER GROUPS:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, 18th May 2013 at the Residence of Mr.Moni Jose Cherian ( ID # M-59 ) Contact No. 050-7868629.

**ABU SHAGARA CITY CENTRE AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 07:30 pm on Sunday, 19th May 2013 , For More details Contact Area Secretary 050-2788037IMMI

**GRATION AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 21st May 2013 at the Residence of Mr.Gigy Cherian Koshy ( ID # G-84 ) Contact No.050-5744918

**ABUSHAGARA CHOITHRAM AREA PRAYER GROUP:** Kids & Teens Fellowship is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 22nd May 2013 at the Residence of Mr.Binu Mathew ( ID #B-122) Contact No. 050-3539507



## ORGANIZATION EVENTS

**Parish Mission** Every Sundays at 8.30pm at Church; except 1st Sunday  
For More Details Contact Parish Mission Secretary, Mr.George Thomas ( G-52) 050-6561876

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**Sevika Sangham** Every Wednesday 8.30 pm at Parish Hall  
Fasting Prayer at Church on 18th May 2013 at 10am, (3rd Saturday of every month).  
*For More Details Contact:*  
Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs.Jolly George ( G-56) 050-5864611

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### Yuvajana Sakhyam, Youth Fellowship & Young Couples Fellowship

""Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

Normal meeting:

- Every Saturdays, Regular Sakhyam meetings at 8.30pm
- Every Saturdays, Youth Fellowship at 6.30 pm
- Every 3rd Monday Young couples meeting at 8.30 pm
- Every 4th Saturday, Combined meetings of YS-YF-YCF at 8.00 pm

For more details on Sakhyam activities please contact

- Yuvajana Sakhyam Secretary, Mr.Saju Abraham 055-5667710
  - Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Mr.Nevin Geo Thomas 050-5372789
  - Young Couples Fellowship coordinator, Mr.Eby Abraham 055-5130310
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### Sunday School

- The prelims of the Quiz competition (Classes X – XII) is scheduled to be held on May 10th, Friday at 10: 30 AM.
- The Arts Competition for Classes LKG - I and the screening for Classes II - XII will be held on May 31st Friday.
- There is no Sunday school classes on May 24th due to Edavaka Sangam.

For more details: Contact:

Head Master Mr. Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

Secretary : Mr.Jacob George 050-7152611

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**Choir** " Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.  
Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy"

*For More Details Contact:*

Choir Secretary, Mr.Mathew M Johnson 055-9860375

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**Fasting Prayer** "Participate, Pray and get the Healing Touch from our Almighty God"  
Every Friday at 12:15 pm, at Navathy Hall (after Church service )

Lay Leaders: Mr.Joy Mathew 050-7371650 and Mr.M.S.Thomas 050-7550675

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### Senior Citizens' Forum (A Fellowship of our Senior Members)

Meeting on 21st May 2013 Tuesday at 8:30 pm at Church along with Sharjah Al Nadha Area Prayer . All Church Members above 55 years are requested to attend this meeting.

*For More Details Contact:*

Mr. George Thomas, Vice President : 050-5861685

Mr. Thomas Kutty K S, Secretary : 050 3033116

Mr. John Mathew, Treasurer : 050 6265926

## NEW BORN

- ▶ A baby boy, Timothy born to Mr. Sharji Abraham Mathew and Mrs. Delia Sharji Mathew (ID# M-12) on 2/4/2013
- ▶ A baby girl, Rochelle born to Mr. Ajay Alex and Mrs. Sherin Sarah Mathew (ID# A-278) on 15/4/2013
- ▶ A baby boy, Shane Shaji John born to Mr. Shaji John and Mrs. Shenu Shaji (ID# S-419) on 19/4/2013

## Job Cell

If there are any Job Vacancy, please inform Job Cell Convenor Mr. Thomas Mathen on 050-4576722 or email to [sysjobcell@gmail.com](mailto:sysjobcell@gmail.com)

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## WEBSITE:

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the webmaster, Mr. Aji Thomas (ID# A-95), 050 6283036  
[webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com](mailto:webmaster@marthomaparishsharjah.com)

## OTHER EVENTS

### Change in Details

Parish Members who are changing Residence, Area Prayer Group, P O Box or Telephone numbers may submit the forms available at church counter to update in our system.

### Contact Details of Bus Service for Friday Holy Communion at 7:30am

Ajman - Church: Mr. Jose Mathew (J-332) Tel: 055 8493329

Sonapur - National Paint - Binladen R/A - J&P - Geco - CS - Maza - Al Nadha - Al Khan - Church

Mr. Binu M Alex (B-158) Tel: 050-7930735, Mr. Dheeraj James (D-22) Tel: 050-3049959

Dubai Satwa Bus Station (6.10am, Deira Hyatt, Fish R/A (6.30), - Hor Al Anz - Al Shaab (6.45) -

Ghusais (7.00), Al Nahda NMC Road, Safeer Mall (7.15am), Al Wahda Road, Church

Mr. Thomas Samuel (T-144) 055-9704700

## ////////// CONDOLENCES ON THE SAD DEMISE OF //////////

Mrs. Mariamma George ( 76 Yrs)

Mother of Mr. Joseph Tharakan ( ID # J-146) Mother Cat Area Prayer Group

Mr. K C Varghese ( 69 Yrs)

Father of Mr. Santhosh Varghese ( ID # S-276) Mother Cat Area Prayer Group

Mr. K M Varghese ( 72 Yrs)

Father in Law of Mr. Thomas K Mathew ( ID # T-136) of Dubai Ghusais Area Prayer Group

The Sharjah Mar Thoma Parish expresses heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May God's care strengthen and comfort them

### For more information, Please contact:

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