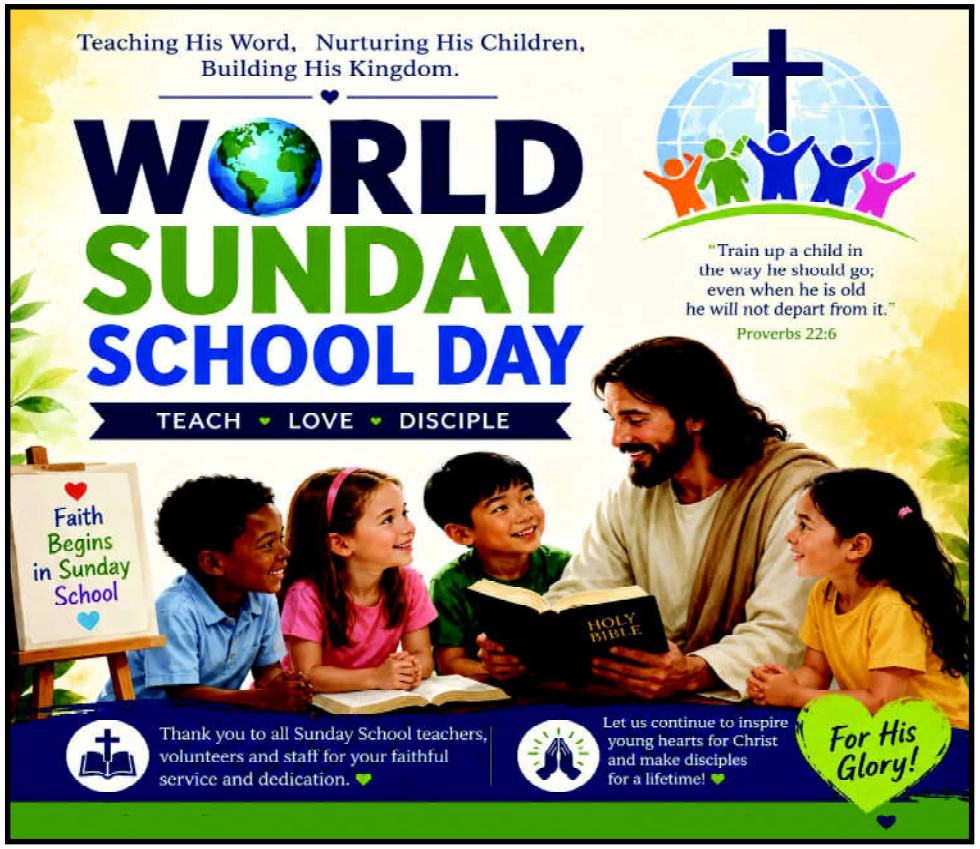
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BETHEL VOICE

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Fasting Prayer

Friday, 6th & 20th Nov., 2026 at 10.30am

Bethel Mar Thoma Syrian Church

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From the Vicar's Desk.....

Dearly beloved in Christ.

Faith to Flourish: Nurturing the Next Generation

"Tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done." — Psalm 78:4

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Every generation receives a gift, and every generation carries a responsibility. We have received the gift of faith from those who walked before us—our parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers, and the members of our Church who faithfully nurtured us in the knowledge of Christ. Now, we are entrusted with the responsibility of passing this precious faith to the next generation. The question before us is not merely whether our children will attend Church, but whether they will discover Christ as a living presence in their lives.

Psalm 78:4 reminds us that faith must be shared from one generation to another. Faith is not an inheritance that can be transferred automatically; it is a relationship that must be nurtured continually. We cannot simply ask the younger generation to preserve what we have received. We must help them discover why faith matters in their world today.

1. Make Room to Grow

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." — Mark 10:14

Jesus did not treat children as a distraction from His ministry; He welcomed them as an important part of His mission. This challenges us to examine the place we give our children and young people in our parish life.

Sometimes, we expect the younger generation to fit into the structures, language, programmes, and expectations that we have inherited. But nurturing faith requires us to create spaces where they can ask questions,

express doubts, share their dreams, and explore their faith without fear of being judged. A question from a young person is not necessarily a sign of weak faith; it may be the beginning of a deeper faith.

We need spaces where children are not merely spectators, but participants; where young people are not simply programme organisers, but partners in ministry; and where their ideas are heard, respected, and prayerfully considered. Let us encourage them to participate in worship, music, Bible study, social outreach, environmental initiatives, digital ministry, and caring for the vulnerable.

As the American educator and philosopher John Dewey observed, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." Similarly, Christian formation is not merely preparation for future Church membership. It is helping our children live as disciples of Christ today.

Creating space does not mean abandoning our traditions. It means discovering how our traditions can speak meaningfully to a new generation. A living Church does not preserve its faith by keeping young people at a distance, but by inviting them into its life and mission.

2. Model Faith to Multiply Faith

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." — 1 Corinthians 11:1

Young people learn not only from what we teach, but also from what we practise. They notice how we speak to one another, how we respond to disagreement, how we treat people who are different from us, how honestly we handle money, and how compassionately we respond to those in need. Our everyday lives often preach more powerfully than our Sunday sermons.

If we speak about forgiveness but nurture resentment, teach love but practise exclusion, or preach generosity but remain indifferent to suffering, the next generation may struggle to see the relevance of our faith. But when they witness humility, integrity, reconciliation, and sacrificial love, the Gospel becomes visible.

Nurturing faith is therefore the responsibility of the entire parish family—not only the Vicar, Sunday School teachers, or youth leaders. Parents must make faith part of everyday conversations at home. Senior members can share their experiences and wisdom. Young people can teach us new ways of communicating, serving, and engaging with the world. Intergenerational

relationships can become places where wisdom and fresh perspectives meet.

Let us also remember that young people are growing up in a world of rapid technological change, social pressure, loneliness, competition, and uncertainty. They need more than instructions; they need accompaniment. They need adults who will listen patiently, guide lovingly, admit their own mistakes, and walk alongside them as they discover God's purpose for their lives.

As the saying goes, "Children may not always follow our advice, but they will rarely forget our example."

Dearly beloved, let Bethel be a parish where every child feels welcomed, every young person feels valued, every question is received with patience, and every generation finds opportunities to grow together in Christ. Let us move from merely planning programmes for the younger generation to building relationships with them. Let us move from expecting their presence to encouraging their participation, and from preserving our faith as a tradition to living it as a transforming experience.

May our homes and our Church become places where faith takes root, hope grows strong, and love bears fruit. May the next generation not merely inherit our Church, but encounter Christ through our lives and become faithful witnesses of His love in their own generation.

With prayers and blessings,

The Vicar

Congratulations!

New Delhi Bethel Mar Thoma Church extends its heartfelt congratulations and prayerful wishes to **Mr. Jijo Alexander**, son of Mr. John Alex and Mrs. Mariamma Alex of 176 DDA, Khirki, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, and **Ms. Reshma Mariam Kurian**, a member of Vazhuthakkad Salem Mar Thoma Church, on the blessed occasion of their marriage, solemnised on **12 October 2026 at St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, Kozhencherry**.

PARISH ACTIVITIES : NOVEMBER 2026

Holy Qurbana	Sundays: 01st, 08th, 22nd and 29th of At 8.30 AM Malayalam. (15th of Nov 2026-Diocesan Convention Final Day-Combined worship service)
Edavaka Mission	Fasting Prayer : 1st & 3rd Friday at 10.30 AM (06th & 20th Nov 2026)
	Evening Prayer: 4th Fri at 7.30 PM (27th Nov 2026)
Senior Citizen Fellowship : After worship service on the 1st Sunday.	
Sevika Sangam	Bethel Poshanam 1st Saturday (07 Nov 2026).
	After worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.
	Cottage meeting on 21st Nov 26 (Sat) at 4.00 PM
Sunday School	World Sunday School Day on 01 Nov 2026.
Choir Practice	Every Saturday 0700 PM at church

The Delhi Diocesan Convention Nov 13-15.

Evangelist Rajkumar Ramachandran will be the **speaker** on the week-days, while on Sunday, we have **Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos, Suffragan Metropolitan**. The venues are as follows:-
Friday, Nov 13-Jerusalem Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Safdarjung Enclave
Saturday, Nov 14-Ebenezer Mar Thoma Church, Vikas Puri
Sunday, Nov 15-Delhi Mar Thoma Public School, Ghaziabad.

LECTIONARY

1 Nov Sunday School
Be Children of Light (World Sunday School Day)
1st Part Worship : Sharin Thomas
Joanna Shinith
1st Lesson- Dan 3 : 14-30
Alka Jacob Epistle - Eph 5 : 8 – 14
2nd Lesson- 1st Thess 5 : 5-11
Shawn Jacob Varughese Gospel - St. Math 05 : 13-16
Assisting : Christin Roy
Offertory : Edvin Renosh & Abigail S Varghese

08 Nov Hebron Prayer Group
United in Christ, Witness to the World
1st Lesson- Isa 2 : 02-04 :
Allen Reju Epistle - 2nd Cor 13 : 5 - 11
2nd Lesson- 1st Cor 01 : 10 -17
Aleyamma Reju Gospel- St. Math 18 : 18 -20
Assisting : Jacob Mathew
Offertory : Roy Chacko and Shini Roy

15 Nov Combined Worship
God's Salvific Intervention
Combined Worship(Diocese Convention Final Day)

22 Nov Kadesh Prayer Group
Call to be the Mother of Christ, The Saviour of The World
1st Lesson- Zec 02 : 10-13 :
Annamma Paul Epistle- 1st Cor 01 : 26 – 31
2nd Lesson- Rom 01: 01-07 :
Jennis Sabu Gospel St. Luk – 01 : 26-38
Assisting : Kunjumon MO
Offertory : George G and Elizabeth George

29 Nov Ararat Prayer Group
Transcending Adversity with hope
1st Lesson - Jer 33 : 10 – 16
Thomas Varghese Epistle-2nd Thess 01 : 03-05
2nd Lesson – Rom 15 : 01 – 07
Keziah Susan Thomas Gospel St. Luke 01 : 39 - 45
Assisting : Philip TV
Offertory : Eevah Mariam Rijo and Nehemiah Ninan Philip

PRAYER MEETINGS

Address	Date	Time	Prayer Group Organisation
Mrs Omana Paulose RZ/-2084/26, Dream Land Appt Tughlakabad Etn, New Delhi	01 Sun	0700 PM	Bethlehem
Mr George John (In Church)	06 Fri	0730 PM	Eden
Mrs. Mary Samuel, RZ G-1/14 UGF, Mandir Marg, Mahavir Enclave Part - 1	21Sat	4.00 PM	Sevika Sangham
Mr Mathew Mammen B-95, 2nd Floor, Duggal Colony	21 Sat	0700PM	Canan

BIRTHDAY

Name	*HOF*	*Prayer Group*	*Date*
Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla	Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla	Eden	***2***
Lipsy Philip Thomas	Philip Thomas	Canaan	***4***
Jobina Jacob	Thomas M.Jacob	Eden	***5***
John Alex	John Alex	Kadesh	***7***
Sharee Manish George	Mariamma George	Eden	***7***
John Koshy	John Koshy	Bethlehem	***8***
Thomas Cherian	Thomas Cherian	Eden	***9***
Philipose Oommen	Philipose Oommen	Eden	***10***
Lizy Idicula	Idicula Oommen	Hebron	***11***
Gracy Samuel	Samuel K.M	Gethsemane	***11***
Mathew Mammen	Mathew Mammen	Canaan	***12***
Pinty Thomas	Varkey Mathew	Hebron	***12***
Dhanya Oommen	Oommen Mathew	Eden	***12***
Yohaan J. Philip	Abhilash J. Philip	Ararat	***12***
Serah Jausline	Mariamma George	Eden	***14***

Sibin Mathew	Thomas P.Mathew	Gethsemane	***14***
Kurian Varkey	Kurian Varkey	Bethlehem	***14***
Samuel K.M	Samuel K.M	Gethsemane	***15***
Christin Roy	Roy Chacko	Hebron	***15***
Mithu M.Varghese	Saramma Philip	Ararat	***16***
Merlyn Mathew	Merlyn Mathew	Hebron	***19***
Roschelle Jaisy Rejo	Raji Varghese	Bethlehem	***20***
Ivan Manish	Mariamma George	Eden	***20***
Sherly Oommen	Oommen Mathew	Eden	***20***
Chacko V.P	Chacko V.P	Eden	***20***
Prija Jose	Jose G.Thomas	Kadesh	***21***
Varghese Skariah	Varghese Skariah	Bethlehem	***22***
Susan George	George John	Eden	***23***
Adwin Thomas Binu	Binu Thomas	Ararat	***24***
Sibin Abraham	Abraham P.S	Kadesh	***24***
Dr. Daisy Thomas	Viju Thomas	Canaan	***24***
Ashish P Varghese	Varghese Skariah	Bethlehem	***25***
Nikhil Thomas	Saji Thomas	Eden	***25***
Ruby K Sam	Abraham Varkey	Eden	***25***
Mariam Susan John	Annies John	Canaan	***26***
Beno Babu	Joseph George	Canaan	***26***
Samuel K.C	Samuel K.C	Kadesh	***28***
Liju P. Daniel	Liju P. Daniel	Hebron	***28***
Sosamma Thomas	Thomas Cherian	Eden	***28***

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Name	*Spouse*	*Prayer Group*	*Date*
Reuben Mathew Varghese	Pinty Thomas	Hebron	6
Blesson Samuel	Sherin M Abraham	Hebron	10
Joy M.O	Aleyamma Joy	Kadesh	10
Jithin S George	Priya Elizabeth Jithin	Eden	14
Ajith Sam	Sheeba Ajith	Gethsemane	22
Lijo Joy	Derin Lijo	Gethsemane	27
Jose Chacko	Sally Jose	Canaan	28
Joy P.B	Rosamma Joy	Hebron	30