



**JUNE 2021**

# **INTERACT**

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## Pastoral Team

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**WELCOMING**  
**REV. PAUL K. ROYAPPA & FAMILY**



Rev. Mohan Kumar & Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler, express hearty welcome on behalf of the Members of Indiranagar Methodist Church, the Pastorate Committee and church office staff.

**BIDDING FAREWELL**  
**REV. HOSEA MATHEW & FAMILY**



Rev. Mohan Kumar & Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler, express their heart full of gratitude with thanks, on behalf of the Members of Indiranagar Methodist Church, the Pastorate Committee and church office staff.

## *A word from Pastor Paul Royappa*

**Beloved in Christ,**

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

I am indeed grateful to God for bringing me and my family back once again to IMC to continue to serve God and His people. As you all know this is my third term here at IMC. God's plans and ways are higher than our plans and ways. As I look back and see, how God has been guiding and sustaining me for the past 31 years in the ministry, I am humbled and my heart is filled with gratitude and thanksgiving.

I served as the Lead Pastor of the Protestant church in Oman (PCO)-Salalah on loan from our Bangalore Regional Conference from Dec 2017 to April 23, 2021. I thank our Bishop N.L. Karkare for permitting me to serve God in Oman.

As per Bishop's direction, I came back with my family from Oman to Bangalore on April 24, 2021. And I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our beloved Bishop N.L. Karkare for appointing me as the Senior Pastor of Indiranagar Methodist Church from June 1, 2021. I thank Bishop and Bishop Amma for their constant support, guidance encouragement, and prayers. Praise and thank God for Bishop's Episcopal Leadership in our Bangalore Regional Conference and MCI.

My sincere thanks to our District Superintendent, Rev. Ravi Sebastian for his constant support, concern, and prayers. I am grateful to Pastor and Pastor Amma for the way they took care of my Son Allan for a few months last year when he was alone here in Bangalore during the Pandemic.

I thank Rev. Hosea Mathew for his ministry here at IMC over the past few years. Let us uphold Pastor and his family in prayer.

As I begin the third term of my ministry here at IMC, I want to say what Joshua said in **Joshua 24:14**, *'As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord'*.

We are living in unusual times. As we are all aware, the global spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19 has become a central topic of discussion and concern for many of us. We have lost some of our loved ones and church members during this pandemic. Some are still recovering physically and emotionally. Nearly everyone is struggling in some way because of the pandemic. Many of us worry over children or parents or family members who live far from us. We struggle to keep our anxiety under control. It has caused us to think about the things we take for granted and to rethink how we go about the practices of our daily lives. In the church, this pandemic has caused us to consider new ways to worship our God.

COVID-19 does not appear to be ending soon. We need to be careful, cautious, wise, and practical in what we do. But do not live in fear. It is hard, but we need to overcome fear with the help of God. We should never forget who we are and to whom we belong. As a church, we need to take preventive measures and commit ourselves to fervent prayer and devotion.

When I turn to thoughts of God in the midst of this Pandemic, an encouraging promise from the Bible comes to me: “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” **Isaiah 41:10**. When I close my eyes and meditate for a moment on that simple promise, I am comforted, I am reassured, and I am encouraged. I believe that God is with us. God is with us in good and bad, rough and smooth, happy and sad moments. I ask you all to keep reminding yourself of this verse and this bedrock conviction of our faith. **God is with us.**

*The need of the hour is to be united together as One Body of Christ, Grow in Spiritual maturity and God’s Word, Pray for each other, Encourage each other, Care for each other, Identify and help those who are in need within IMC and outside. If you have any personal or family concerns or if you come across someone in need, kindly share with us. It is time to reach out and help as much as we can during this Pandemic. God’s mission leads the Church’s mission. Let the mission of God continue to lead the mission of IMC.*

We as a family are here to serve. Please feel free to call us or send messages for any Pastoral care, personal/family counseling, and any other concern. I do value your prayers for my wife Rachel, Son Allan, and me as we once again begin our ministry journey here in your midst. Also, Pray for Pastor Mohan Kumar and Pastor Calvin Ambler and their families. We assure you and your family of our prayers.

God's Blessings be with you all, now and always.

In His service,

**Rev. Paul K. Royappa**  
**Senior Pastor**





## Ministry Journey of Rev. Paul K. Royappa



Rev. Paul K. Royappa comes from a ministry background. His father Late Rev. Royappa served God as a CSI Presbyter for more than 4 decades in Madurai-Ramnad Diocese, Tamil Nadu. Mother Late Mrs. Mary Royappa was a school teacher. Both his father and mother were prayer warriors and had a passion for Missions and Evangelism. He has 3 brothers and a sister. And 2 of his elder brothers are in full-time ministry.

Rev. Paul Royappa surrendered his life to God and had a salvation experience when he was in 10<sup>th</sup> standard in 1982 and received a call from God for the ministry when he was finishing his B.Sc. at American College, Madurai in 1988.

Pastor Royappa has been in the ministry for 31 years. He served as the Director of Youth for Christ Ministry in Tamil Nadu for 10 years from 1990 to 2000. He pursued his Master of Divinity at Trinity Theological College, Singapore from 2000 to 2003. Upon completing his theological studies, he came back to India and joined the Methodist Church in India in 2003.

Pastor Royappa started his Pastoral ministry journey as the Pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, Mysore from 2003 to 2008. Served as the Assistant Pastor of Indiranagar Methodist Church, Bangalore from 2008 to 2012, Served as the Pastor of Panjim Methodist Church, Goa from 2012 to 2014. Served as the Associate Pastor of Richmond Town Methodist Church, Bangalore from 2014 to May 2017. Served as the Associate Pastor of Indiranagar Methodist Church from June 2017 to November 2017. He served as the Lead Pastor of the Protestant church in Oman (PCO)- Salalah on loan from the Bangalore Regional Conference from December 2017 to April 2021.

He came back from Oman to Bangalore with his family to continue to serve God with the Methodist Church on April 24, 2021. He is married to Rachel who helps him in the ministry and they are blessed with a son Allan, a gifted musician who finished his Master's at Monash University, Australia a few months back and he is currently in Bangalore teaching Music.

**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24**

**Praise God**

- For His grace and strength that sustained us in the past month and all the things He has in store for us in this month.
- For protecting His people during this Covid-19 pandemic.
- For His work in and through the various activities of our church.
- Praise God for the ministry of Rev. Hosea Mathew who ministered at IMC.
- For His blessings upon those who celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in May 2021.
- For His healing and restoring people in the church.
- For the ministry that God has enabled us to do in the church and in the city.
- For all the outreach programs and missionary work in and through our church.

**Pray for**

- The ministries of Methodist Church in India.
- Spiritual revival in all the churches in Bangalore & Karnataka.
- The various activities & Pulpit ministry in June 2021.
- Our Hon'ble Bishop N.L. Karkare and Madam Kamal Karkare, Rev. Sebastian Ravi Kumar, District Superintendent-Bangalore, MCI; and all the Pastors and leaders.
- The ministry and families of our IMC Pastors - Rev. Paul K. Royappa, Rev. Mohan Kumar and Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler.
- Our Pastorate Committee members and organizations: WSCS, MMF, MYF, Sunday School, and Senior Citizens fellowship.
- Our Choir and Praise and Worship Team.
- Missionaries and missionary organizations in our country.
- Those who are poor and in need.
- Our children and young people that they will grow in the Lord.
- God's protection and healing upon those individuals and families of our church affected by Covid-19.
- The grieving families, who lost their loved ones.
- Those who have suffered financial and job losses during this pandemic season that God would restore and satisfy them.



**INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH**



**AWARENESS SESSION  
ON  
COVID-19**

**Speaker: Dr. Glory Alexander**  
[MD, Founder Director Physician]  
ASHA FOUNDATION

**Date- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**  
**Time- 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Id: 848 013 4270**  
**Passcode: 2021**

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**OUR GRATITUDE:** Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

### MEMORIUM

We regret to inform the passing away of –

1. **Mr. C.M. George**, aged 81, Husband of Mrs. Mary Ann George, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
2. **Mr. Sankyrwat Bathew**, aged 89, Father of Mrs. Elvira Bathew on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Request you all to remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

**METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF):** meets every Sunday on SKYPE. For details contact Rev. Mohan Kumar or Mr. Franklin.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY:** will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm through online. Those interested to join can, please contact Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler for online details.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** will reopen after summer vacation on **13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Sunday school will continue to function online. Teachers will get in touch with the children with details of meeting link. In case of any doubt, please contact Ms. Lalitha Abraham at 9740008587.

**GIVING:** We want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your financial support towards the ministry of our Church through Tithes and contributions.



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

*"Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."*

ROMANS 12:12NIV

# FASTING & PRAYER

Date- 5<sup>TH</sup> June 2021

Time- 10:00 am-12:00pm

Meeting id: 816 1242 1409

Passcode: praise

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INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Online

**YOUTH**

**PRAYER MEET**

JUNE 6TH

**6:00PM - 7:00PM**



FOR DETAILS CONTACT REV. MOHAN KUMAR



# INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH



## **NEW BANK DETAILS**

**South Indian Bank**

**Indiranagar Branch**

**A/c. No. 0399053000014868**

**IFSC: SIBL0000399**

**A/c. Name: Indiranagar Methodist Church**

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Kindly do not make any transfers to IMC's old bank (SBI) account

## Area Fellowship

Online Area Wise Bible Study Group – JUNE 2021					
Day	Date	Time	Area Leader	Area Leader Mobile No.	Area
Sat	5-Jun	6:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das	9243104074	Marthahalli/ Whitefield
Sat	12-Jun	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Christopher	9945593463	Kasturi Nagar
Sat	26-Jun	7:00 PM	Mrs. Bharathi Moses	9880800773	Jagadish Nagar

Members coming under following groups are requested to contact their respective Area Leader for the time/date/place of meeting:			
Sl. No.	Area Leader	Area Leader Mobile No.	Area
1	Mr. Ravi George	9740468360	C.V. Raman Nagar
2	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S	9945226623	Murugeshpalya
3	Mr. Puneet Kumar	9980763784	Sarjapur Road
4	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V. George	9980159310	Cambridge Layout

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# HALF NIGHT PRAYER

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*"Continue in prayer, and watch  
in the same with thanksgiving"*

Colossians 4:2 KJV

Day: Friday 11<sup>TH</sup> June 2021  
Time-8:30 pm

Zoom ID: 852 5724 4290  
Passcode: rejoice

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WSCS-INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH



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# TESTIMONY TIME

**“I will stand up before the congregation  
and testify of the wonderful things  
you have done.”**

**Psalm 22:22**

**Date- 19<sup>TH</sup> June 2021**

**Time- 4:00pm**

**Meeting id: 810 4019 3487**

**Passcode: praise**

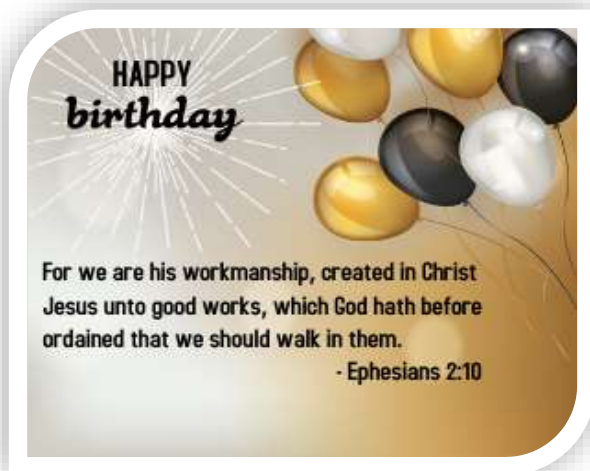
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**GREETINGS: *Birthday & Wedding Anniversary***

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our brothers and sisters celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month of **JUNE**. May our God bless them today and each day that follows. May they hear your voice, follow your footsteps, be comforted by your care and live in your grace now and forever. Amen.

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life." – Proverbs 9:11

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" – 1 Corinthians 13:13



### IMC VBS REPORT 2021

IMC VBS 2021 was held online via Zoom between 19<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May and the theme was “The Kingdom of God” which was based on Luke 12:32. All of us in the VBS Team experienced the reality of the statement, ‘The Lord equips those He calls,’ as finally we had 226 children that registered, and we had to find more teachers to join us even after VBS had started.

The VBS sessions were held in two batches. The Beginners, Primary & Junior classes were held in the morning between 10:30am to 12:00pm, while the Inters, Seniors & College class met in the afternoon between 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The children would watch the General Session video that included a VBS Spotlight video, a time of praise and worship, and the Daily Theme was introduced at the beginning of the session. This was followed by the lesson, memory verse and activities for the day.

We had VBS Daily colour code or Dress Codes based on the lesson that was being taught that day. It was wonderful to see the children and teachers dressed up in the specified colours and themes. We also had a VBS Bible Character/VBS Talent Day that was held on 26<sup>th</sup> of May, where the Beginner & Primary classes got dressed as Biblical Characters and the rest of the classes showcased their talents, all for the glory of God. This served as a reminder for all of us at VBS, of the Lord’s numerous blessings in the lives of the children & the teachers as well.

The VBS Closing Service was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, via Zoom between 4pm – 5pm. The Pastoral Team prayed for the entire VBS family, along with the opening prayer, closing prayer and benediction. Short video clippings of all the children in their 10 days of VBS classes and the VBS Team were played as a part of the VBS Spotlight videos. The VBS Candid videos captured the children at their homes as they attended VBS, and the VBS Teachers and Volunteers. We also heard a few VBS testimonials from children, parents and teachers.

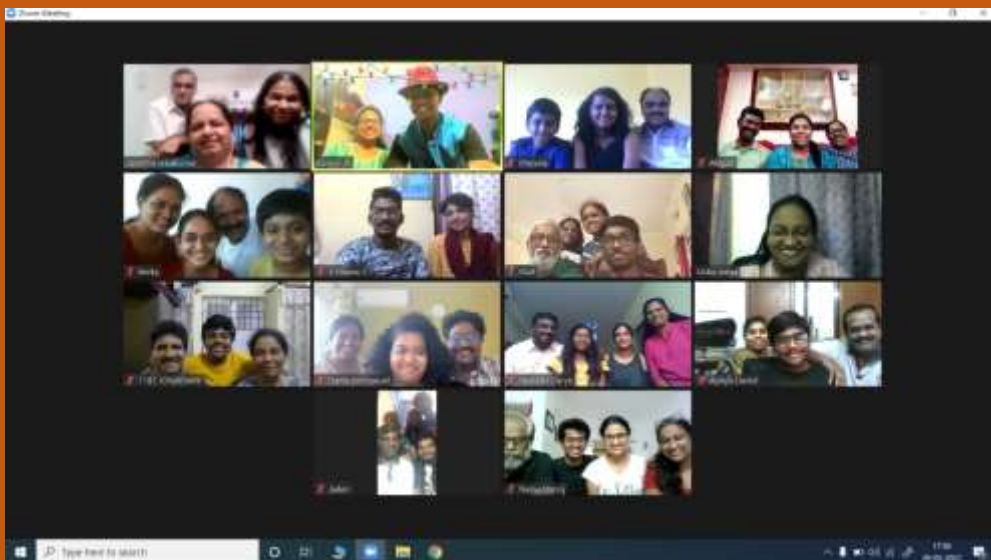
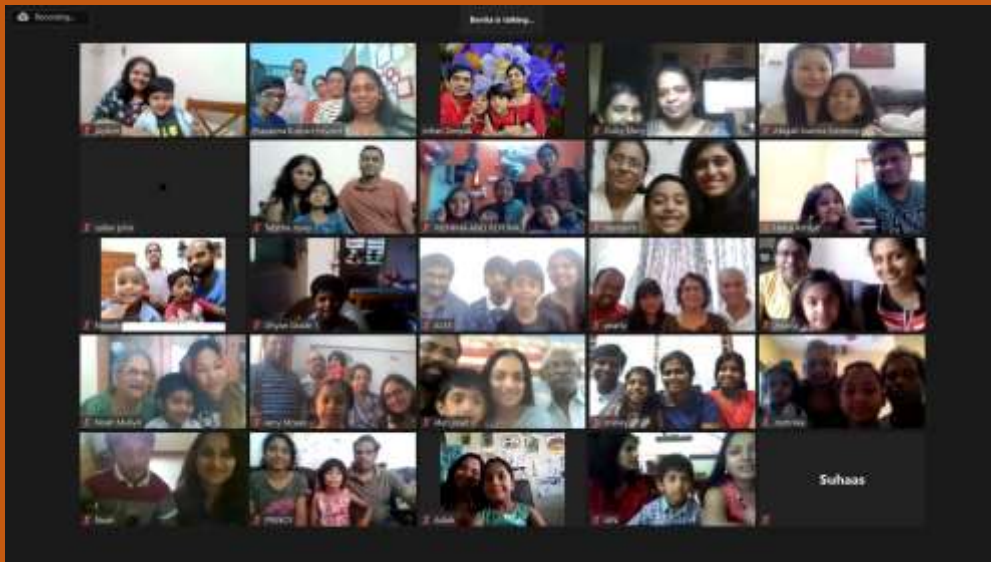


In-spite of the challenges of the current second wave, we praise God for His enabling and equipping us all to serve Him. At VBS we witnessed the devastation of Covid in various forms, we had teachers who were recently recovering from Covid, or had family members and loved ones hospitalized due to Covid. We also had VBS team members lose family members just before VBS started & during VBS. We had VBS children that had lost a parent or a loved one to Covid just a few days before VBS had started. The Lord in His mercy enabled us all to minister to the children in the midst of this anxiety, pain and deep loss. We are grateful that the Lord caused us all to persevere, and has used VBS for His glory alone. We are amazed at the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes! All Glory be to God alone.

We would like to thank each one of you, the Members of IMC, the Pastoral Team, Pastorate Committee, all the wings of the Church for your continued encouragement for VBS and for praying us through VBS. Each of us at VBS were constantly aware of His leading & guidance as answered prayers. A special word of appreciation to the VBS co-ordinators, all the Teachers and Volunteers, may the Lord bless you richly for investing in the lives of the little flock. A Big 'Thank you' to the parents of the children & the families of the VBS Team for ensuring that both the children and the VBS Teams were available to be a part of VBS this year. We appreciate all your efforts and the support extended towards this. Please continue to uphold the children and the VBS Team in your prayers.

Yours in His Service,  
Mrs. Preethi Devaputhra Godwin  
Director – IMC VBS 2021

# GLIMPSE OF ONLINE IMC VBS 2021





INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

PULPIT CALENDAR - JUNE 2021

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'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven'- Matthew 5:16

**JUN**

**6**

**Growing in Grace and Wisdom: Ask, Seek & Knock**

\*9:30 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

**JUN**

**13**

**Nurturing God's Creation: Would We Want More?**

9:30 AM - Rev. Calvin Sushith Ambler

**JUN**

**20**

**Worship: The Core Experience**

9:30 AM - Rev. Mohan Kumar

**JUN**

**27**

**Discipleship: Where Am I in Jesus' Scheme of Things?**

9:30 AM - Rev. Paul K. Royappa

Note: \* Holy Communion