

A Monthly Bulletin of the Indiranagar Methodist Church for Private Circulation only

June 2022

Through the Eyes of Faith'

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7

INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH ONLINE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE Study on the Book of Ephesians

<u>STUDY</u>	TOPIC	LED BY	DATE
Study 9	A call to be imitators of God (Ephesians 5: 1-14)	Rev. Rajesh Anand	June 1, 2022
Study 10	Life that pleases God (Ephesians 5:15-21)	Rev. Mohan Kumar	June 8, 2022
Study 11	Responsibilities of the Wife and Husband (Ephesians 5:22-33)	Rev. Paul K. Royappa	June 15, 2022
Study 12	Right Relationships in the Lord (Ephesians 6:1-9)	Rev. Rajesh Anand	June 22, 2022
Study 13	The Whole Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-24)	Rev. Mohan Kumar	June 29, 2022

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Come and be blessed!

Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre (An extension of the Indiranagar Methodist Church)

Every Sunday at 6.30 pm - June 2022

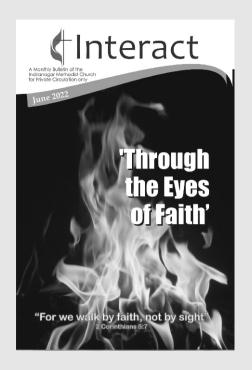
at Bloom Suites, Electronic City - Phase I

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For details, kindly contact Mr. Anuj Gupta @ 9742522249

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Pastoral Letter

Dearly Beloved IMC members,

Greetings in Christ's precious name.

We praise God for the new month of June and thank God for the previous month of May 2022. The Lord has been good and gracious in blessing us in the past month.

We praise and thank God for the overwhelming response for our Church **VBS** from April 27 to May 8 and **Vernacular VBS** on May 13 & 14. Many Children committed their lives to Christ. We thank the VBS Director, Teachers, Volunteers. Also thank you all for your prayers and generous contribution for the VBS. Thank God for the **MMF** (Methodist Men's Fellowship) retreat we had in Goa from May 20-22, 2022.

As we have entered the month of June 2022, we will be focusing on faith. Faith is a prominent phrase & according to the bible it is essential to Christianity. Without demonstrating faith & trust in God, we have no place with Him. Most people have a vague, disjointed notion of who God is but lack the reverence necessary for His exalted position in their lives. True faith goes beyond a simple acknowledgment of God's existence (Jam 2:19) to a life-changing reliance on who God is, as revealed in the Bible. Faith can falter at times, but, because it is the gift of God, given to His children, He provides times of trial & testing in order to prove that our faith is real & to sharpen & strengthen it. This is why James tells us to consider it "pure joy" when we fall into trials, because the testing of our faith produces perseverance & matures us, providing the evidence that our faith is real (Jam 1:24). Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is "being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." Perhaps no other component of the Christian life is more important than faith. We cannot purchase it, sell it or give it to our friends.

So what is faith & what role does faith play in the Christian life? The dictionary defines *faith* as "belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof." It also defines *faith* as "belief in & devotion to God." The Bible has much more to say about faith & how important it is. In fact, it is so important that, without faith, we have no place with God & it is impossible to please Him (Heb 11:6). According to the Bible, faith is belief in the one, true God without actually seeing Him. Faith is not something we conjure up on our own, nor is it something we are born with, nor is faith a result of diligence in study or pursuit of the spiritual. (Eph 2:8-9) makes it clear that faith is a gift from God, not because we deserve it, have earned it, or are worthy to have it. It is not from ourselves; it is from God. It is not obtained by our power or our free will.

Faith is simply given to us by God, along with His grace & mercy, according to His holy plan & purpose, & because of that, He gets all the glory. The bible is very clear in recording the examples of faith in Hebrews 11 known as the faith chapter. So as we journey through the month of June, as a church, we will meditate in our pulpit study the theme 'Through the Eyes of Faith'. At the same, let's uphold all the people who are in need of prayers for health issues, & also pray for our church children, who will start their academic classes from this month of June 2022.

Let's continue to pray for the outreach ministry at the **Electronic City** (The Methodist Worship Center) for the families who are regularly attending the church service in the evening. We value your continued prayers and support for our Church planting and outreach ministry. Please uphold the Pastoral team and their families, also the Pastoral ministry in your personal prayers every day.

In closing, we the Pastoral team, pray that God would be with all of us as we journey through the month of June & help all of us live a life of faith & be blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you all.

The Pastoral Team - IMC

News Announcements

Our Gratitude:

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Daniel Raj and Rev. John Wesley who brought God's Word to us last month. We also welcome our guest speaker this month. Congregation is requested to pray for the pulpit ministry of IMC.

Pastorate Committee:

PC meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th June 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Room, IMC Annexe.

Death:

We deeply regret the passing away of Mrs. Saramma Jacob, mother of Mrs. Bindu Moses, on Monday, 23rd May 2022. Please pray for the bereaved family members.

Online Wednesday Bible Study: Will meet every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m. We are continuing on the book of Ephesians. The Pastoral team conducts the Bible studies. The details will be posted on our church whatsapp groups. Invite you all to participate and be blessed.

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF): Will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday soon after the 9:30 am worship service in the church. We invite all youths who are above 18 years and below 25 years, to attend and be blessed. For details contact MYF President, Mr. Sudheer at 9902543319.

Senior Citizens Fellowship: IMC Senior Citizen Fellowship meets on every 4th Saturday at 10am in the church for a time of prayer, fellowship, hearing Gods word and bible based activities. If you are a senior citizen please consider joining us. For more details contact Mr Manna (9886655321) or Mrs Parin Paul (9845046223)

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Sunday School: Will be reopening on the 19th of June, every Sunday from 8.00 am to 9.15 am in the church (Offline). For details contact Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Lalitha Abraham at 9740008587.

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

How to Interact?

You can send your short write-ups, testimonies & articles for the Interact in softcopies. Because of the limitation of space in the magazine, the articles are selected on "First cum First serve basis" and the Pastoral teams' decision is final. Articles and essays are to be limited to a maximum of 2 A4 size papers. The last date for submitting these articles is before 20th of every month to



Welcome New Members

Following are the members received into the church on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 9:30 am service

Full Members

1.Ms. Angel Grace

2.Mr. Daniel Manukumar Varagunasingh

3.Mrs. Magdalene Daniel

4.Mr. Jeffrey Daniel

5.Miss Natania Daniel A

6.Mr. Jeremiah Peter

7.Mr. Joe Prakash V S

8.Mrs. Nithya Princy Rajam B

9.Mr. Joshua Dhivyan

10.Mrs. Agnes Maria A M

11.Ms. Judith Namratha

12.Mrs. Manjula Tondikatti

13.Ms. Jennifer T

14.Mr. Daniel T

15.Mr. Suresh Gonsalves

16.Mrs. Iona Gonsalves

Affiliate Members

1.Mr. Arulsekar Siromani

2.Mrs. Sheeba Siromani Grace

3. Miss Jane Katherine

4.Miss Cheryl Irene A

5.Mr. Jeffrey Godwin

6.Mrs. Christina Pauline Emmanuel

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7.Mr. Kadheraiah (Shadrak)

Kommalapathe

We assure them of our sincere prayers. Pastoral Team - IMC

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Memorize the Bible

5-June-2022

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." - Matthew 21:22

12-June-2022

"Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:3

19-June-2022

"For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:17

26-June-2022

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

1 John 5:4

For Pastoral visit, home communion, counselling and prayer, kindly contact the pastors.

Take it to the Lord

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 at all times.
- For His work in and through the various activities of our church.
- For His blessings upon those who celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in May 2022.
- 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.
- For the English & Vernacular-Vacation Bible School (2022) that went well.
- For the MMF Retreat that was held at Goa. We had about 20 people in attendance.

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 2022.
- 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. Rajesh Anand and Rev. Mohan Kumar.
- 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.
- The grieving families, who lost their loved ones.
- Those who have suffered financial and job losses that God would restore and satisfy them.

By the grace of God, after three years it was possible to conduct the vernacular VBS

on Friday, 13.5.22 and Saturday, 14.5.22. The Church members came in large number with great enthusiasm and commitment to teach and volunteer. It

Vernacular VBS Report 2022

was amazing to minister to over 350 students, from different colonies in and around Indira Nagar and Shivaji Nagar, by about 50 teachers and volunteers. The theme was "From Ordinary to Extraordinary". Ms Grace Johnson was the resource person.

Day 1: 13 May, Friday Teacher Orientation and Preliminary session for the children. Ms Grace brought the word of God and briefed the teachers about the VBS lessons. Teachers had a meaningful time of prayer. Around 150 children participated in the preliminary session. Rev Paul Royappa started the session with prayer, followed by soulful singing and worship by our own Sunday School students and sharing by the VBS team. This session was to prepare the children and to bring other kids for day 2.

Day 2: 14 May, Saturday The day started with teacher's devotion and general session for the children. More than 350 children ranging from 3 years to 18 years attended with great enthusiasm. The worship team, led the children in a time of singing. In the general session, Ms Grace brought out the theme from the life of Gideon. Bible lesson on Gideon was taught in classes. Colourful craft work was done to help them learn the memory verse easily. We ministered to the parents who accompanied the children too.

A sumptuous lunch was arranged for all. A small gift was given to each of them. Copies of New-testament were made available and given to those who wanted it.

We witnessed God's presence and mighty hand through these two days. We thank the Pastors, Pastorate Committee and the people who prayed, participated and supported financially. Let the Word sown in their hearts, grow and bear fruit!!

All Glory be to our Lord Jesus Christ!!

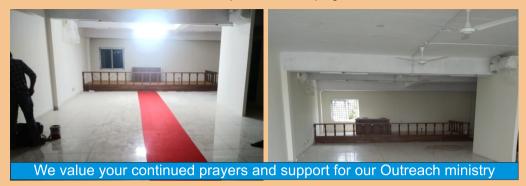
Regards

IMC Vernacular Core Team

Electronic City Methodist Worship Centre

(An extension of the Indiranagar Methodist Church)

New Worship Place work in progress









Senior Citizens Fellowship - 28th May 2022



IMC VBS 27April - 8 May 2022





COUPLES MEET

SEPERATE SESSION FOR CHILDREN

OVERCOMING THE

12th June | After 9:30 am Service

STORMS OF LIFE

Interactive session and Q&A led by Rev. Paul Royappa & Mrs. Rachel Paul

IN MARRIAGE AND HOME

REGISTRATION

PER COUPLE : RS. 300 PER CHILD : RS. 100 FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT MR. ANBU - 9739201411 MRS. USHA JONES- 9740394222

Church Office: 080 25268863 / 41255628

Area wise Bible Study Group - June 2022

THEME 2022: What is God's will for my life? Ephesians 5:17 THEME FOR JUNE 2022

What is God's will for my life? Part 5 (1 Pet 5:8 & Phil 4:11)

Day	Date	Time	Area Leader	Mobile No.	Area
Sat	11/06	8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Josey V George	9980159310	Cambridge Layout
Fri	17/06	7:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin C.	9945593463	Kasturi Nagar- Ramamurthy Nagar
Fri	24/06	7:30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Manoj .S	9900169612 9945226623	Murugeshpalya
Sat	25/06	7:00 pm	Mrs. Smitha Manoj	7204739492	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	Mobile No.	Area
1	Mr. Anuj Gupta	9742522249	Sarjapur Road
2	Mr. Ravi George	9740468360	C.V. Raman Nagar
3	Mr. & Mrs. Abhishek Das	9243104074	Marthahalli/ Whitefield

The Pencil Story

A girl was watching her grandmother write a letter. At one point she asked "Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me? "Her grandmother stopped writing her letter and said to her granddaughter". I am writing about you actually but more important than the words is the pencil I'm using. I hope you will be like this pencil when you grow up. Intrigued the girl looked at the pencil. It didn't seem very special. "But it's just like any other pencil I've ever seen". That depends on how you look at things. It has five qualities which if you manage to hang on to them, they will make you a person who is always at peace with the world.

First quality: You are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God and He always guides us according to His will. Second quality: Now and then you have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little but afterwards he's much sharper. So you too must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows because they will make you a better person. Third quality: The pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out any mistakes. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing. It helps to keep us on the road to justice. Fourth quality: What really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always pay attention to what is happening inside you. Finally, the pencil's fifth quality: It always leaves a mark. In just the same way you should know that everything you so in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action.

-Mrs. Elsie Peter

WSCS ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY' 2022

1) Women in Prayer:

Every Thursday evening from 7-7.30pm the women of IMC meet online for a time of prayer...praying for individuals, families, state, national & international affairs. Encourage many more women to join us, be blessed & be a blessing.

2) Breakfast Sales:

Breakfast sales has been resumed after the 7am & 9.30am services in support of the hospital ministry...being able to buy medicines, pay hospital bills of sick people.

Request men & women to cook & contribute towards this cause.

3) Care & Share:

Care and Share project by WSCS is to provide monthly groceries to families/ individuals in IMC who are going through financial difficulties due to job loss etc. This initiative was started during the pandemic. Contribution to this cause is welcome. If you know of any families going through difficult times, kindly let us know to be able to reach out to them.

WSCS Subscription:

In support of the WSCS Ministry request the ladies to pay up the yearly subscription of Rs.1200/- per year/ Rs. 100/-per month.

The bank details for the remittance are as follows: WSCS Account detail A/c no -- 0399053000015271 IFSC -- SIBL0000399 The South Indian Bank Ltd Indira nagar branch 560008.

Report on MMF Retreat held at Goa from 20^{th} ~ 22^{nd} May 2022

Greetings to All

By the grace of God MMF Team had a blessed retreat @ Goa from 20th to 22nd May. It was led by our senior pastor, Rev Paul K Royappa.

It was much needed for the men who joined together for such event after the pandemic. Seventeen enthusiastic men participated. All the men travelled by train and had a wonderful fun filled fellowship during the journey.

On the first day, the team learnt what David loved to be a man of God's own heart. It was a very inspiring session.

During the second half of the day, we visited Baga beach and Calangute beach. The weather was surprisingly awesome in the summer.

On the second day, we had a morning worship and followed by group sharing. Then the team visited Churches & Forts in North Goa. The participants also had sessions about other characters of David - His quiet time, faithfulness, humbleness and real. The team learnt that David also had troubles and failures, yet he was found good on God's eyes.

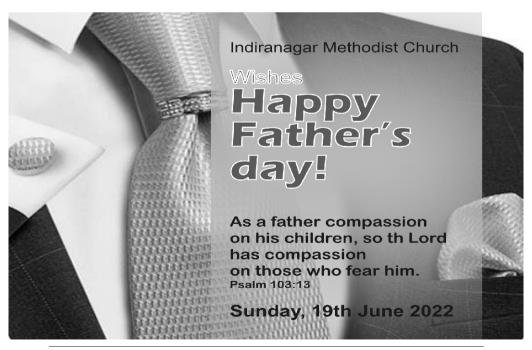
The third day, MMF team was invited to lead the Praise and Worship at Panjim Methodist Church. Our Senior Pastor, Rev Paul K Royappa led the sermon. We had a wonderful fellowship at Rev David Livingston's house.

Thanks to Rev Paul K Royappa for his encouragement and support to make this Retreat a memorable one.

Regards MMF Committee

Altar Flowers

Date	Name	Purpose
May 1, 2022	Edward & Felcia	In thanksgiving to God and on the occasion of their Son, Griffin Edward's
May 8, 2022	Capt. Devendra Naidu & family	and grace upon them through all these
May 22, 2022	Mr. & Mrs. Satish Manukonda	In thanksgiving to God for the gift of life and love and all the blessings that God
May 22, 2022	Mr. Jonathan Adriel	has bestowed on them on the occasion of their 10 th Wedding Anniversary. In thanksgiving to God for all the blessings his parents received throughout the year and for God's
May 29, 2022	Anchal and Abhishek Das	faithfulness In thanksgiving to God as their grand- mother CK Mani celebrates her 89th
May 29, 2022	Mrs. Sarkar & family	birthday today. In remembrance of the 4th death anniversary of Mr. Bimal Kumar Sarkar. " Your memory is an eternal flame, which glows at the mention of your name. We miss you dearly but are confident that you are at peace in the hands of God."



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Indiranagar Methodist Church Bank Online & UPI Details (Tithes & Offerings)



ACCOUNT NUMBER : 0399053000014868

TYPE OF ACCOUNT : Savings

NAME OF BANK : South Indian Bank

BRANCH : Indiranagar

IFSCODE : SIBLOOO0399

Kindly email the details of transfer to - finance.imcblrmci@gmail.com for accounting purpose



Indiranagar Methodist Church -Church Outreach Account Bank Online & UPI Details



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TYPE OF ACCOUNT : Savings

NAME OF BANK : South Indian Bank

BRANCH : Indiranagar

IFSCODE : SIBLOOO0399

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IMC VBS Report - 2022

April 27 - May 8

The Lord has been merciful and gracious indeed! After having online VBS's for the past 2 years due to the pandemic, we were finally able to have VBS offline this year! We are grateful for the Lord's protection over the VBS Team and all the children and their families and extended families as well. Our theme at VBS this year was "Holding on to God", based on the theme verse, Heb 10:23. It is the prayer of the VBS Team that each child would continue to truly focus on Holding on to Jesus in their journey and learn to Let go of the things that hold us back from fully experiencing Christ.

At VBS this year we had over 150 student registrations and a VBS TEAM that comprised of over 85 Teachers and Volunteers. VBS spanned over 12 days and had 8 lesson days. Some of the highlights of the offline VBS were the VBS Family Day that comprised of a session by Rev. Paul Royappa and culminated in a potluck with the families of the VBS Team and the families of the VBS children. VBS Competitions, VBS Fun Sports Day, Love Feast Day, Labour Day and the VBS Final Day service were among other highlights at VBS this year. The VBS Labour Day contributions were donated to the IMC Vernacular VBS 2022.

The offline VBS was a great opportunity for the children to reconnect with their friends and also bring their friends to VBS. A regular day at VBS started with the VBS Team devotions, a general session which included a time of singing led by the VBS Music Team, the VBS daily theme introductions, skit videos, daily spotlight videos, followed by 2 class sessions with a snack break in between. The snack times was the most missed element

during online VBS! The children regathered in the Multipurpose hall for a closing session which comprised of singing, and a summary session. The children were given an opportunity to make a commitment to following Christ during this. The day ended with the VBS Team huddle, where we would have a time of de-brief and related planning and discussions.

We are grateful to the various VBS Teams (Teachers, General Volunteers, Snacks Team, Music Team, Tech Team, Registrations Team, Office Team, Prayer Team, Crafts Team, Décor Team) that helped make each VBS day and every VBS event a memorable one for everyone who was involved in VBS this year. A special thank you to the VBS children who were a part of the VBS Music Team this year, we are so proud of each of them!

It has been such a privilege to serve the children and share the gospel of Christ with them through VBS. We would like to thank the IMC Pastoral Team, the members of the PC, Church Office Staff & Maintenance Staff, the Congregation, the Children, Teachers & Volunteers & their families for all their generosity in prayers, support, donations and contributions towards IMC VBS 2022. It was indeed a wonderful time of re-connecting, fun, fellowship and learning the Word together! Thanks be to God & to God be the Glory!

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Preethi Devaputhra Godwin
VBS Director - IMC VBS 2022

WSCS CORNER

WORD FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022

Let GOD grant what is in your heart and fullfill all your plans. PSALM 20:4

FASTING PRAYER

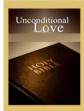
FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

DATE: SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2022

TIME: 9:30 AM - 12 NOON @ IMC

Open to all





EMPOWER AND EQUIP SERIES (UNCONDITIONAL LOVE)

DATE: SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE

TIME:4.30 TO 5.30 PM

RESOURCE PERSON: MRS. OLIVE NAGARAJ (UIM)

(Zoom details will be shared)



Open to all

DATE: JULY 30TH



Online Bible Quiz

BIBLE PORTION: EZRA, NEHEMIAH, 1 AND 2 TIMOTHY.

Registration Rs.100 per family/team. for registration Please contact Mrs. Susan Christina @ 9900252015

OPEN TO ALL METHODIST CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE WRITING TOPIC FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022



"FAITH"



A WSCS initiative to encourage everyone to internalize the Word of God by writing just one verse a day, reflecting on it, memorizing it and personalizing it!

— Bible references will be provided

For more information please contact WSCS President Mrs. Usha Jones on 9740394222



INDIRANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

Pulpit Calendar: June 2022

Theme: 'Through the Eyes of Faith'

Sunday Services: 7.00 am, 9.30 am & 6.00 pm

Date	Sermon Title / Speaker	
June 05	-	'The Power of Faith in the Fire'
*7.00 am	-	Rev. Mohan Kumar
*9.30 am	-	Rev. Paul Royappa
*6.00 pm	-	Rev. Rajesh Anand
June 12	-	'Eyes of faith, Not sight'
7.00 am	-	Rev. Paul Royappa
9.30 am	-	Rev. Rajesh Anand
6.00 pm	-	Rev. Mohan Kumar
June 19	-	'Overcoming our Reluctance'
7.00 am	-	Rev. Rajesh Anand
9.30 am	-	Dr. Tanmay Pramanik
*6.00 pm	-	Rev. Paul Royappa
June 26	-	'Step out in Faith in Uncertain Times
7.00 am	-	Rev. Paul Royappa
9.30 am	-	Rev. Mohan Kumar
6.00 pm	-	Rev. Rajesh Anand