

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia
4937 Church Avenue,
Feasterville-Trevoze, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd - Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd - English H. C. with Praise & Worship
4th - English Holy Communion
5th - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

Good News:

Rev. P J Jose and his son will arrive on March 10, 2022.

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What do Christians do during Lent?

These days, Christians around the world observe Lent in many ways. Many from more orthodox and traditional denominations will still observe the fast strictly, beginning with the wearing of ashes on Ash Wednesday and abstinence of meat, fish, eggs and fats until Easter Sunday.

Others will choose to give up just one item for Lent, more commonly a 'luxury' such as chocolate, meat or alcohol. It is also becoming increasingly common for people to give up other things in order to refocus their faith during this time; such as watching TV, going to the gym, even social media.

Many Christians also use Lent to study their Bibles and pray more intensively, making use of the many devotional books and courses now available to.

And, of course, more and more Christians are turning to the 40acts challenge as a way of doing Lent differently; using simple daily reflections and acts of generosity as a way of putting others first during preparations for Easter.

Sundays during Lent are very important to Christians around the world. Where the Monday to Saturday of each of the six weeks are concerned with fasting and abstinence, the Sunday is a celebration symbolic of Christ's resurrection. Instead of fasting, Christians hold feasts in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice. The fourth and sixth Sundays are particularly important in the UK – the fourth because it is Mothering Sunday (Mother's Day) and the sixth because it's Palm Sunday.



**Motto: Year of
Witnessing**

From Achen's Desk

Dear Beloved in Christ. Shalom to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray to stop war.

The world is in a threat because of the Russia invasion to Ukraine. Almost 1 million people fled to Europe as refugees. Still Indian students are stuck in Bunkers. Let us pray for the innocent people who are the victims of this war. Let's Pray for the leaders of both countries to know God's truth and peace and be transformed by his Holy Spirit, and that they would seek to lead their countries in the way of peace and not war.

Lent

At Jesus's baptism the sky split open, the Spirit of God, which looked like a dove, descended and landed on Jesus, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, My Beloved, with whom I am pleased." Afterward, as told in Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus was sent into the wilderness by the Spirit. Where he fasted and prayed for 40 days. During his time there he was tempted by Satan and found clarity and strength to resist temptation. Afterwards, he was ready to begin his ministry. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *Lenten*, which means 'outspring.' The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a 'mini-Easter'; and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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Lent is a great time to “repent” -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It’s a 40-day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

a. Fasting: Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that’s not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God.

b. Service: You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend every day of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

c. Prayer: Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God. Lent is the time for new life and hope. In the Lenten season, self-examination is crucial. An individual’s response to the call for purposeful reflection on one’s need for God is an important factor in choosing how one will observe Lent.

May God bless you all

With Love and Prayers,

Reni Achen

Our regularly scheduled Prayer Fellowships will be held on Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM and Saturday Mornings at 10:0 AM. Everyone’s prayerful participation requested.

Church Committee for 2022-2023

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	Mrs. Deepa Ninan
	Mrs. Susie George
Picnic Coordinator:	Mr. Saju Issac Mathew
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Birthday Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of February. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Rohan Ninan	03/04
Ava Ann Thomas	03/10
Jeffery A Kunnel	03/11
Mrs. Mary John	03/20
Mrs. Jessy Koshy	03/20
Genevieve Ann Jacob	03/20
Mr. Lerry Thomas	03/26
Mr. Zach Abraham	03/26



God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.



Lectionary for March 2022

March 02 Ash Wednesday
Cross: A Call to Vicarious Suffering

1 Lesson: 1 Kings. 17: 12-24

Psalm 102

Lesson: Philippians'. 2:1-11

Gospel: Mark. 8:31-38

Songs:

Lay Ministry:

March 6 Women's Sunday
Theme: Remembering and celebrating Women's ministry

1 Lesson: Judges. 4: 4-16

Psalm 132

2 Lesson: Philippians. 4:1-7

Gospel: Luke. 8:1-3

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Women's Fellowship

March 13 2nd Sunday in Lent
Theme: Releasing from the burden of Sin

1 Lesson: 2 Samuel. 12: 1-14

Psalm 32

2 Lesson: Acts. 8: 9-25

Gospel: Mark. 2: 1-12

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Koshy K Varghese & family

Lectionary for March 2022

March 20 **4th Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Acknowledging Faith beyond**
boundaries

1 Lesson: Isaiah. 44:28, 45:8

Psalm 125

2 Lesson: Acts 10: 24-33

Gospel: Matthew. 15:21-28

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Saju Issac Thomas & family

March 27 **3rd Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Transforming the oppressive**
structures

1 Lesson: Nahum. 1: 1-15

Psalm 113

2 Lesson: Acts. 4: 32-37

Gospel: Luke. 14: 15-24

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & family

April 03 **2nd Sunday before Easter**
Theme: **Cross and a new paradigm to discipleship**

1 Lesson: Genesis. 26. 12-33

Psalm 92

Lesson: 2. Corinthians. 11:21-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 40 - 45

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Anish Mathew & family

Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
01/23/2022	Annual General Body Meeting
03/02/2022	Ash Wednesday
04/03/2022	Passion Sunday
04/10/2022	Palm Sunday
04/14/2022	Maundy Thursday
04/15/2022	Good Friday
04/17/2022	Easter Sunday
05/08/2022	Mother's Day
05/26/2022	Ascension of our Lord
06/12/2022	Trinity Sunday
06/19/2022	Father's Day
08/07/2022	Mission Sunday
09/18/2022	Senior Citizen's Day
09/25/2022	CSI Platinum Jubilee Sunday
10/16/2022	Youth Sunday
10/16/2022	Emmanuel CSI Church Day
10/30/2022	Reformation Sunday
11/06/2022	Sunday school Sunday
11/13/2022	Unity Sunday
11/20/2022	Sunday for the Girl Child
11/27/2022	Thanksgiving Sunday
12/04/2022	Bible Sunday
12/25/2022	Christmas Day
12/26/2020	Family Sunday
12/31/2022	Covenant/Watchnight Service

