

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



# JUNE 2026

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### *Our Vision*

**A growing family of Spirit-filled followers of Jesus Christ,  
inspiring all Sri Lankans to find their life-purpose in God.**

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### **WORSHIP SERVICES ENGLISH**

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Except 4th Sunday)

### **TAMIL**

9:45 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday)

### **ENGLISH and TAMIL (COMBINED SERVICE)**

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 4th Sunday)

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### *Our Mission*

**To reach out to all Sri Lankans for Jesus,  
confirm their faith in the Trinity,  
and nurture them to achieve Christ-like maturity.**

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## **FROM THE DESK OF REV NIHAL FERNANDO**

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”  
— Hebrews 10: 24

Dearly beloved in Christ,

The month of June is indeed a special and significant season in the life of our parish, Church of the Good Shepherd. On the 21st of June 2026, our English Congregation will gather for its Annual General Meeting — a time to prayerfully reflect on our journey as a parish community, to review the progress we have made together, and to nominate and elect lay officers and leaders who will continue to guide and strengthen the mission and ministry of our Church.

As your Vicar, I wish to place on record my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who faithfully served God and His people during the year 2025 / 2026.

- Mr. Ashan Algama – Vicar’s Warden
- Mrs. Nilani Seneviratne – People’s Warden
- Mr. Anil Jayasinghe – People’s Warden
- Mr. Lalith Dassenaikē – People’s Warden
- Mrs. Rohini Jayaratne – People’s Warden
- Mrs. Ruwani Jirasinghe – Hony. Treasurer
- Mrs. Amala Cumaraswamy – Hony. Secretary

Their dedication, commitment, sacrifice, and unwavering support have greatly contributed to the spiritual life and ministry of our parish. We remain deeply grateful for their faithful stewardship and service rendered with humility and love.

As we prepare for the Annual General Meeting, let us uphold our parish in prayer and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that God may raise leaders who are committed to His work, rooted in faith, united in fellowship, and devoted to serving His people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion.

May Church of the Good Shepherd continue to be a beacon of God’s love, hope, and grace to all.

Yours in Christ,

***Fr. Nihal Fernando***  
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Vicar

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### Special Days in June 2026

- 5<sup>th</sup> World Environment Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> YMCA Foundation Day, 1844
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fathers' Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> UNESCO Interfaith Day for Peace
- 23<sup>rd</sup> International Widows' Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> The Baptist Women's League Sunday
- 29<sup>th</sup> First Methodist Missionaries arrived in Sri Lanka, 1814

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

***A Time of Church-Family Fellowship: After the 8:15am service.*** A cup of tea is served in the Parish Hall, every Sunday. You may buy your own breakfast. Even if you aren't hungry for a meal, come and savour the taste of fellowship.



***A Listening Ear: 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.***

Some parishioners have volunteered their time to lend an ear and to pray with those who are facing challenges in life. While you may contact them to set up a mutually convenient time and place to talk/meet, they will also be available on Sundays in the Parish Hall (Meeting Room), from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please contact Angela Seneviratne, Mobile 077 2516272 for more details.



***English Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.***

Our children are taught God's Word and ways—in a fun, meaningful, and innovative manner—by a group of dedicated teachers. Their parents are, also, most welcome to worship with the rest of our church-family and become more involved in parish activities!



***Fellowship Evening: 7:00 p.m.***

A fellowship evening is held *every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 5:30 pm* worship service. All are welcome!



## WEDNESDAYS

***The Young At Heart Group: Commencing at 9:30 a.m.***

The Young At Heart Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for fun filled activities and fellowship. All over 60's are welcome; bring along a friend (non-parishioner) to join in the fun too!!



## WEDNESDAYS

### ***Young Adults at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall***

Keep in touch with Viranga on 0773891951 for more details.



## THURSDAYS

### ***Bible Studies***

Bible studies will be held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome and remember to bring a friend. More details will be shared in the Church WhatsApp group.



## SATURDAYS

### ***Mothers' Union: Commencing at 10:00 a.m.***

Meetings of our very active Mothers' Union (MU) are held once a month—every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Keep in touch with a member of the MU for updates on their plans and programs, and join them in their many projects!



## SATURDAYS

### ***Youth Ministry: Every Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m***

The youth (16+ years) of the parish meet regularly for worship, study, and a whole host of other fun-filled activities geared towards spiritual growth and maturity. We ask for your prayers as church leaders who guide and mentor these young people in our parish heed God's voice over this next generation of ours.

Keep in touch with Shakyna 0777158847 or Nikhil on 0721806971



**A Very Warm Welcome and a Heartfelt Greeting,  
in the Glorious Name of Jesus, to all our Visitors!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY, please fill in a *Family Card* and hand it over to any of our Parish Stewards on duty (look out for the 'PARISH STEWARD' badge), one of our Wardens (just ask for Ashan, Nilani, Rohini or Lalith), or our Vicar, the Rev. Nihal Fernando.

Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Tony Curtis.

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JUNE 2026

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
JUNE 7 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 5 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 33: 1 - 12	
	OT Lesson	Genesis 12: 1 - 9	Eraan Fernando
	NT Lesson	Romans 4: 13 - 25	Janaki Fernando
	Gospel	Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 26	Nevaan Fernando
JUNE 14 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 6 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 100	
	OT Lesson	Exodus 19: 2 - 8	Tony Curtis
	NT Lesson	Romans 5: 1 - 8	Jacob Curtis
	Gospel	Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8	Tabitha Curtis
JUNE 21 <sup>ST</sup> PROPER 7 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 69: 7 - 10, 16 - 18	
	OT Lesson	Jeremiah 20: 7 - 13	Rochelle Gunawardene
	NT Lesson	Romans 6: 1 - 11	Rohini Rockwood
	Gospel	Matthew 10: 24 - 39	Nalinie Wanigasekera
JUNE 28 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 8 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 13	
	OT Lesson [T]	Genesis 22: 1 - 14	Joshua Jerald
	NT Lesson [S]	Romans 6: 12 - 23	Chintha Fernando
	Gospel [E]	Matthew 10: 40 - 42	Aneeka De Silva

### INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR JUNE 2026

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
JUNE 7 <sup>TH</sup>	Rochelle Gunawardene	Devika and Maasiri Dias
JUNE 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Seanan Ponniah	Janet and Tabitha Curtis
JUNE 21 <sup>ST</sup>	Githa Algama	Shiranthini De Silva Christina Paul
JUNE 28 <sup>TH</sup>	Dhayamani Ashok [E] Jebaseely Srivathanan [T]	Shani, Ashan and Arya Algama

**WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR JUNE 2026**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WARDEN</b>	<b>PARISH STEWARDS</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY JUNE 7 <sup>TH</sup>	Rohini Jayaratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Michelle Ponniah (AM) Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM)
2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY JUNE 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Nilani Seneviratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Christina Paul (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Aidan Tissera (PM) Diruni Chanmugam (PM)
3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY JUNE 21 <sup>ST</sup>	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Rohini Jayaratne (PM)	Shelley Tissera (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM) Debika Pathirana (PM)
4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY JUNE 28 <sup>TH</sup>	Lalith Dassenaik (AM)	Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Michelle Ponniah (AM)

**My soul aches,  
To be compliant  
It longs to be  
On God reliant....**

**For I am in awe,  
Of His holiness  
Making me aware  
Of my lowliness....**

**My heart yearns to be,  
Onto God cleaving  
So I may serve Him  
Through righteous living....**

**For to be obedient,  
I need to walk  
The voice I hear  
When to me He talks....**

**My soul pines,  
To keep God's commands  
My heart strives . . .  
To do what He demands!!**

## BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE 2026

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Francis Anandage	
2	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Maheeka Perera	
	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Jayendra Daniel	
	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Dalrene Thavarajah	
	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Ashvin Ranatunga	
3	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Janaki Ananthasuntharam	
	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Meara Algama	
	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Aaron Thavarajah	
	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sharmila Perera	
4	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Dihan Dedigama Kiren Ranatunga	
	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Delani Jayasinghe Ranjan Mather Tabitha Curtis	
	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Pearl Chinnakoon Ayaan Weerakoon	
	29 <sup>th</sup> June		Sevanjie & Dihan Dedigama
	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunil De Alwis Rohan Fernando Pradeep De Silva David S Pulle	

**"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."**

**Colossians 3:23 - 24**

**AGM of the English Congregation  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10.00 a.m.**