

PARISH NEWSLETTER



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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.**

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)

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.**

FROM THE DESK OF REV NIHAL FERNANDO

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Ending Gospel Poverty

“Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.” —
Mark 16 : 15

Gospel poverty is not only the absence of material resources; it is also the absence of the Good News of Jesus Christ in people’s lives. In Sri Lanka, many are familiar with religion, yet may not truly know the hope, forgiveness, peace, and new life found in Christ.

As an Anglican parish, our calling is to proclaim Christ through Scripture, prayer, Holy Communion, pastoral care, and faithful Christian witness. Our churches must be welcoming communities where people encounter Christ, not merely religious institutions.

Let us therefore take the Gospel beyond our church walls—to our homes, workplaces, schools, neighbourhoods, and wider communities. By word and deed, may we become instruments through whom others experience the love of Christ.

“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” — Matthew 5 : 16

May our parish be a community that not only receives the Gospel, but faithfully shares it.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Nihal Fernando
VICAR

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”

1 Chronicles 16 : 34

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Special Days in October 2026

- 1st Children's and Elders' Day
- 4th Christian Reformed Church Sunday / Education Sunday
- 11th Differently Abled Persons Sunday
- 13th International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
- 15th White Cane Safety Day
- 18th Health Care Workers' Sunday
- 31st Reformation Day

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 3rd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 Minal, Lalith, Rohini or Ashan), or our Vicar, the Rev. Nihal Fernando.

Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Tony Curtis.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
OCTOBER 4 TH PROPER 22 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 65	
	OT Lesson [T]	Deuteronomy 8: 10 - 18	Nalinie Jeyaraj
	NT Lesson [S]	2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15	Mishaal Algama
	Gospel [E]	John 6: 1 - 14	Michael Tissera
OCTOBER 11 TH PROPER 23 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 106: 1 - 6, 19 - 23	
	OT Lesson	Exodus 32: 1 - 14	Eraan Fernando
	NT Lesson	Philippians 4: 1 - 9	Aneeka De Silva
	Gospel	Matthew 22: 1 - 14	Emma De Rose
OCTOBER 18 TH PROPER 24 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 99	
	OT Lesson	Exodus 33: 12 - 23	Mothers' Union
	NT Lesson	1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10	Mothers' Union
	Gospel	Matthew 22: 15 - 22	Mothers' Union
OCTOBER 25 TH PROPER 25 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 90: 1 - 6, 13 - 17	
	OT Lesson	Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12	Sunday School
	NT Lesson	1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8	Michelle Ponniah
	Gospel	Matthew 22: 34 - 46	Githanjali Algama

INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
OCTOBER 4 TH	Delani Jayasinghe [E] Jeyaseeli Srivadhanan [T]	Devika and Maasiri Dias
OCTOBER 11 TH	Sean Ponniah	Janaki Fernando Angela Seneviratne
OCTOBER 18 TH	Mothers' Union	Mothers' Union
OCTOBER 25 TH	Dhayamani Ashok	Sunday School

WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	WARDEN	PARISH STEWARDS
1 ST SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 TH	Minal Ranatunga (AM)	Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Mishael Algama (AM) Dhayamani Ashok (AM)
2 ND SUNDAY OCTOBER 11 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Christina Paul (AM) Shelley Tissera (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM) Diruni Chanmugam (PM)
3 RD SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 TH	Rohini Jayaratne (AM) Ashan Algama (PM)	Githanjali Algama (AM) Dirk Jayaratne (AM) Aidan Tissera (PM) Debika Pathirana (PM)
4 TH SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 TH	Lalith Dassenaik (AM) Minal Ranatunga (PM)	Amala Cumaraswamy (AM) Michelle Ponniah (AM) Renuka Amarasekera (PM) Mishael Algama (PM)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving....

For quiet breath and morning light,
For stars that fill the quiet night,
For water from the flowing stream,
And every hope and hopeful dream.

Thank you, God, for daily bread,
For words of peace that soothe my head,
For hands to work and eyes to see
The grace You freely give to me.

Through sunny days and stormy weather,
You hold my fragile life together.
With humble heart and grateful song,
To You, O Lord, my days belong.

For every blessing, seen and hid,
For all the saving grace You did,
Accept this prayer of love and praise,
To guide me all my earthly days.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER 2026

Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 st Oct	Shyama Thangiah	
	2 nd Oct	Radhika Fernando	Nilani and Dyan Seneviratne Dilly and Chris Robinson
	5 th Oct	Shirel Wickramaratne	
	7 th Oct	Yasmin Dahanayake	
	9 th Oct	Tishan Wijesundera	
2	14 th Oct	Chanies Ratnayake	
	15 th Oct	Amanda Silva Keshini Hapugoda	
	16 th Oct	Sevanjie Dedigama	
3	19 th Oct	Flora Daniel Anitra Ratnayake Raaya Pathirana	Visaka and Rajiva Samarasinha
	20 th Oct	Reshani Fernando Diruni Chanmugam	
	21 st Oct	Chanaka Goonetilleke Shenuki Goonetilleke Tiyana Mather	Anusha and Chanaka Goonetilleke
	23 rd Oct	Allanson Chapman	
4	25 th Oct	Geethal Peiris	
	26 th Oct	Rochelle Hakel-Ranasinghe Bihani Welikala	

Church Events in October 2026

Sunday 4 th	Harvest Festival
	Thanksgiving Service and Sale
Saturday 10 th	Pet Blessing
Sunday 18 th	Link Parish Visit to Christ Church Hambantota