

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



# SEPTEMBER 2025

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

### **TAMIL**

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

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

8:15 am Holy Eucharist with Sermon (Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Dearly beloved in Christ,

**“Ignite 2025 – Revive the Fire of Faith Within”**

The Board of Lay Officers of our church has prayerfully decided to organize a Mission Program with the aim of renewing and strengthening our parish community.

This Mission will be held from the 26th to the 28th of September 2025, and will conclude with a Fellowship Lunch. The main focus of this spiritual journey is to discern together how each of us, guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, can contribute to the growth and life of our parish.

Another important objective is to unite our two communities in deeper fellowship, worship, and faith.

I warmly encourage all parishioners to set aside these days and take part in this Mission Program. The sessions will be conducted in both English and Tamil, ensuring inclusivity for all.

Registrations will close on the 18th of September 2025, so kindly ensure that you register on or before this date. If you feel moved to support this Mission Program through a contribution, your generosity will be gratefully received.

May the Lord who is the foundation of the Church, also build up our lives, so that His Kingdom may be established among us.

Yours in Christ

***Fr. Nihal Fernando***

VICAR

**"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'". A foundational call to share the gospel with everyone.**

**Mark 16: 15**

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### **Special Days in September 2025**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Christian Home Sunday                        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Cross Sunday                            |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Church of South India Sunday                 |

# 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, Anil or Lalith), or our Vicar, the Rev. Nihal Fernando. Family Cards are available with our Sexton, Tony Curtis.

### SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	READING	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	READER
SEPTEMBER 7 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 18 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 19	
	OT Lesson	Jeremaiah 18: 1 - 11	Chintha Fernando
	NT Lesson	Revelation 3: 14 - 22	Sharmini Wickramasinghe
	Gospel	Luke 14: 25 - 33	Anil Wickramasinghe
SEPTEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 19 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 14	
	OT Lesson	Jeremaiah 4: 11 - 12, 22 - 28	Sean Ponniah
	NT Lesson	Colossians 1: 15 - 20	Janaki Fernando
	Gospel	Luke 15: 1 - 10	Aneeka De Silva
SEPTEMBER 21 <sup>ST</sup> PROPER 20 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 79: 1 - 9	
	OT Lesson	Jeremaiah 8: 18 - 9: 1	Dhayamani Ashok
	NT Lesson	1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7	Michelle Ponniah
	Gospel	Luke 16: 1 - 13	Pamela Silva
SEPTEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup> PROPER 21 SUNDAY	Psalm	Psalm 91: 1 - 6, 14 - 16	
	OT Lesson [T]	Jeremaiah 32: 1 - 3, 6 - 15	Steffny Jeevan
	NT Lesson [S]	1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19	Varunika De Silva
	Gospel [E]	Luke 16: 19 - 31	Emma De Rose

### INTERCESSORS & OFFERTORY BEARERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	INTERCESSOR	OFFERTORY BEARERS
SEPTEMBER 7 <sup>TH</sup>	Anil Jayasinghe	Angela Seneviratne Amar Goonetilleke
SEPTEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Rohini Jayaratne	Michelle Ponniah and Family
SEPTEMBER 21 <sup>ST</sup>	Angela Seneviratne	Shiranthini De Silva Janaki Fernando
SEPTEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	Joshua Jerald [E] Mythili Jerald [T]	Sunday School

## WARDENS & SIDESPERSONS DUTY ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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

### PARISH MISSION

#### **IGNITE 2025**

**"Revive the fire of faith within"**

A mission tailor made for Parishioners of The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Come and be amazed as you hear God's word preached.

When : 26th to 28th September 2025

Time : Starting 6:30 pm on 26th Sept 2025

Venue : Church of the Good Shepherd, Colombo 5

Further details on registration.

**\*Registration closes on 18th September 2025\***

This is a fully funded mission of the Church, by COGST.  
A pledge for assistance is warmly welcome.

## BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER 2025

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Week	Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Nashali Goonetilleke	
2	7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Dhayamani Ashok	Githanjali and Ranil Algama
	9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Kanthi Peiris	
	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Wijith De Chickera	
	13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Angela Seneviratne	
3	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pamela Silva Shania Dedigama	
	15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Florence Ratnam Tashia Wijesundera	
	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Suresh Thavarajah Pradeepa De Silva Chris Robinson	
4	21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Mirantha Perera	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	James Kennedy Aruldas	Sharmila and Mirantha Perera
	24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Duminda Peiris	
	25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Amani Tissera	
	28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Anusha Goonetilleke	
	29 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Michelle Ponniah Vishan De Silva	
	30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Linda Anandage Melissa Sridaran Hidramani Eraan Fernando Nevaan Fernando	

### A Prayer for Unity and Service

**Unite us as a church, Lord, that our hearts may beat as one for Your kingdom purposes. Help us to be a humble, unified body, characterized by compassion and a profound love for one another, that the world may know we are Your disciples.**

**Lord, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, giving us boldness, courage, and a deep compassion for those we are called to serve. Help us to reflect Your love, faith, and strength in all that we do. Amen!!**