

## Announcements

In lieu of the lock-down mandated by the government, we have decided not to meet together at the church premises until further notice. However, we will continue to have our Sunday & Wednesday services streamed so that we can worship together as a virtual community within the confines of our homes.

We will have our service streamed every Sunday at 10:30 am (IST) on our Facebook Events page & YouTube channel.

Join us for a mid-week gathering around the Table every Wednesday at 8:00 PM on Zoom. To receive the meeting ID please send an mail to [Pastor@thechurchatpowai.com](mailto:Pastor@thechurchatpowai.com)

Junior Church for the children starts at 12 noon every Sunday. Make sure your children join in every Sunday. If you weren't contacted, call their class teacher for join-in details.

Please send your Prayer Requests to Pastor at : [pastor@thechurchatpowai.com](mailto:pastor@thechurchatpowai.com)  
Prayers will be kept anonymous on request.

To listen to Pastor's Podcasts on Bible Passages and Prayer visit our website or use this link: <https://resources.thechurchatpowai.com/podcast>

Visit our website :  
[www.thechurchatpowai.com](http://www.thechurchatpowai.com)  
for the online events links  
and announcements.

## November Announcements

29.11.2020 - 1st Sunday in Advent

*To give your  
Tithes and Offerings to  
The Church at Powai  
make use of these 2 options*

### Domestic (India)

Account Name: The Church at Powai

Bank Name: Canara Bank

Branch: I I T Powai

Account Type: Savings

Account No.: 2724101079329

IFS Code: CNRB0002724



The Church At Powai

Scan this QR Code  
from any UPI APP to  
send your Tithes &  
Offerings to CAP.

**Important Note:** If you have made an online transfer of Tithes & Offerings, please send a mail to [admin@thechurchatpowai.com](mailto:admin@thechurchatpowai.com) for receipting purposes.

The Church at Powai, D-122/123 Kailash Vaibhav,  
Next to Kailash Complex, Hiranandani - Vikhroli Link Rd.,  
Park Site, Vikhroli (W) Mumbai -400079  
Ph: +91-22-25185829 / 25170364 / 8291267677  
Email: [pastor@thechurchatpowai.com](mailto:pastor@thechurchatpowai.com)  
Sr. Pastor - Rev. Dr. Cecil Clements

The Church  
at Powai

CAP Newsletter  
NOV 2020 Vol. 2 : 11

*Follow  
Me, and  
I will make  
you fishers of  
men. - Jesus*



"But I, when I am  
lifted up above the earth,  
will draw all men unto myself."  
John 12:32

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/11 - Ashish Monthero  
01/11 - Ishita Biswas  
01/11 - Anita Suri  
02/11 - Vanita Poojary  
03/11 - Anugrah Daniel Kumar  
04/11 - Michelle Hamilton  
04/11 - Vinod Hamilton  
05/11 - Prasheel Pardhe  
05/11 - Deepthi Munigety  
06/11 - Lilian Sargunam  
08/11 - Delight Peris  
08/11 - Janet Felsia  
08/11 - Neha Singh  
08/11 - Jemima Alexander  
11/11 - Daniel Johnson  
12/11 - Rashmi Ravade  
14/11 - Leora Johnas  
15/11 - Samson Roji  
18/11 - Rachel Kotian  
19/11 - Daniel Johnas  
21/11 - Nyal Fernandes  
21/11 - Sonia Joseph  
21/11 - Johanna Borah  
23/11 - Joseph John (Jose John)  
23/11 - Alexander George  
23/11 - Blossom Soans  
24/11 - Sonia Justin  
26/11 - Tanooj Saini  
28/11 - Shalom John Solomon  
29/11 - Cynthia Borah  
30/11 - Jaiden Serrao

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

04/11 - Shalini & Vinod Hamilton  
05/11 - Janet Felsia & Kins Kumar Samuel  
06/11 - Jayashree & Joffery Monthero  
06/11 - Kalpana & Daniel Sanjeeva Rao  
09/11 - Julia & Manuelson Sargunam  
18/11 - Janet & Marcel D'Silva  
21/11 - Aishana & Umang Parikh  
24/11 - Shalini & Bhasker Badigar  
27/11 - Walesa & Nyal Fernandes  
28/11 - Blossom & Ronald Soans

## From the Pastor's desk

Reminiscing this morning, I was reminded of a friend I had met about 10 years ago who had wanted me to meet another friend of his who, he said, would really leave an impression on me. I was curious as we sat down to lunch and waited for his friend to come. When he did, it left me shocked. Sitting across from me was one of the most disfigured faces that I had ever seen in my life. After I got over the initial shock, he smiled at me and said that he used to be a baseball commentator. He said, "One day, after a win, we were letting off fireworks and one of them malfunctioned and blew up in my face. I went from hospital to hospital doing multiple reconstructive surgeries on my face. It wasn't helping, and my attitude too was very bad. One day, I was in this particular hospital and a nurse walked in and said to me: 'We get people like you all the time. There are always two things that happen to the people who come in here. They either get better or they get bitter. The choice is always up to the patient.'"

I still think about that, remembering him and seeing what a wonderful attitude he had. Passersby kept turning and looking at him, yet he was quite oblivious to their stares. He just sat there having a normal conversation with us. I wonder if, as you read the word bitterness, whether it brings up some emotion in you. Maybe you've trusted somebody who has cheated you out of a large sum of money. Or maybe another person got the promotion or the raise that you deserved. Or you've been unfairly criticized while trying to do your best. Or you have children who continually disappoint you? Or maybe you have suffered a very ego-deflating setback in your office. Or maybe you've discovered that your spouse is having an affair. These days it seems that the harder you try, the more things seem to be going wrong.

All these scenarios have one potential – the potential to lead you into bitterness, and if by any chance, this word has struck a chord with you, I'd really like to engage with you, through this post. Because, refusal to let go when someone or

something is taken from us, and to constantly bring that memory up and hold on to it causes more and more hurt. Beloved, bitterness is like rust—it eats into you from within.

But here's the fact: It all comes down to a choice we make: whether to harbour and nurse the injustices and hurts, or to let them go. It's a choice. Viktor Frankl, who spent many years in a concentration camp, says, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." Choice, that's the one thing that cannot be taken away from us. Nelson Mandela, who had every reason to be bitter after being incarcerated for over twenty-five years, remarked, "As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

The Bible says, "See to it that no bitterness grows up to cause trouble." And it causes trouble – it always does. We end up being toxic, function sub-optimally, cannot give of our best, and invariably lose our joy. So how do we get over bitterness? All the books that you can read about bitterness come to one focal point of deliverance and that is to forgive. Contrary to popular opinion, however, forgiveness is not about letting the other person off the hook; it's actually about letting you and me off the hook. That's what we need to do, to stay free of bitterness.

Beloved, if you are dealing with a root of bitterness today, please do something about it, because it only ends up hurting you, nobody else. My prayer is that today you would let go of your bitterness, exercise your choice to forgive, and bring back the joy of a bitter-free life.

Because of His Amazing Grace,

*Pastor*

