

Melvin Mathew	Mathew K John	Ararat	15
Gloryson Saji	Saji Baby	Bethlehem	16
Saramma Thomas	Thomas Mathews	Eden	17
Evan K Binoy	Binoy Joseph John	Canaan	19
Rajamany Manoj	Manoj K John	Bethlehem	20
Brielle Mary Moncy	Idicula Oommen	Hebron	21
Acsah Alex	Alexander Daniel	Gethsemane	21
Nimson Idicula	Idicula Oommen	Hebron	22
Ashish Paul	Omana Paulose	Bethlehem	22
Godin S.Kuruvilla	Kuruvilla M.A	Gethsemane	22
Amaziah Sara Santhosh	Santhosh Philip	Canaan	22
Arlene Abraham	Arlene Abraham	Hebron	22
Thomas Zachariah A	Thomas Zachariah A	Canaan	25
Dr. Jai S.George	Sunny George	Ararat	25
Shiby Aji	Aji V. George	Bethlehem	28
Lipson Thomas Philip	Philip Thomas	Canaan	28
Binoy. K. Varughese	Binoy. K. Varughese	Gethsemane	28
Sneha Mariyam Shaji	Shaji T K	Bethlehem	30
Pratibha John	Reni John Thomas	Hebron	30
Joshua Joji Chacko	Joji Georgi Chacko	Kadesh	31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Prayer Group	Date
George V Abraham	Beena George	Bethlehem	5
Shijin K. Abraham	Rhiya Grace	Hebron	10
Dickson George Sam	Ami Benni	Bethlehem	18
Manoj K John	Rajamany Manoj	Bethlehem	18
Koshykunju P.K	Shiny Koshy	Eden	19
Abraham K C	Sosamma Abraham	Hebron	21
Abraham Varghese	Lissy Abraham	Kadesh	23
Philip Thomas	Glysen Thomas	Canaan	24
Shinith Iype	Nancy Shinith	Ararat	25
George A Zachariah	Susan George	Eden	26
Jose G.Thomas	Priya Jose	Kadesh	27

BETHEL VOICE

August 2026



From the Vicar's Desk.....

Dearly beloved in Christ.

Freedom Flourishes Where Truth Is Heard

*"Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.." (Proverbs 31:9)*

Every August, our nation pauses to celebrate Independence Day. We remember the sacrifices of countless women and men who dreamt of an India where every citizen could live with dignity, freedom, and justice. Independence was not merely freedom from colonial rule; it was the birth of

Independence Day Flag hoisting By Yuvajana Sakhyam. 15th Aug at Church at 7.30 AM

Delhi Centre MTEVA Combined Worship 30th Aug at 9.00AM



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a democratic vision where every voice mattered, every citizen was valued, and every institution was expected to serve the common good.

Democracy is not sustained by elections alone. It is strengthened by truth, accountability, dialogue, and the courage to listen even to voices that disagree with us. As Christians, these are not merely political ideals; they are deeply biblical values.

The Book of Proverbs calls rulers and citizens alike to “speak up and judge fairly.” Justice in the Bible is never selective. God consistently stands with truth against deception and with righteousness against corruption. The prophets repeatedly challenged kings and authorities whenever justice was ignored or the vulnerable were silenced. Their concern was not political power but moral responsibility.

In recent weeks, our country has witnessed widespread concern over irregularities in major public examinations, including allegations of question paper leaks and demands for meaningful reforms in the education system. Students, parents, and teachers have expressed anxiety about fairness and transparency. In every democracy, citizens have the right to raise concerns peacefully and expect institutions to respond with openness and sincere dialogue. When questions are met with suspicion rather than conversation, trust begins to weaken. A mature democracy grows stronger not by silencing criticism but by listening carefully, correcting mistakes honestly, and rebuilding confidence through justice.

As Mahatma Gandhi wisely observed, “Truth never damages a cause that is just.” Truth does not fear examination. Genuine leadership welcomes accountability because it understands that transparency strengthens institutions rather than weakens them.

Freedom Requires Responsible Voices

The Bible never encourages silent acceptance of injustice. The prophets spoke, Jesus questioned religious and social hypocrisy, and the apostles declared, “We must obey God rather than human beings” (Acts 5:29) whenever conscience demanded faithfulness to God’s truth.

Yet Scripture also teaches that our words must reflect wisdom, humility, and peace. Christian witness is neither violent anger nor passive silence. It is courageous truth spoken in love. As followers of Christ, we are called to

PRAYER MEETINGS

Address	Date	Time	Prayer Group
Mrs. Saro Ambekar At Church	02 (Sun)	11:30AM	Ararat
Mr Lalu Thomas RZ-2084/26, Dream India Appt. Tuglakabad Extn	02 (Sun)	05:00PM	Bethlehem
Mr Saju Zachariah Kh No 642/2, H.No 18 Ayodhya Appt, Part 3, Nai Basti Road, Devli	02 (Sun)	07:00PM	Canan
Mr. Lino C. Koshy Thomas Flat No A6, Plot No 602A Shridhar Dham Appt Ward No 3, Mehrauli	16 (Sun)	05:30PM	Hebron
Mr. Abraham Varkey A-102/103, SF, Lane No 6 Paryavaran Complex, New Delhi	22 (Sat)	07:00PM	Eden

BIRTHDAY

Name	HOF	Prayer Group	Date
Janeesa Rojy	Rojy Sam Raju	Ararat	1
Easow Issac	Easow Issac	Bethlehem	2
Shinith Iype	Leelamma Iype	Ararat	3
Aadil Shiju Pappan	Shiju P Varghese	Hebron	4
Priya Jose	Jose G.Thomas	Kadesh	5
Jibby Philip	Saramma Philip	Ararat	5
Vinay Oommen	Oommen Mathew	Eden	5
Jose G.Thomas	Jose G.Thomas	Kadesh	8
Alina Hanna Thomas	Thomas V T	Canaan	9
Ann Sara Lino	Lino C. Koshy Thomas	Hebron	9
Rejo Saji	Lissy Saji	Canaan	10
Shalini Samuel	Samuel M.P	Eden	10
Pranoy Mathew Thomas	Thomas Mathews	Eden	12
Eric Noble	Sosamma John	Gethsemane	13
Jessy Jacob	Thomas M.Jacob	Eden	13
Sini Biju	Biju Thomas	Canaan	14

PARISH ACTIVITIES: AUG 2026

Holy Qurbana	At 8.00 AM in Malayalam all Sundays
Edavaka Mission	Fasting Prayer : 1 st Fri 10.30AM. (07 Aug2026)
	Evening Prayer : 2nd Fri at 7.30 PM (14 Aug2026)
	Fasting Prayer : 3rd Fri 10.30AM. (21 Aug 2026)
	Evening Prayer : 4th Fri at 7.30 PM (28 Aug 2026)
	Delhi Centre MTEVA Combined Worship 30 August at 9.00AM
Senior Citizen Fellowship	After worship service on the 1 st Sunday. (02 Aug 2026)
Sevika Sangam	Bethel Poshanam will be held on 2 nd Sat (08 Aug 26)
	After worship service on the 2 nd & 4 th Sunday (09 & 23 Aug 2026)
	Cottage Prayer meeting on 08 Aug 2026 at resi. of Mrs Sosamma Abraham at 0430PM. Address DDA Flat, 32/1029, 02 nd Floor, Madangir, Near MG Electronics.
Yuvajana Sakhyam	3 rd Sunday after worship service (16 Aug 2026).
	Cottage Prayer meeting on 23 rd Aug 2026 at residence of Mr Joby Koshy at 0500PM. Address B-204, Kailash Tower, Saidulajab.
	Delhi Centre Yuvajana Sakhyam is organising an Inaugural Meet 2026-27 & One Day Conference, which will be held at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Patparganj, on the 1st of August 2026, 8.30 AM Onwards
Independence Day Celebration	Independence Day Flag Hosting Celebration on 15 th Aug 2026 at 07:30am at Church. (Responsibility : Youth)
Sunday School	Sunday School teachers retreat will be held on 08 th Aug 2026 at all saints Mar Thoma Church, Faridabad
	The Half yearly examination of the Sunday School will be held on 23 Aug 2026 immediately after the worship service.
Choir	Choir Practice : Every Saturday 0700 PM at church

PARISH WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our parish website, **www.bethelmtcdelhi.com**. We invite all parish members and well-wishers to visit the website regularly to stay updated with worship schedules, parish news, events, ministries, and other resources as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Our parish is privileged to host the Combined Worship Service of the Delhi Centre Parishes and the Mar Thoma Voluntary Evangelists' Association (MTVEA) Centre Meeting. Your prayerful participation and generous physical and financial support are earnestly requested for the successful conduct of this blessed gathering.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share the joyful news that Mr. Benoy Samuel Mathew and Mrs. Jincy Mol Abraham (C/o Mr. Babu Samuel and Mrs Elizabeth P. Samuel), C-10/B3, Paryavaran Complex, Delhi) of the Eden Prayer Group have been blessed with a baby girl on 01st July 2026.

On behalf of Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Saket, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newly blessed parents and their family. May God's grace and blessings be upon the child and family always.

LECTIONARY

02 Aug Kadesh Prayer Group		
Mission : Compassion in Action		
1st Lesson -	: Isa 58 : 06-10	Epistle – 1 John 5 : 08 – 14
	Elizabeth George	
2nd Lesson-	: Acts 19 : 08-12	Gospel – St Mark 05: 13 –16
	Amy George	
Assisting	: Mr Jose Thomas	
Offertory	: Mr VK Mammen and Mrs Sophy Mammen	

09 Aug Ararat Prayer Group		
Identity in Christ Marked by Baptism		
1st Lesson-	: Exo 14 : 15 – 31	Epistle 1Cor 12 : 12 – 20
	: Shaun Thomas	
2nd Lesson-	: 1 st Pet 03 : 18-22	Gospel St. John 03 : 01 – 08
	: Joanna Shinith	
Assisting	: Varghese Scaria	
Offertory	: Andrea Shinith and Sherwin Thomas	
16 Aug Bethlehem Prayer Group		
Reformation : A Call for Renewal		
1st Lesson -	: 2 nd King 23 : 01-06	Epistle Rom 11 : 01-06
	: TK Shaji	
2nd Lesson –	: Titus 03 : 03 – 08	Gospel St. Luke 05 : 36 – 39
	: Ashley Lalu	
Assisting	: Varughese Scaria (Wilson)	
Offertory	: Alwin Renosh and Edwin Renosh	
23 Aug Canaan Prayer Group		
Holy Qurbana : Table of Reconciliation		
1st Lesson-	: Exo 24 : 03 – 11	Epistle 1 Cor 10 : 14 – 22
	: Joel Thomas Shibu	
2nd Lesson-	: 2 Cor 05 : 1 – 21	Gospel St. Matt 05 : 23 – 26
	: Nayana Mary John	
Assisting	: Thomas Zachariah	
Offertory	: Evan K Binoy. Amaziah Sara Santhosh	
30 Aug Combined Worship (Assist By : MTEVA)		
Embracing the Migrants and Refugees		
1st Lesson-	: Lev 19 :9,10,33-37	Epistle 2 Thess 01 : 03 – 05
2nd Lesson-	: Acts 10 : 30-35	Gospel St. Luke 01 : 39 – 45

pray for those in authority, respect public institutions, and at the same time encourage them to uphold justice, fairness, and integrity.

Martin Luther King Jr. reminded the world, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Justice, however, does not emerge automatically. It requires citizens who remain informed, institutions that remain accountable, and leaders who are willing to listen.

Building an Independent Nation Every Day

Independence is not only a historical event celebrated once a year. It is a daily commitment to protect the values that make freedom meaningful. A nation becomes truly independent when education is fair, opportunities are equal, laws are applied impartially, and every citizen can express concerns without fear.

Our educational institutions shape not only careers but also character. When integrity is compromised in examinations, it affects more than academic results; it shakes the confidence of an entire generation. Conversely, when transparency, honesty, and fairness are protected, young people learn that truth still matters. This is the kind of nation our freedom fighters envisioned and the kind of society the Bible encourages us to build.

The prophet Micah beautifully summarises God's expectation: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8). Justice without mercy becomes harsh; mercy without justice becomes weak. God calls His people to hold both together.

As we celebrate another Independence Day, let us pray not only for national prosperity but also for moral courage. May our leaders govern with wisdom, our institutions function with integrity, our educators nurture honesty, and our young people never lose hope in the power of truth.

The freedom we celebrate today was secured through sacrifice. The democracy we cherish tomorrow will be preserved through justice, dialogue, and integrity. As citizens of India and disciples of Christ, may we become people who speak truth with humility, pursue justice with compassion, and work faithfully for the peace and flourishing of our nation. May God bless our beloved India with righteousness, wisdom, and enduring peace.