



# CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER

December 2024



**THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR**  
368, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7

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# MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR OF THE CATHEDRAL

Dear Friends,

We are in the season of Advent. While Advent marks the beginning of the Christian calendar it is also a season of preparation and expectation. It is a season where we prepare ourselves for two events. To celebrate the incarnation of Christ and the second coming of Jesus as judge. Along with our preparation there is also an expectation. Expectation gives us hope.

When we look at the season of Advent we have to remember that Advent is Christmas. Unfortunately Christmas has become a commercial venture and a money spinner and made us believe that Advent is the beginning of Christmas. It is unfortunate that those who believe in Christ and know the truth are comfortable in following the commercial path rather than showing the world what the true meaning of Christmas is.

Consumerism has become an evil that creates many who don't have. Hence, the church – the body of Christ, always looks out for such persons, stands on their side and finds ways and means to help integrate them into their rightful place in society, just as Jesus did.

Advent gives us hope and meaning that such a context will change. However, as we wait with expectation we continue to prepare ourselves for the incarnation and his second coming in a meaningful way, by being involved in the liberative work of God.

During this season we reflect on the patriarchs who gave hope of the coming messiah. Abraham the father of faith and David from whose branch Jesus was born are important. The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus also give hope to God's

people. The world we live in finally, hope and love. To a world which is embroiled in power struggle, revenge, war, suspicion, refugees and displaced, the faith of Abraham, the message of the prophets and the promise to David gives us hope that deliverance will come to this world. That deliverance is through the Messiah.

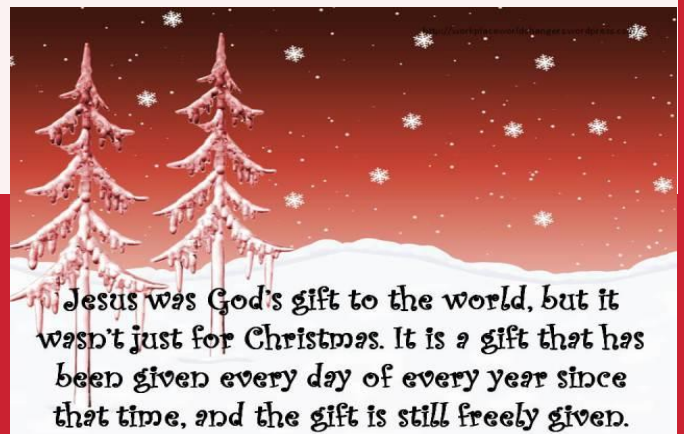
Advent also gives us the opportunity to look at John the Baptist, the one who prepared the way for Jesus. And finally, Mary who was obedient to the divine call and carried Jesus in her womb. The call of John the Baptist “repent” and the obedience of Mary, help us to re-look at our own lives and change. That is the preparation we have to get involved in. Ridding ourselves of all that displeases God and tell him *“O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for you”*.

When all this takes center stage during the season of Advent, we celebrate the incarnation in its true meaning. A celebration that continues every day of our life and not one that ends on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. It is a celebration that goes on until we see the return Christ as judge of this world.

Therefore, as we reflect and prepare ourselves to wait for the coming of Christ, and as we foretaste it through our celebration of Christmas, may our response and prayer this season of Advent be ***“Maranatha – Amen. Come Lord Jesus”***. May God give us the courage to prepare ourselves for a meaningful Christmas.

God bless you all.

Fr. Lakshman



Jesus was God's gift to the world, but it wasn't just for Christmas. It is a gift that has been given every day of every year since that time, and the gift is still freely given.

*A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

*"See amid the Winter's Snow"*

WITH  
THE CHOIR OF THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER *08th* 05:00PM

The Cathedral of Christ the Living Savior,  
Bauddhaloka Mw, Colombo 07



CATHEDRAL  
of Christ the Living Saviour

COME JOIN THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY AT THIS YEAR'S

# Carol Service & Christmas Fair

8<sup>th</sup>

DEC.  
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THE CATHEDRAL  
OF CHRIST THE  
LIVING SAVIOUR  
BAUDDHALOKA MW. COL.07

Carol Service - 05.00 PM-Onwards

Christmas Fair - 06.00 PM-11.00PM

**STALLS:** Food | Jewellery | Linen | Dinner |  
Books | Bon Bons & all kinds of everything

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Games for Kids | Karaoke  
& Performances

**PURCHASE YOUR PRIZE DRAW TICKETS TODAY !**

Prizes include : Hotel Stays | Dinners for 2 |  
Gift Vouchers & Many more



# LECTIONARY - DECEMBER 2024

## Date 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Theme: “Messengers of the Bible prepares the Way with faith - the Penitential Voice”**

**Worship Leader**

**Daphne William**

Old Testament Lesson	Malachi 3 : 1 - 9	Treasure Boco
Psalm		To be sung
Epistle	Philippians 1 : 3 - 11	Fara Daniel
Gospel	Luke 3 : 1 - 6	Darren White
Intercession	Eshan De Mel	
Offering of Elements	Danielle /Warran /Treasure	

## Date 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Theme: “John the Baptist : The Joy of Expectant Voice ; Come, O Lord of might”**

**Worship Leader**

**Evan Jayawardane**

Old Testament Lesson	Zephania 3 : 14 - 20	Ananthi Ahangama
Psalm		To be sung
Epistle	Philippians 4 : 4 - 7	Jessika Arulkumar
Gospel	Luke 3 : 7 - 18	Ashane Rodrigo
Intercession	Amanda Vincent	
Offering of Elements	Shane/ Akasha Daniel/ Akithma Coorey	

## Date 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday in Advent ( Sunday next before Christmas)

**Theme: “Love, full of Grace: The Annunciation”**

Old Testament Lesson	Micah 5 : 2 - 5a	Cyril Amarasekera
Psalm		To be sung
Epistle	Hebrews 10 : 5 - 10	Vrai Raymond
Gospel	Luke 1 : 39 - 45	Mahen Perera
Intercession	Jill Mackdonald	
Offering of Elements		

## Date 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Midnight Service - The Nativity of the Lord

**Theme: “The Nativity - God with us”**

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9 : 2 - 7	Michael Gnanapragasam
Psalm	96	Andrew Joseph
Epistle	Titus 2 : 11 - 14	Darren William
Gospel	Luke 2 : 1 - 14	Vrai Raymond
Intercession	Shanti Gnanapragasam	
Offering of Elements	Krishan & Anushka Tennakoon	

## Date 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord

**Theme: “The Nativity - God with us”**

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 52 : 7 - 10	Dr. Chandani Perera
Psalm	98	Anthea Senaratne
Epistle	Titus 2 : 11 - 14	Himani Peiris
Gospel	John 1 : 1 - 14	Romesh David
Intercession		
Offering of Elements		

# LECTIONARY - DECEMBER 2024

## Date 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord

**Theme: “The Nativity - God with us”**

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 52 : 7 - 10	Dr. Chandani Perera
Psalm	98	Anthea Senaratne
Epistle	Titus 2 : 11 - 14	Himani Peiris
Gospel	John 1 : 1 - 14	Romesh David
Intercession		
Offering of Elements		

## Date 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 1st Sunday of Christmas

**Theme: “Jesus Christ, Divine and Human”**

Old Testament Lesson	Esther 7 : 1 -6, 9 - 10, 9: 20 - 22	Niroshala Manuel
Psalm	124	Darren White
Epistle	James 5 : 13 - 20	Patrick Bulner
Gospel	St. Mark 9 : 38 - 50	Indranee Senanayake
Intercession	Sonali Amarasekera	
Offering of Elements	Derrick & Sharmini Jayakumar	

## Date 31st December 2024 – New Year Midnight Service

Old Testament Lesson	Esther 7 : 1 -6, 9 - 10, 9: 20 - 22	Angela Vincent
Psalm	124	Anthea Senaratne
Epistle	James 5 : 13 - 20	Derrick William
Gospel	St. Mark 9 : 38 - 50	Yanithra Ferdinando
Intercession	Dharshini Masilamaney	
Offering of Elements		

## Date 1st January 2025 – New Year Day Service

Old Testament Lesson	Esther 7 : 1 -6, 9 - 10, 9: 20 - 22	Amrit Samarasinhe
Psalm	124	Avani Wannakuwatte
Epistle	James 5 : 13 - 20	Parshene Rodrigo
Gospel	St. Mark 9 : 38 - 50	Shamara Herat
Intercession	Sheryl Swamidoss	
Offering of Elements		

**KEEP THE DATE FREE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

The presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

**Service of Holy Confirmation**

**5.00pm**





# CHRISTMAS

AT THE

## *Cathedral*

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### ADVENT SUNDAY

- Sunday School Christmas Party (after the service)
- 05.00pm Advent Taize Prayer

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### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 05.00pm Carol Service
- 06.00pm Cathedral Christmas Fair

21  
DEC

- 05.00pm Crib Service

24  
DEC

### CHRISTMAS EVE

- 11.15pm Sung Eucharist

25  
DEC

### CHRISTMAS DAY

- 07.00am Holy Communion (Sinhala / Tamil)
- 08.30am Sung Eucharist (English)

31  
DEC

### NEW YEARS EVE

- 11.15pm Watchnight Service

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JAN

### NEW YEAR

- 07.00am Holy Communion (Sinhala / Tamil)
- 08.30am Holy Communion (English)

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR  
BAUDDHALOKA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 07.

## THE CATHEDRAL “COMMUNITY KITCHEN”

The Cathedral Community Kitchen has continued through the year with the generous donations of the Cathedral Community and well-wishers. At present due to the lack of funds, the Community Kitchen has reduced the number of packs to 200. However, with your generous contributions we can continue to sustain the important mission of the Cathedral. The cost per day (200/- x 200) Rs. 40,000/-

### How can you support to continue the Community Kitchen?

- Making a commitment to sponsor 200 packs (40,000/-), 100 packs (20,000/-) or 50 packs (10,000/-) regularly.
- Sponsor a day in memory of a loved one (memorial) or in celebration of an occasion (Birthday, anniversary)

*Payments can be made to  
Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour  
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue,  
Account no. 1116019905  
Bank code: 7056  
Branch code: 116  
Swift Code: CCEYLKLX  
Reference: Community Kitchen or CK*

## English classes for the under privileged children

*We thank God for the opportunity to conduct English classes for the underprivileged children throughout the year.*

*Whilst we understand that there is a need for these classes, we also need the following human resources.*

1. **A few more teachers.** This will enable us to separate the children into different classes.
2. **Volunteers** to help co-ordinate the children and parents who come.

*For more details please contact: Charmini Derrick – 077 342 0800*

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIVING SAVIOUR

# Youth Book Drive

In support of the students of  
St. Michael's College, Colombo 3  
for the new school year

**CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE TO  
THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT TILL  
31ST DECEMBER**

Account No: 1116019905

Bank: Commercial Bank

Beneficiary: Cathedral of Christ the  
Living Saviour

Reference: Books

For more details, please speak to Darren  
(0717697966)



# THE CATHEDRAL "CHRISTMAS APPEAL"

We are all aware of the effects of the heavy rains in the Northern and Eastern parts of our country a few weeks ago. As people return to their homes, they have to rebuild their lives, as the flood has destroyed most of their belongings (Clothes, books, equipment, etc). Once such community is Murrakottanchenai in Batticaloa. Our Church and Vicarage which is within this community was also affected and the priest too had to re-locate.

As a Cathedral Community we too can help these families rebuild their lives and give them the much necessary hope that their lives can return to normal. Most affected are women and children. Children have lost their school uniforms, text and exercise books.

We seek your generous donations to help the affected communities to get back to their normal lives at their earliest. You can send in your donations to the following bank account with the Reference – **"Cathedral Christmas Appeal"**

*Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour  
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, Reid Avenue,  
Account no. 1116019905  
Bank code: 7056  
Branch code: 116  
Swift Code: CCEYLKLX*



# The Anglican Cycle of Prayer – December 2024

**Sunday 1 December 2024**

*Advent 1*

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Monday 2 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kitale – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Tuesday 3 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kiteto – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Wednesday 4 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kitgum – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Thursday 5 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kitui – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Friday 6 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kivu –  
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Saturday 7 December 2024**

The Diocese of North Kivu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Sunday 8 December 2024**

*Advent 2*

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**Monday 9 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Tuesday 10 December 2024**

The Diocese of Koforidua – The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Wednesday 11 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kolhapur – The Church of North India (United)

**Thursday 12 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara – The Church of South India (United)

**Friday 13 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kondoa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Saturday 14 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Sunday 15 December 2024**

*Advent 3*

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Monday 16 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Tuesday 17 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Wednesday 18 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Thursday 19 December 2024**

The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Friday 20 December 2024**

The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

**Saturday 21 December 2024**

The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The Church of South India (United)

**Sunday 22 December 2024**

*Advent 4*

The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Monday 23 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kubwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Tuesday 24 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kuching – Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Wednesday 25 December 2024**

*Christmas Day*

The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa

**Thursday 26 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Friday 27 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kurunegala – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

**Saturday 28 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kushtia – The Church of Bangladesh

**Sunday 29 December 2024**

*1st Sunday of Christmas*

The Episcopal Church

**Monday 30 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kutgi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Tuesday 31 December 2024**

The Diocese of Kwara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

# TIMES OF SERVICES

**07.00am – Sinhala & Tamil**

**08.30am – English**

- All services will be held physically while the 8.30am service will also continue to be livestreamed. The link for the livestream will be shared weekly.



## *Weekly Services at The Cathedral*

*Every morning, at 7.30 a.m, a short Holy Communion service is held at the tranquil little Chapel (the Chapel of St. Joseph the Worker) at the right side at the entrance of the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour.*

*If you are marking a special day in your life, a day you would like to remember with prayers and thanksgiving to God, this service provides the perfect opportunity to do so with a special blessing. Be it a birthday or wedding anniversary, a commemoration of the death of a loved one, even a day when you began a new chapter in your life and you want to spend a few moments in quiet reflection, come to this morning service. It is where you can pray and worship in the company of a few and have a special prayer said for you.*

*The morning service is also ideal for elders who may prefer a shorter worship service than the regular Sunday Eucharist. The quiet confines of the Chapel offer a place for peaceful reflection.*

**The following morning services are held every day (Monday to Saturday)**

**7.00 am Morning Prayer**

**7.30 am Holy Eucharist**



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*For pastoral visits please scan the QR code*



*or*

*click the MS Forms link. <https://forms.office.com/r/fYWJCJzvM4c>*

## Cathedral Prayer Circle

- A Prayer Circle is now operational as a WhatsApp group. If you wish to join, please send your name and mobile number to 077 726 0862

**Website:** [www.cathedral.lk](http://www.cathedral.lk)

**Social Media:** <https://www.facebook.com/CathedralCMB/>



# FOR YOUR REFLECTION

THEY SAY "KEEP CHRIST  
IN CHRISTMAS". BUT WOULDN'T  
THAT MEAN LOVING EVERYONE,  
BEING INCLUSIVE, HELPING  
THE POOR, AND WORKING FOR  
PEACE ON EARTH?



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