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GOOD SHEPHERD GOSPEL CHURCH
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

LIVING TO SERVE

JANUARY 2026

- **SUNDAY SERVICE**
(BILINGUAL TAMIL & ENGLISH)
10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM
- **HOLY COMMUNION FOLLOWS**
THE 1ST SUNDAY SERVICE
- **FASTING PRAYER**
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
⌚ 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- **BIBLE STUDY**
EVERY THURSDAY
⌚ 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM
- **YOUTH MEETING**
EVERY MONDAY ⌚ 6 AM
2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
⌚ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **MEN'S MEETING**
LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- **LADIES MEETING**
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
⌚ 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- **UK NATION PRAYER**
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
⌚ 8:30 PM - 9:15 PM
- **KIDS CLASS**
EVERY FRIDAY ⌚ 4:30 PM
- **FAMILY PRAYER**
EVERY FRIDAY ⌚ 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **LEADERS PRAYER MEETING**
EVERY FRIDAY ⌚ 5.30 AM - 6.15 AM



Birthdays

01ST JAN – MISS. LYDIA
02ND JAN – BRO. INDIRAN
02ND JAN – SIS. BANU
06TH JAN – SIS. PRAMYA
09TH JAN – SIS. UMA
15TH JAN – BRO. MATHAN
16TH JAN – MISS. DEBORAH
24TH JAN – MISS. HANNAH
27TH JAN – BRO. VANAN
29TH JAN – MASTER. JOSSIAH

Anniversaries

06TH JAN – BRO. HARY & SIS. PRAMYA
19TH JAN – BRO. GANDHI & SIS. GEETHA
25TH JAN – BRO. JOSE & SIS. BENEDICTA

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From the Pastor's Desk

GOD MAKES US FRUITFUL AND PLENTIFUL

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Happy New Year to all our brothers and sisters! Warm greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By God's abundant grace, we have entered 2026. The Lord has blessed us for this year with His promise from Genesis 28:3: "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, so that you may become a multitude of people." As we reflect on the past year, it may feel as though time passed quickly. Some of us may carry worries from what has gone by, and others may feel anxious about what this new year will bring. Yet we are reminded that our God is good, and all His plans for us are for peace and goodness. We know that Isaac had two sons—Jacob and Esau. Although Jacob was obedient to his parents, he was forced to flee in order to protect himself. At that moment of uncertainty, God through Isaac blessed Jacob with the promise found in Genesis 28:3—that God would bless him, make him fruitful, multiply him, and give him the blessing of Abraham for generations to come. Though Jacob had already received the firstborn blessing, this blessing secured God's promise not only for him, but for his descendants as well. If any of us are wondering where to go or whom to turn to for help, let us not be afraid. God Almighty is with us, and His promise still stands—that we will be fruitful and multiply. We believe that in this year, God will bless our church by adding more people to our fellowship, according to His perfect will.

God makes us fruitful and plentiful

By removing humiliation.

In Genesis 29:31-35, we see that Jacob fled for his life to Laban and married his two daughters, Leah and Rachel. In Leah's life, there was a deep lack of love from her husband. She was unloved, yet the Lord saw her condition. When God saw that Leah was not loved, He blessed her womb. This year, God desires to bless us with these basic yet powerful necessities—love in our lives. He sees every affliction and is able to remove every pain and burden we carry. Leah's first son was named Reuben, which means "the Lord has seen." The Lord looked upon her affliction and blessed her with a son. Though Leah did not specifically pray to be seen, God still saw her. In the same way, God's eyes are upon us at all times. She named her second son Simeon, meaning "the Lord has heard." Having grown in confidence, Leah cried out to God, and the Lord heard her and blessed her again. Her third son was named Levi, meaning "attached." Leah realized that it was God Himself who was attached to her life. She bore another son and named him Judah, meaning "praise." Leah made a decision to praise God, fully assured that the Lord was with her—just as we are reminded in Psalm 34:1-2. Out of the twelve tribes of Israel, six tribes came from Leah. No human could have determined her worth or importance, but God alone determines greatness. As we are reminded in Genesis 31:3, let us be assured that God loves us. Let us not focus on our weaknesses or on people, but instead fix our eyes on the Almighty God, who continually watches over us and never takes His eyes off His children.

By removing barrenness.

Genesis 30:22-24 tells us that although Rachel was deeply loved by her husband Jacob, she remained childless. She understood that there was nothing her husband could do to change her situation, so she turned earnestly to God in prayer. Rachel recognized that the fruit of the womb is a gift from the Lord alone. God remembered Rachel, heard her prayer, and she gave birth to Joseph and later Benjamin. The name Joseph means increase, addition, or multiplication. This teaches us the importance of being focused and persistent in prayer. As we pray faithfully, the Lord God will add to our generations. Even in times of economic hardship or famine, we are called to pray for all things, trusting God completely. As written in Psalm 145:18-19, the Lord is near to all who call upon Him in truth; He hears their cries and answers them, just as He did for Rachel. God is able to remove every form of barrenness in our lives, according to His promise in Exodus 23:26: "No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days." The Lord promises blessings to those who serve Him. He will bless our bread and our water, remove sickness from among us, and bring fulfillment to our lives. Let us therefore pray that our generations will be blessed. And for those facing sickness, let us pray with faith, declaring that we are God's children and asking Him to take away every infirmity as we serve the Lord truthfully.

By removing deception.

In Genesis 32:2, we see that Jacob, who once fled alone from his home, now returned as two camps. Though Jacob had been repeatedly deceived by Laban—in matters of promises, marriage, wages, and compensation—and despite Laban's continual complaints about his work, Jacob remained diligent and faithful. As recorded in Genesis 30:27-30, 43, Jacob worked sincerely, and even Laban acknowledged that he was blessed because of Jacob's presence. Likewise, we are called to work truthfully and diligently in our workplaces. We must examine ourselves and ask whether we are being a blessing or a hindrance to others. God had anointed Jacob, and through his faithfulness, he became exceedingly prosperous and fruitful. Genesis 30:43 testifies to the abundance that followed his integrity. As Proverbs 22:29 teaches, those who work with sincerity and excellence will stand before kings. Jacob understood that his prosperity did not come merely from his own efforts, but from God's favor. When we walk in obedience—honoring our parents and respecting authorities—God causes us to prosper, and generational blessings follow naturally. Be assured of God's blessings—In Genesis 28:12-14, while Jacob was fleeing for his life, God promised that his descendants would be as numerous as the dust of the earth. Though Jacob may have expected immediate relief, God was revealing His plans for future generations. We cannot force God into our timeline; He sees far beyond the present moment. At that time, Jacob was unmarried and without security, yet he believed God's promise. Be assured of God's presence and protection—In Genesis 28:15, God assured him, "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." Often, we struggle to move forward not because we lack promises, but because we struggle to believe them. Faith requires us to step beyond comfort. Jacob endured losses under Laban, as seen in Genesis 31:39-42, yet he acknowledged that God was with him (Genesis 31:5). In the same way, obedience to God's call—even when it seems uncomfortable—brings fulfillment. When I obeyed the promise God gave me to establish a church and serve the South Coast, I did so without personal preference, but in faith. God strengthened my belief through signs, including support from a brother named Emmanuel—meaning "God is with us." While we were worshiping in a small Baptist church with fasting and tears—God confirmed through the church pastor His word: "You will increase to the right and to the left." Without obedience, we would not be standing here today, witnessing the gathering of God's people. The Lord looks to our future; while He is able to meet immediate needs, He also prepares us for what lies ahead. Even in our weaknesses, God remains with us. Often, we fail to enjoy life because we are unaware of His constant presence. Let us focus on the right things this year. As Psalm 119:49 reminds us, it is God's Word that gives us hope and sustains our lives. Instead of dwelling on facts we cannot change, let us focus on what we can do—bringing every concern, including sickness, before God and entrusting Him with the outcome.

By removing Oppression.

Isaiah 54:17 declares: "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord. Although weapons may be formed against us, they will not succeed. This is God's promise to His people. We are a royal priesthood, and though we will face trials, we will pass through them with God. We are not called to avoid trials, but to walk through them in His presence. When God is with us, no human power can prevail against us, for we are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. As we see in Psalm 3, even when many rise against us, we are able to lie down and sleep in peace, while those who plot against us remain restless. In Genesis 1:28, God created humanity and commanded us to be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, subdue it, and rule over it. This is God's original vision for you and me. We are designed and empowered to fulfill this calling. God has devoted us to His purpose and declared His promise over our lives. Therefore, do not be anxious or fearful. God is fully able to accomplish what He has spoken. Let us remain focused on prayer and serve Him faithfully. As Zechariah 8:23 says, people will come and hold onto us, desiring to seek God's presence—if we ourselves hold firmly to Him.

Conclusion.

Let us make a firm resolution this year to bring the Gentiles to God. If we believe in His promises, God will remove every form of barrenness, make us fruitful, and bless us abundantly—just as He gave Jacob two camps. As Psalm 105:8 reminds us, God remembers His covenant forever. Trust in the Promiser, not merely in the process. Do not fear the journey God leads you through, even when it is difficult to understand. Walk forward in obedience and faith, knowing that He who promised is faithful.

Pastor Rajan Robert



Sermon recap 2025

THE YEAR GOD BUILT US IN 2025, THE LORD LED US THROUGH TEACHINGS ON PRAYER, PEACE, WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PERSEVERANCE, AND FINISHING STRONG-FROM THE LATTER GLORY (HAGGAI 2:9) IN JANUARY TO GOOD RACE (2 TIMOTHY 4:7) IN DECEMBER. EACH MESSAGE BUILT OUR FAITH AND PREPARED US FOR THE SEASONS AHEAD.

JANUARY- FOUNDATIONS & AWAKENING

- 01/01 – THE LATTER GLORY (HAGGAI 2:9)
- 05/01 – THE LATTER GLORY (HAGGAI 2:9)
- 12/01 – LORD, HASTEN AT HIS TIME (ISAIAH 60:22)
- 19/01 – BLESSED BE THE LORD (PSALMS 41:13)
- 26/01 – AWAKE, AWAKE O ZION (ISAIAH 52:12)

FEBRUARY PRAYER & WATCHFULNESS

- 02/02 – WATCHFUL AND PRAY (1 PETER 4:7)
- 09/02 – PRAYER (2 CHRONICLES 7:1)
- 16/02 – UPPER ROOM SECRET PRAYER (MATTHEW 6:6)
- 23/02 – PHILADELPHIA (HEBREWS 13:1)

MARCH- LEARNING FROM CHRIST

- 02/03 – GOD WHO UPHOLDS US (ISAIAH 41:10)
- 09/03 – LEARNING TO SPEAK FROM JESUS (MATTHEW 11:29)
- 16/03 – LEARNING SILENCE FROM JESUS (MATTHEW 11:29)
- 23/03 – CONTEND EARNESTLY (JUDE 1:3)
- 30/03 – WELL-WATERED GARDEN (ISAIAH 58:11)

APRIL- HELP, HUMILITY & THE KINGDOM

- 06/04 – MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD (PSALMS 121:12)
- 13/04 – LEARNING MEEKNESS FROM JESUS (MATTHEW 11:29)
- 20/04 – LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 15:45)
- 27/04 – HEAVENLY KINGDOM (MATTHEW 6:20)

MAY- WORSHIP, FORGIVENESS & STEADFASTNESS

- 04/05 – FORGIVENESS (MATTHEW 6:14–15)
- 11/05 – HOW NOT TO LOSE KAIROS TIME (ACTS 16:13)
- 18/05 – WORSHIP (JOHN 4:23–24)
- 25/05 – I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN (PSALMS 16:8)

JUNE- PEACE, GIVING & THE INNER LIFE

- 01/06 – PEACE WITHIN YOUR WALLS – PART 1 (PSALMS 122:7)
- 08/06 – PEACE WITHIN YOUR WALLS – PART 2 (PSALMS 122:7)
- 15/06 – PEACE WITHIN YOUR WALLS – PART 3 (PSALMS 122:6–7)
- 22/06 – GIVE (ACTS 3:6–7)

JULY- TRUST & DISCERNMENT

- 06/07 – THE LORD RAISES THOSE WHO ARE BOWED DOWN (PSALMS 146:8)
- 13/07 – WHO IS RIGHTEOUS (PSALMS 34:19)
- 20/07 – WORRY NOT (MATTHEW 6:31)
- 27/07 – MINISTERS OF SATAN (2 CORINTHIANS 11:14–15)

AUGUST- ABIDING & ENDURANCE

- 03/08 – THE LORD IS MY HIDING PLACE (PSALMS 32:7)
- 10/08 – ABIDE IN CHRIST (JOHN 15:4)
- 17/08 – THE HOLY SPIRIT (JOHN 1:12)
- 24/08 – HOW TO OVERCOME DIFFICULT DAYS (2 TIMOTHY 3:1)
- 31/08 – JAIRUS' FAITH (MARK 5:36)

SEPTEMBER- REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER

- 07/09 – THE LORD REMEMBERS US (PSALMS 115:12)
- 14/09 – YOU SHALL BE A BLESSED GENERATION (JOSHUA 11:1)
- 21/09 – THE ONENESS PRAYER LIFE (ACTS 1:14)
- 28/09 – MARTHA, MARTHA (LUKE 10:38)

OCTOBER- GLORY & ANOINTING

- 05/10 – LET YOUR LIGHT LEAD ME (PSALMS 43:3–4)
- 12/10 – GOD'S GLORY (ISAIAH 40:5; 60:1–3)
- 19/10 – ANOINTING (ACTS 10:38)
- 26/10 – BUT... (REVELATION 2:4)

NOVEMBER- JOY, WARFARE & HUMILITY

- 02/11 – JOY-FILLED LIFE (PSALMS 4:7)
- 09/11 – STOP GIVING PLACE TO SATAN (EPHESIANS 4:27)
- 16/11 – KNOWING HIM (JOHN 6:66)
- 23/11 – WEAPON OF PRAYER (EPHESIANS 6:18)
- 30/11 – HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD (JAMES 4:10)

DECEMBER- FAITH & FINISHING WELL

- 07/12 – SHUNAMMITE WOMAN'S FAITH (2 KINGS 4:30)
- 14/12 – DEALING WITH A FORGIVENESS SPIRIT (MATTHEW 18:35)
- 21/12 – MANASSEH AND EPHRAIM (GENESIS 41:51–52)
- 28/12 – GOOD RACE (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)
- 29/06 – THOUGHTS (PSALMS 19:4)



DID YOU KNOW?? SOME FACTS ABOUT JUDAH

- **THE PATRIARCH:** THE TRIBE WAS NAMED AFTER JUDAH, THE FOURTH SON OF JACOB AND LEAH. THE NAME YEHUDAH (JUDAH) COMES FROM THE HEBREW ROOT FOR "PRAISE" OR "THANK".
- **THE SCEPTER:** PROPHECY STATED THE "SCEPTER SHALL NOT DEPART FROM JUDAH," ESTABLISHING IT AS THE ROYAL LINE FROM WHICH THE MESSIAH WOULD DESCEND.
- **LEADERSHIP:** DURING THE WILDERNESS WANDERINGS, JUDAH WAS THE LARGEST TRIBE BY POPULATION (74,600 WARRIORS IN THE FIRST CENSUS) AND LED THE MARCH OF THE ISRAELITE HOST.
- **SURVIVAL:** WHILE THE TEN NORTHERN TRIBES WERE LOST AFTER THE ASSYRIAN CONQUEST IN 722 BCE, THE TRIBE OF JUDAH SURVIVED AS A DISTINCT ENTITY THROUGH THE BABYLONIAN EXILE.
- **KING DAVID:** THE FIRST GREAT MONARCH FROM THIS TRIBE, ESTABLISHING JERUSALEM AS THE SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL CENTER.
- **JESUS OF NAZARETH:** JACOB'S FINAL BLESSING COMPARED JUDAH TO A "LION'S WHELP," MAKING THE LION THE TRIBE'S OFFICIAL SYMBOL. BOTH THE NEW TESTAMENT AND CHRISTIAN TRADITION IDENTIFY HIM AS THE "LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH".
- IN THE HIGH PRIEST'S BREASTPLATE (THE CHOSHEN), THE TRIBE OF JUDAH WAS REPRESENTED BY A SPECIFIC GEMSTONE ENGRAVED WITH ITS NAME. DUE TO ANCIENT TRANSLATION DIFFERENCES, THERE ARE SEVERAL IDENTIFYING FACTS REGARDING THIS STONE:
- **HEBREW IDENTITY:** THE STONE IS IDENTIFIED IN THE TORAH (EXODUS 28:18) AS THE NOPHEKH (נֹפֶךְ). WHILE MODERN MINERALOGY CAN BE DEBATED, IT IS MOST IDENTIFIED AS A GARNET OR A CARBUNCLE. SOME TRADITIONS AND TRANSLATIONS ALSO ASSOCIATE IT WITH AN EMERALD OR TURQUOISE.
- **PLACEMENT:** THE NOPHEKH WAS THE FIRST STONE IN THE SECOND ROW OF THE FOUR-ROW BREASTPLATE.
- **SYMBOLIC MEANING:** PRAISE AND RADIANCE: THE STONE'S BRILLIANCE IS SAID TO SYMBOLIZE JUDAH'S CHARACTER; JEWISH TRADITION NOTES THAT JUDAH'S FACE "SHONE RADIANTLY" WHEN HE WAS COMMENDED BY HIS FATHER, JACOB.



TRIBE OF
JUDAH

What happened

CAROL SERVICE:

Our Carol Service was held at our church on the 13th of Dec 2025 and was truly a blessed and uplifting occasion. Every participant contributed beautifully to the glory of God. The children joyfully expressed their praise through dance, glorifying our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The ladies reverently presented the traditional Villupattu, honoring the birth and love of our Saviour. Our men enriched the celebration with a harmonious Christmas medley that filled the congregation with joy and worship.

We were also blessed to welcome many new people who joined us for this special occasion. We thank God for bringing them among us and will continue to uphold them in our prayers, trusting the Lord to work in their hearts and lead them into the fullness of salvation. Above all, a powerful and Spirit-filled message from God's Word was delivered by our Shepherd, strengthening and encouraging the congregation. We praise God for His abiding presence and grace throughout the service.

SPECIAL FASTING PRAYER:

A special season of fasting and prayer was observed at our church, beginning on the 21st of Nov 2025 and concluding on the 20th of Dec 2025. This 30-day period was truly a blessed and transformative time, richly filled with the presence of the Lord. Throughout these days, the congregation devoted themselves to prayer and meditation on God's Word, reflecting on the influence of dark and evil spirits, how they lead people into sin, and the biblical ways to overcome them through the power and truth of God's Word.

On the final day, the entire church—from the youngest to the eldest—gathered in unity to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through earnest prayer and fasting. A powerful and Spirit-led message was delivered by our Pastor, teaching on overcoming the Midianite spirit and highlighting how God used Gideon to defeat the Midianites, as recorded in Judges 6:14. These 30 days were a great blessing to everyone, equipping believers with spiritual understanding and strengthening them to walk in victory through faith and obedience to God.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Our Christmas Service was joyfully celebrated on 25th Dec 2025 at our church. The service was filled with heartfelt praise and worship, creating a spirit of thanksgiving and joy. This was followed by a powerful and uplifting message delivered by our Shepherd, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas and God's great love for humanity. The celebration concluded with warm Christmas greetings shared among the congregation, along with a time of joyful fellowship at the church premises. It was truly a blessed and memorable celebration for all.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER:

A thanksgiving prayer meeting was held on the 28th of Dec 2025, following the church service, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This blessed time was dedicated to offering heartfelt gratitude to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His abundant blessings, faithfulness, and grace throughout the year 2025. The gathering was filled with powerful testimonies, praises, and thanksgiving, as God's people joyfully reflected on His goodness and unfailing love. We give all glory and honor to our Saviour for sustaining and guiding us through the year.

NEW YEAR SERVICE:

The New Year Service was held on 01st Jan 2026 at our church with hearts full of gratitude and expectation. The service opened with uplifting praise and worship, leading the congregation into God's presence. Our Shepherd shared a powerful, faith-filled message, anchored in the promise word for the year from Genesis 28:3-4, reminding us of God's blessing, fruitfulness, and covenant faithfulness. The service concluded with warm New Year greetings and joyful fellowship at the church premises, marking a blessed and hopeful beginning to 2026.

Clicks from our Carols



Announcements

FAITH QUEST – The BIBLE QUIZ:

On the second Sunday, 11th Jan 2026, after the church service, FAITH QUEST – The Bible Quiz will be conducted at our church, based on the Book of Ruth. The quiz will consist of 20 questions. We lovingly encourage everyone to prepare diligently by reading and meditating on God's Word. Please come prayerfully, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we grow together in faith and biblical understanding.

GSGC Retreat 2026:

We are excited to announce our 4-day Church Retreat from Tuesday, 7th April 2026 (10:00 AM) to Friday, 10th April 2026 (2:00 PM) at The Poplars, Dyke House Lane, Ledbury HR8 1QY.

We are blessed to have Pastor John Ruban and Sis. Chinthiya John Ruban from God's Will Ministries, India as our guest preachers, who will be ministering God's Word throughout the retreat.

For retreat fee details, please contact Bro. Anand.

Come join us for a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and growing together in the Word of God!

Testimony

On the 28th Dec 2025, following our church service, members of the congregation were given the opportunity to share their testimonies, reflecting on how our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ faithfully led and sustained them throughout the year. Each testimony was a powerful reminder of God's grace, provision, and unfailing love. It was truly a blessed and uplifting time as we listened to one another and rejoiced in the mighty works God has done in each of our lives throughout the year 2025. Our hearts were filled with gratitude as we witnessed how God's hand was present in every season, strengthening our faith and unity as a church family.





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ஆதியாகமம் 28:3

May God Almighty bless you and

**MAKE YOU FRUITFUL AND
MULTIPLY YOU,**

so that you may become a multitude of peoples.

Genesis 28:3

BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL LENDING HANDS!!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO PREPARED AND
SERVED FOOD AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

For Prayer Request

Taking other's hands and praying for them is a powerful blessing
you can give another person. We are here to support you through
prayers.

Send your prayer requests by SMS or call
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