

# The BrIdge

Am The Way - John 14:6

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"IMMANUEL"

(Which means, God with us)  
*Matthew 1: 23.*

இம்மானுவேல் என்பதற்கு தேவன் நம்மோடு  
இருக்கிறார் என்று அர்த்தமாம்.

மத்தேயு 1:23.





# From Pastor's Desk

## He Came for You

Dear Loving Readers,

“Christmas Greetings to you in Jesus Name”

Once again, it's a great joy to meet you all through this edition of Bridge.

I hope you all had a great time after the last Bridge magazine and now you must be enjoying the festive season.

As we have approached the Christmas season, we may be busy with buying gifts and wrapping it up thinking the names of many of our dear ones. In this hustle bustle, we mustn't forget the gift that God has offered to the mankind 2000 years ago.

## Jesus Came to the Earth for you and Everyone.

Isaiah 9:6 (KJV). “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

In the Bible, there were many prophets (men who spoke the words of God to the people) who told us about Jesus long before He came to earth as a baby. In the verse above, Isaiah says that the Child (Jesus) comes for us, all of us. Isaiah also tells us that the child, God's Son, is mighty and wonderful and will last forever!

## Another prophet, Micah, even told us that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:4 (KJV). “But you Bethlehem Ephrathah (old name for Bethlehem), Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel. Whose goings forth are from old, From everlasting.”

God and Jesus loved us all so much that Jesus left heaven and came down to earth to save us all. He was born as a baby. He grew up and loved and learned and worked and lived the way as we live. He understands our feelings, our troubles, our complaints and our happiness because He became like us.


## Yes, He Came for You

Let me now make a simple application. The angel said, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour.” “Unto you.” “For you.” He came for you. This is where Christmas becomes intensely personal. It's not enough to say abstractly that you believe Christ came. Millions of people say that and are still lost in their sins. It's not enough to say that Christ came for someone else.

 You can never be saved until you say, “Christ came for me.

 He died for me.

 He rose from the dead for me.”

 He came for you. Do you believe that?

In a few days, Christmas will be here. Families will gather around the tree to open their presents. Already some children are counting the hours until that glad moment arrives. When you receive your gifts this Christmas, what will you do? Will you do not open them?

## What use is a gift that is never opened?

Two thousand years ago God sent a gift wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Jesus is God's Christmas gift to you. But you will never experience Christmas joy until you personally receive God's gift—the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we have come to the end of this year 2018, there are many reasons we need to thank God for that are happening in our lives throughout this year. May the good Lord bless you and give you peace in this season and the new year 2019. Until we meet again through this magazine! May God be with you and your families.

## With many blessings

In His Royal Service  
**Pastor T M I Sathiyaraj**  
Founder and Senior Pastor of Bethany Church





# From our Family to Your's

build  
2019



Victory  
2018

Harvest  
2017

Rest  
2016



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I bring Greetings in the name of Jesus. As we stand in the end of this year by the grace of God, let us look back the path that we have come through and thank the Lord for His faithfulness. God promised us that 2018 would be a year of victory. Yes indeed, it has been truly a victorious year. We have no words to thank the Lord for all He has done for us personally and in our Church family.

All glory and honor to Him alone! As we enter in to the the new year let us trust the Lord for His grace, mercy and guidance. Micah 7:11 says It will be a day for building your walls. On that day will your boundary be extended. This 2019 will be a year of "Build" as Nehemiah said .... Let us raise and "BUILD" and we will no longer be in disgrace. God will build your families, your Churches, your finances, your businesses, jobs and would heal you in 2019. Nothing is impossible with God. It's a new beginning with a new season. So, trust the Lord Almighty who is in control. Enjoy everyday life and experience His Love for Us.

Blessed  
2015



Wow!  
2014





# REMEMBRANCE

## SERVICE

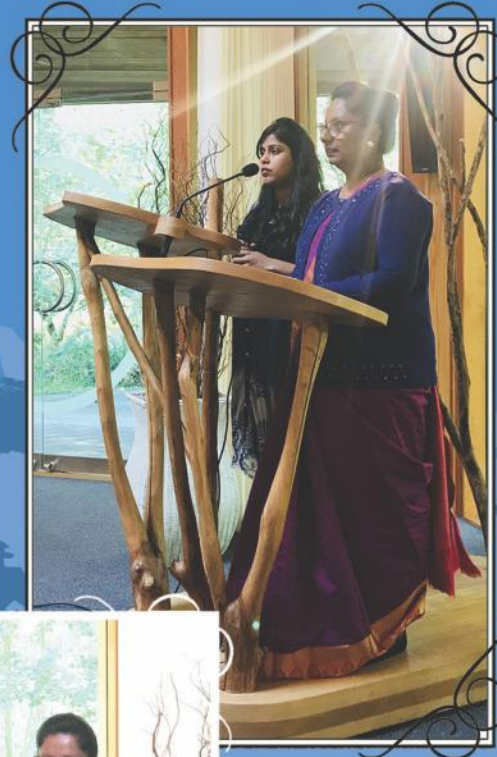


We as a Bethany Church praise and thank our Lord Jesus Christ for all the Blessings that is richly showered upon us. Bethany family that is the "Family you need" gathered together at Bethany Woods to give thanks, praise and glorify God for His marvelous works in our lives in church with His endless Grace and Mercy. The message from Psalms 103 was given by the Founder and Senior Pastor T M I Sathiyaraj which touched our hearts. Pastor Chrishanthi Sathiyaraj took the initiative and negotiated to buy the burial grounds named "Bethany Woods" at Green Acres, Beaconsfield.

As it is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus, we always give thanks in any situation for we know God is good all the time. Also the Bethany Creations performed a skit about the "Book of Life". Once again we give glory to God for all the blessings and victories that we are receiving in His glorious name Jesus!







REMEMBRANCE  
SERVICE





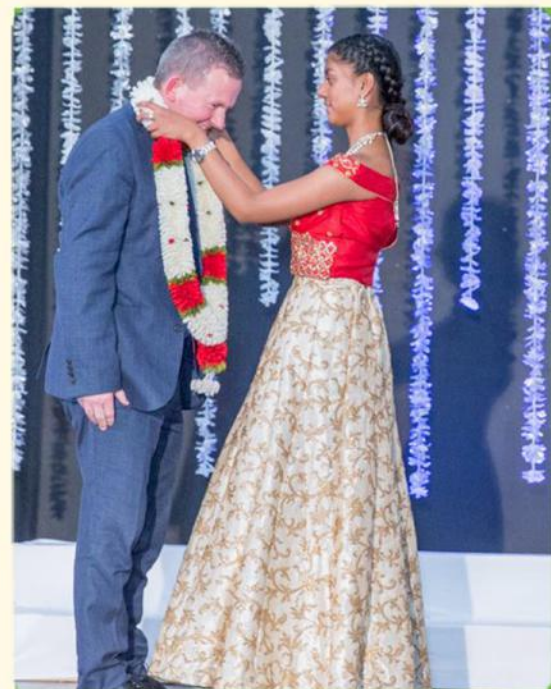
One People Commission is part of Evangelical Alliance which joins together hundreds of organizations, thousands of churches and tens of thousands of individuals for the sake of the gospel. Working across the UK, the members come together from across denominations, locations, age groups and ethnicities, all sharing a passion to know Jesus and make Him known.

Bethany Church in Southall is a member of Evangelical Alliance. Pastor Chrishanthy attends meetings in Evangelical Alliance and became involved in OPC. Her motive is "The Evangelical Alliance is like a bridge, helping us reach out from our own Islands, giving us a path to tread, a journey to go on, to reach the mainland and join with our brothers and sisters in Christian unity."

On the 21st of November 2018, OPC celebrated their 5th anniversary in the city in a grand scale. Pastor Chrishanthy Sathiyaraj together with Pastor TMI Sathiyaraj took the "Bethany Creation" to perform a dance which the song was in few languages. It was a hit. Glory to God. Choir members also joined in the common choir and sang in Tamil language. Pastor Chrishanthy was interviewed on the stage. Also Bethany Creations helped OPC in many ways like ushering and serving food. Everything went on very well. We thank God for the opportunities given in the wider communities. Glory and Honor to our Almighty God.







# Tamil Christmas

## CAROL SERVICE





# *CHRISTMAS is all about Our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

We at Bethany Church Southall were delighted to enter into the month of December. Because our Carol Service was on the 1st of December 2018. It took place at Featherstone High School, 11 Montague Way, Southall UB2 5HF on a Saturday at 6.30pm. Our Guests were Reverend Mark Poulson who is the Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury and National Inter Religious Affairs Adviser for the Church of England together with Vicar Reverend Christopher Ramsay, Church of England, St George's Church, Lancaster Road, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 1NP. Senior and founder of Bethany Church Reverend TMI Sathiyaraj together with his wife Pastor Chrishanthi who hosted this Carol Service were honored by their presence.

The evening was packed with our Branch Churches Pastors and families, believers and people who didn't know Jesus. Glory and honor to God who brought them. Pastor Chrishanthi is in charge of a toddler group at St. Georges Church, she took the effort to bring them for the Carol Service and made them to perform a dance.

Pastor Justin Thomas started the service with prayer then the worship which was in bilingual Tamil/English. Brother Vijay lead the worship. Our Pastors Sathiyaraj and Chrishanthi Sathiyaraj welcome the Guests. Senior choir sang two songs. There were many programmers by the groups according to the age group. The highlight was that The Bethany Creations did a dance in five different languages with different national costumes. It was like heaven on earth! The decorations was amazing. Reverend Sathiyaraj brought the message from God. Reverend Mark Poulson and Reverend Christopher Ramsay were honored by garlands and gifts. Reverend Mark Poulson prayed for our Bethany Pastors Sathiyaraj, Chrishanthi Sathiyaraj, Pastor Justin Thomas and wife Sarah. Also Mr Arjunan Pararajasingam was honored for his marvelous and continuous support to Bethany Church for the last 23 years. We also thank the teachers and leaders who trained the children. It was a team work where each and everyone joined their hands together to make this Carols a successful one.

It came to a very happy ending with the distribution of gifts and dinner to all. The children danced and sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. We all had a fantastic evangelism, fellowship and lovely entertaining evening. All praises to God. Zechariah 4:6 (KJV)

6b Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Revelation 3:8a Christ says, "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut.





# Merry Christmas









# Testimonies

All Glory to God, I thank God for helping me to get the driving license in the right time when my family needed my driving support. And especially I passed my driving in the first time itself. Secondly, I thank God for we are blessed with a third child a baby girl. God has blessed us as a family beyond our expectations and we as a family remain thankful and faithful forever to God.

**- Brother Franklin**



Praise and glory to my Saviour. From my birth till 6 years old I couldn't talk. My parents worried a lot and took me to hospitals to check why I can't speak. Until 6 years old I didn't speak. God saw my parents tears and my sufferings. He made me to talk and now God kept me as a special testimony for His name to be glorified. Now I am singing in my church choir and Few weeks ago I got an opportunity to sing solo in OPC meeting at Central London in front of other nationalities and got lots of appreciation. I thank God He gave words in my mouth to talk and sing. I glorify His name and will keep glorifying Him till my last breath. Love you Jesus.

**- Lydia Devan**

Praise the Lord

I have been to a school day trip to France. While on our return journey to London, our coach met with an accident. I thank God for protecting us from any dangers and brought us safely back to our homes. God is a faithful God. He protects our going and coming.

**- Benny Daniel Sathiyaraj**





Brother in Christ, Praise be to God!

Since past 10 years I was having a problem with my knee. It was being unstable after an major accident. Last year while playing football, I got injured again in the same knee which made it more worse. Being under the physiotherapy treatment for 6 months, I was suggested to undergo an ACL knee surgery. on the day of operation I was bit worried how things will go but the Lord my God strengthened me to undergo the operation and I'm in rehabilitation stage now. I am getting better and doing well. Its a great joy to testify God for His goodness, mercy and grace in my life. Glory to God.

- Brother Vijaykumar



கர்த்தருடைய பரிசுத்த நாமத்திற்கு மகிமையுண்டாவதாக. அநேக நாட்களாக எங்களுக்கு சொந்தமாக வீடு வாங்க வேண்டுமென்று பிரயாசைப்பட்டிருந்தோம். கடந்த வருடத்தில் ஒரு சில வீடுகள் பார்த்தோம். ஆனாலும் எதுவும் எங்களுக்கு சரியாக அமையவில்லை. இதற்காக நானும் என் மனைவியும் மற்றும் குடும்பத்தினரும், சபை மக்களும் உபவாசித்து ஜெபித்து வந்தோம். கர்த்தர் எங்கள் ஜெபங்களை கேட்டு, கஷ்டங்கள் போராட்டங்கள் மத்தியில் 2018ஆம் ஆண்டு ஒரு அழகான நல்ல ஒரு வீட்டை கொடுத்து எங்களை ஆசீர்வதித்தார். கர்த்தருக்கே கோடி நன்றிகள். ஆமென்.

கர்த்தருக்குள் காட்சன் & பியுல்லா

கர்த்தருடைய பரிசுத்த நாமத்திற்கு ஸ்தோத்திரம். நாங்கள் குடும்பமாக விடுமுறைக்காக சிறிலங்கா போயிருந்தோம். அங்கு ஒரு நாள் குடும்பமாக மற்ற சொந்தங்களுடன் வேனில் சுற்றுலா போயிருந்தோம் எதிர்பாரதவிதமாக அங்கு எங்களுக்கு பெரிய விபத்து நடந்தது. நாங்கள் சென்ற வேன் ஒரு லாரி மீது மோதி பின்னர் ஒரு கம்பத்தில் இடித்து நின்றது. எல்லோரும் வேனில் இருந்து குதித்து விட்டார்கள் நானும் என்மகனும் வேனில் இருந்தோம். கர்த்தரின் கிருபையால் எங்களுக்கு ஒன்றும் ஆகவில்லை. கர்த்தருக்கே மகிமையுண்டாவதாக . ஆமென்.

கர்த்தருக்குள் சரீகரூரி மஞ்சளா



All Glory and Honor to our Lord Jesus

We were looking to buy a house for a long time. By God's pure love and grace we were able to buy a house with the money what we had without borrowing any money. I thank God for His pure love upon us. I thank God for His love and care.

Amen.

- Sister Nilla.



# Christmas Service 2018

We had our Christmas service on 25th December at St. John's Church, Southall London. Jesus is the reason for this celebration. Both Bethany Tamil / English church and Sinhala/ English church got together at 5pm and had a wonderful praise and worship. The message was given by our Senior Pastor TMI Sathiyaraj. We had a lovely fellowship after the service. God is good at all times. All praises and honor to Him alone.

John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love, unconditional love.

The real Christmas is God becoming a human being in Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love. (1John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshiping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.



# CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2018

## MERRY CHRISTMAS





# *Caring the Precious* "Peace Be With You"

Dear Friends / Brothers and Sisters,

I'm (Auntie Balasingham) here to write about aging and how to face it in Faith and Perseverance. I'm 70 years old facing challenges in health and life like you and others. I know that life is not easy but with Christ Jesus everything is possible. Philippians 4:1 (KJV) I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.

What does the Bible say about aging? Aging in the Bible is said to be a sign of experience. The Lord promises His continuous love and concern for the elderly. "I will be your God throughout your lifetime until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. What a promising word. Amen, He is with us, so fear not. Face it by trusting His promise.



*Even to your old age and gray hairs  
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

*Isaiah 46:4 (NIV)*

When I was 30 didn't bother me. Neither did 40 or even 50 nor 60. But birthday #69 this past 2017 December was a tough one for me. For the first time in my life, I felt old. And a little insecure.

If you're in the 60+ category like I am, there's no going back. And looking beyond to 70 or 80 can make you feel a little uneasy, can't it? But today, as I was having my quiet time reading His Word, God spoke to me so beautifully. In fact, He encouraged this 69-year-old woman so much that I can't wait to share it with all of my 50+ year old friends. I wonder, could that possibly be YOU?

I have heard many people balk at their age, lie about their age, joke about "forever 29". I never got it. I mean, age means credibility. Age means another year of life that God has blessed you with. Hallelujah! However, I recently turned 70. And I think I'm beginning to understand those reservations about aging. The thought that I'm nearly three quarter a century old and I now have fewer days in front of me than behind me is quite mellowing. Since I prefer to look at every situation as an opportunity to grow, let me share with you two things I already appreciate about turning 70. **1. Wisdom and experience come at a cost.** With that in mind, I would rather be the age I am now than to be fumbling through my 20s and 30s again, still trying to figure out life, still needing to learn the lessons God has already taught me, and still making the mistakes I no longer want to repeat. Thank you, God, for lessons learned, experiences gained, and wisdom that comes through living life. Proverbs 3:13 (NIV) Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, **2. There is an urgency to living wisely and well.** Now that there are fewer days in front of me than behind me, how I live from this moment on shapes my eternity even more than it ever did before. Will mine be an eternity of rewards and blessings, or a quiet disappointment that I hadn't lived more for Christ and less for myself? Thank you, God, for reminders that I am mortal and that I am to number my days that I may present to you a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12 (NIV) Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Our life span may be 70 years but 80 years may be due to our strength which will be in pain.

*Psalm 90:10 (NIV) Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

*May God shower His blessings.*

*Be encouraged and enjoy your every day life!*

*Sister Christina Shanthi Balasingham*





# TODDLER Group

## Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas celebration took place on 14th December 2018 at St. Georges Anglican Church, Southall by Bethany Church.

It's was really blessing to sharing gospel to the community through this Bridge ministry. It is really a victorious 2018. Thank God for all His mercy and grace. All Glory to God.





# ToDDleR GroUp







# உங்களுக்கு தெரியுமா?



- ✦ எந்த ராஜாவின் நாட்களில் இயேசு பிறந்தார்?  
ஏரோது ராஜாவின் (மத்தேயு 2:1)
- ✦ இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் பிறப்பு எதற்காக?  
அவர் தமது ஜனங்களின் பாவங்களை நீக்கி அவர்களை இரட்சிப்பதற்காக (மத்தேயு 1:21)
- ✦ இயேசுவின் பிறப்பு முதல் முதல் யாருக்கு அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது?  
இடையர்களுக்கு (மேய்ப்பவர்களுக்கு) (லூக்கா 2:8-15)
- ✦ எத்திசயில் தோன்றிய நட்சத்திரத்தை கண்டு இயேசுவைப் பார்ப்பதற்கு சாஸ்திரிகள் வந்தார்கள்?  
கிழக்குத் திசை (மத்தேயு 2:2)
- ✦ இம்மானுவேல் என்பதன் அர்த்தம் என்ன?  
தேவன் நம்மோடிருக்கிறார் (மத்தேயு 1:23)
- ✦ இயேசுக்கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பதற்கு 700 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்னரே ஒரு கன்னிகை கர்ப்பவதியாகி ஒரு குமாரனைப் பெறுவாள் என்று சொன்ன தீர்க்கதரிசி யார்?  
ஏசாயா தீர்க்கதரிசி (ஏசாயா 7:14)
- ✦ முதன் முதல் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மரம் அலங்கரிக்கப்பட்டு புகைப்படமாக அச்சுக்கு வந்த ஆண்டு எது?  
கி.பி.1531
- ✦ இங்கிலாந்தில் கிறிஸ்துமஸ் வாழ்த்து அடையை உருவாக்கிய பெருமை யாருக்குரியது?  
இங்கிலாந்து நாட்டைச் சேர்ந்த தொழில் அதிபரான ஹென்றிக்கே உரியது.
- ✦ இங்கிலாந்தில் முதன் முதலாக கிறிஸ்துமஸ் வாழ்த்து அடைகள் அனுப்பும் வழக்கம் எந்த ஆண்டு தொடங்கியது?  
கி.பி.1840ல்
- ✦ இயேசு கிறிஸ்து என்னும் இரட்சகர் எங்கு பிறந்தார்?  
தாவீதின் ஊரான பெத்தலகேமில் (லூக்கா 2:11)
- ✦ யோசேபும் மரியாளும் கர்த்தருடைய நியாயப்பிரமாணத்தின்படி பலி செலுத்தும்படி எருசலேமக்கு எதைக்கொண்டு போனார்கள்?  
ஒரு ஜோடி காட்டுப்புறாவும். இரண்டு புறாக் குஞ்சுகளும் (லூக்கா 2:24)
- ✦ உம்முடைய இரட்சணியத்தை என் கண்கள் கண்டது என்றவன் யார்?  
சியியோன் (லூக்கா 2:25:32)
- ✦ ஸ்திரீகளுக்குள் நீ ஆசீர்வதிக்கப்பட்டவள் என்பது யாருக்குரியது?  
மரியாளுக்குரியது (லூக்கா 1:42)
- ✦ மரியாளின் புருஷனாகிய யோசோப்பு எப்படிப்பட்டவனாய் இருந்தான்?  
நீதிமானாயிருந்தான் (மத்தேயு 1:19)
- ✦ இயேசு கிறிஸ்து எங்கு வளர்ந்தார்?  
நாசரேத்து என்னும் ஊரிலே (மத்தேயு 2:23)



சகேதர் டெக்ஸ்



Dear friends,

I bring Christmas greetings to you all and wish you a happy and blessed New Year 2019

As we are in the festive season, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of giving. The Bible mentions in various places of the different principles and attitudes to giving which should be practiced, here I'll mention a few;

1. Give freely; Matthew 10:8 "Freely you received, freely give." This verse reminds me of all the blessings I have received from God freely, God gave His only begotten son for our sins and He died to save us. To give freely, is to give without expectations. This may be hard as we want to benefit from giving or obtain a reward, however the real reward of selflessly giving is joy and eternal blessing and that's the greatest reward you can receive.

2. Secondly, in Matthew 6:3-4 it says, 'But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.' This means don't give with an ulterior motive, where you'll gain private benefits. In an era of showcasing or everyday lives on all social media platforms, it is difficult for many to give confidentially as they seek to give to look good in front of others or have temporal recognition. Giving in secret keeps others from judging us, comparing with us, applauding us, and we them. So remember to give in private!

3. Thirdly, we should have the correct motive and mind set when giving. This means to give with a cheerful heart and mind. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it says God loves a 'cheerful giver.' A cheerful giver should be eager, ready, willing and most importantly prepared to give.

4. Lastly, be encouraged as when we give (what we sow), we will reap. 2 Corinthians 9:6 'Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.' We reap proportionately to what we sow, so when we plant many seeds, likewise we'll harvest many seeds.

# Youth Corner



Be blessed and give joyfully this Christmas!

Youth in Christ,  
**Stephanie Sathiyaraj**



# BETHANY SINHALA CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE





# BETHANY MINISTRIES

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We have Tamil English and Singala service at various timings.



Tuesdays and Thursdays  
at Bethany House



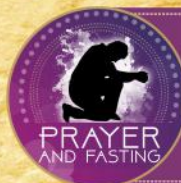
We have community  
Toddler Group every  
Wednesdays and Fridays



Study Tamil in Christian  
environment every Fridays



Street Evangelism  
caring for the world



Prayer is our priority



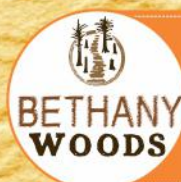
We have a vibrant  
children church where kids  
can join and worship God



All the kings of Bethany  
family meet up and pray



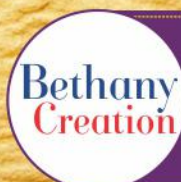
We are trained to send  
people on streets to pray  
and help the community



A place owned by Bethany  
to "Rest In Peace with God"



Once a month our queens  
and princess of our church  
meet up and listen the word of  
God and learn new things



Youngsters of Bethany family  
ministers to other by song,  
dance and dramas.

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