



## MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

### SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FIND WISDOM AND GAIN UNDERSTANDING

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## Vicar's Message

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law, he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; in whatever he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

#### **Psalms 1:1-6**

May the name of Almighty God be exalted.

Being righteous in an unrighteous world is a difficult task. Sometimes, truth is obscured by half- baked

stories. The wicked, scoffers, and sinners might appear to have a pleasant presence in the world surrounding us. How can we be righteous? The answer is simple: live according to the Law of God. If we do so, we will be firmly rooted and will bear fruit in due season. Psalm 1 presents us with two paths: the way of life and the way of doom, urging us to choose wisely. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

In September, we celebrate Sevika Sangham Day and Senior Citizens Day. Both of these organizations and their members have been major contributors to the history of our church. The Mar Thoma Suvishesha Sevika Sangham (Women's Wing) was inaugurated during the Maramon Convention in 1919 under the leadership of Abraham Mar Thoma Suffragan Metropolitan, who provided the Sangham with continued support and inspiration. Mrs. Kandamma Varghese, as the organizing secretary for over 20 years, travelled far and wide, organizing branches in parishes and doing evangelistic work among Christians and non-Christians. Every woman of the Mar Thoma Church, from the age of 18, is a member of the Sevika Sangham.

The Senior Citizens Fellowship is the newest organization in our church. However, it has been an active fellowship in several of our parishes. This organization reminds us of the sacrificial efforts of our forebears in the formation and growth of our church and parishes.

In September, we also celebrate the Onam festival. It reminds us of the need to foster righteous leadership and a community that values truth, unity, and prosperity. While Onam is a myth in the socio-cultural-historical context of Kerala, only God can make it a reality. The God of Heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44). That is why our Lord Jesus taught His followers to pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth. We can be confident that God's Kingdom will soon bring a new order of hope and peace.

We have already completed a financial year in June and have passed through two months since then. Our annual general body meeting was supposed to be held before the end of August. Although it has not yet happened, the newly elected executive committee will be inducted into office with the permission of the Diocesan Episcopa. I would like to appreciate all our organizations and committees for holding their committee meetings and annual meetings within the designated timeframe and for responsibly handing over their duties to the new office bearers on time. May God Almighty guide the newly elected committees to continue His ministry more fruitfully.

Our Sunday School is organizing the Senior Camp on October 4-6 at Upper Plenty Conference Centre. I encourage you to motivate our senior Sunday School students to participate in this event. I also take this opportunity to appreciate our Sunday School for their leadership during the Fourth Sunday services at church and for conducting Sunday School classes with satellite services at Blackburn.

As dedicated members of the parish, please strive to be regular in attending church services and encourage our children to do the same. We should always remember how the Israelites followed

the Ten Commandments and the Law in the wilderness and succeeded in the difficult situations they faced in the wilderness and in Canaan. We need to grow with a sense of freedom combined with responsibility in our Christian life.

A warm welcome to our new members:

- Georgia Niby Mathew (Daughter of Subi & Niby)
- Hope Anna Arun (Daughter of Arun & Jovita)
- Ivanna Susan Kevin (Daughter of Kevin & Leena)
- Joella & Nicholas
- Kevin & Serena
- Families of Rony & Neenu, Sobin & Deepthi, Vigil & Sanu, Honey & Blesson.

May their journey with us be abundantly blessed as they become part of our community.

We offer our heartfelt prayers for the bereaved families who have lost their beloved members, especially the families of Rony & Megha, Late Liju & Beena, Shinu & Neethu, Pramod & Manju, and Pradeesh & Nikitha. Our thoughts and support are with them during this challenging time of loss. We also extend our prayers to all those facing difficult situations, particularly those with family members suffering from serious illnesses. May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus bring comfort, strength, and peace to them in their time of need.

Over the past year, Diya Cherian, our Assistant Secretary, has been responsible for the monthly newsletter. She has fulfilled her duties with dedication and commitment. We express our sincere gratitude to Diya and welcome Roshan John, our new Assistant Secretary, to continue this ministry with renewed spirit and hope.

As we continue our journey of faith, let us strive to be witnesses of the Gospel in all that we do. May our lives be a model for the generations to come, reflecting the love, grace, and truth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us also remain steadfast in prayer, maintaining constant communion with God, who is our source of strength and guidance. Amen.

Shalom,

Shojiachen

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# Lectionary

<p><b>01</b> SEP</p>	<p>സ്ത്രീകൾ: സുവിശേഷത്തിന്റെ സാക്ഷികൾ (പെന്തക്കൊസ്റ്റിനു ശേഷം 15-ആം ഞായർ); Women: Witnesses of the Gospel (15th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p><b>Lessons</b> Ruth 4:1-12 Acts 16:11-15</p> <p><b>Epistle Gospel</b> Gal 3:26-29 Luke 8:1-3</p> <p><b>Evening Reading</b> Prov 27:1-11 Rom 16:1-5</p>
<p><b>08</b> SEP</p>	<p>ദൈവിക സത്യത്തിലേക്ക് നയിക്കേണ്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം (പെന്തക്കൊസ്റ്റിനു ശേഷം 16-ആം ഞായർ); Education Sunday: Education that leads to Divine truths (16th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p><b>Lessons</b> Prov 4:1-11 1Cor 1:18-25</p> <p><b>Epistle Gospel</b> Rom 11:33-36 John 14:5-14</p> <p><b>Evening Reading</b> Prov 1:1-10 Jas 3:13-18</p>
<p><b>15</b> SEP</p>	<p>പ്രാർത്ഥന: ദൈവവുമായുള്ള നിരന്തര സംസർഗ്ഗം (പെന്തക്കൊസ്റ്റിനു ശേഷം 17-ആം ഞായർ); Prayer: Constant communion with God (17th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p><b>Lessons</b> Prov 30:4-9 Acts 12:1-12</p> <p><b>Epistle Gospel</b> Eph 3:14-21 Matt 6:5-15</p> <p><b>Evening Reading</b> Job 42:1-17 Jas 5:13-20</p>
<p><b>22</b> SEP</p>	<p>വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാന: ദൈവരാജ്യ മുന്നാസാദനം (പെന്തക്കൊസ്റ്റിനു ശേഷം 18-ആം ഞായർ); Holy Qurbans: Foretaste of the Kingdom of God (18th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p><b>Lessons</b> Exod 12:21-28 Acts 2:42-47</p> <p><b>Epistle Gospel</b> 1Cor 11:23-30 Matt 26:26-29</p> <p><b>Evening Reading</b> Gen 22:1-19 1Pet 2:1-12</p>
<p><b>29</b> SEP</p>	<p>മുതിർന്ന പൗരരുടെ ഞായർ, മുതിർന്ന പൗരർ തലമുറകളുടെ മാതൃക (പെന്തക്കൊസ്റ്റിനു ശേഷം 19-ആം ഞായർ); Senior Citizens Sunday: Senior Citizens – Model for the generations (19th Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p><b>Lessons</b> Gen 48:1-32 Phi 2:12-16</p> <p><b>Epistle Gospel</b> 2Tim 4:1-8 Luke 2:25-35</p> <p><b>Evening Reading</b> Prov 16:20-33 Eph 6:1-4</p>

# September Services and Events

# MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

1  
Sep

- Sunday School 8:00 AM
- MAL HOLY QURBANA 9:00AM
- Sevika Sanghom Day
- ENG HOLY QURBANA 3PM
- The Ave Uniting Church Blackburn
- Satellite Sunday School 2pm

8  
Sep

- MAL HOLY QURBANA 7:30AM
- Sunday School
- ENG HOLY QURBANA 10:45AM
- Youth Service

15  
Sep

- ENG HOLY QURBANA 7:30AM
- Sunday School
- MAL HOLY QURBANA 10:45AM

21  
Sep

ONAM FIESTA 2024  
TEMPLESTOWE SECONDARY  
COLLEGE 10AM

22  
Sep

- ENG HOLY QURBANA 8:30AM
- Led by Sunday School
- No Sunday School Classes

29  
Sep

- MAL HOLY QURBANA 8:30AM
- Senior Citizens Sunday
- No Sunday School Classes
- Sevika Sanghom Meeting





\* Changes to any of the above schedule will be intimated closer to the date of each service.

**Please contact Assistant Secretary if you wish to bring Altar Flowers**

MELBOURNE MAR THOMA CHURCH

JOIN US FOR

**SATELLITE SERVICE**

*this Sunday Sep 1st*

THE AVENUE UNITING CHURCH, CNR BLACKBURN RD & THE AVENUE, BLACKBURN

2.00 PM SUNDAY SCHOOL; 3.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE  
(ENGLISH)



 **Melbourne Mar Thoma Church**

**Onam Fiesta 2024**  
**Cultural Programs & Onam Sadya**



**21 September 2024**  
Saturday | 10 AM  
**TEMPLESTOWE COLLEGE**  
7 Cypress Ave, Templestowe Lower VIC. 3107

**Donations:**  
*Adult: \$30 Child: \$20 (5-12 YRS)*  
*International Students: \$20*  
*Seniors above 80 yrs and children under 5 yrs free*

**Donations after 7th September 2024:**  
*Adult: \$35 Child: \$25 (5-12 YRS)*  
*International Students: \$25*

A full vegetarian catered event with strict prohibitions on alcohol  
There will be Photography and Videography for this event and will be posted to social media



Expression of Interests are Open -> [CLICK HERE](#)

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# PRAYER MEETING



<b>PRAYER ZONE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
North A	7th September, Saturday 4:30pm	268 Marathon Boulevard, Craigieburn Hosted by: Binu & Anu
South	7th September, Saturday 7:00pm	26 Hanrahan Wynd, Lynbrook Hosted by: Blessy & Reni
North West	14th September, Saturday 4:30pm	The Grange Community Centre 260-280 Hogans Rd Hoopers Crossing Hosted By: Asha Edel & Irene Jerin & Merin Shinu & Neethu
North B	14th September, Saturday 7:00pm	7 Robern Parade, View Bank Hosted by: Benny & Regina
Special Prayer	22nd September, Sunday 6:00pm	1/ 31 Surrey Drive, Keilor East Hosted by: Saju & Roshan
Central A	28th September, Saturday 4:30pm	25 Rosline Avenue, Mt Waverley Hosted by: Navin & Seena
Central B	28th September, Saturday 7:00pm	26 Cathies Lane, Wantrina South Hosted by: David & Rohini

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# Sunday School

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

### Sunday School schedule

#### **1st September 2024:**

- 8:00am at Parkville
- 2:00 pm at Blackburn Satellite Service

#### **8th September 2024:**

- Regular classes between services in Parkville
- Father's Day Special Worship Session after 1st service in Church

#### **15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (last class of Term 3):**

- Regular classes between services in Parkville

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 (Term 3 Holidays):**

- No Classes

#### **28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Term 3 Holidays):**

- No Classes

### **Satellite Service - Sunday School - Expression of Interest**

Sunday School classes are held in Blackburn at [2pm prior to satellite service](#).

We are continuing to invite expressions of interest in attending the Sunday School at South Eastern Suburbs Satellite service of the Melbourne Mar Thoma Church. Kindly use the link below to register and it helps us plan.

[Register interest - Click here to register](#)

### **Senior Camp**

This year's Sunday School Senior Camp for grade 7-12 will be held at Upper Plenty Conference Centre on 4th-6th October.



**MMTC**  
**SENIOR SUNDAY**  
**SCHOOL CAMP**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- great speakers
- Charity Initiative
- team building activities
- great food
- campfire and hot chocolate
- worship
- great rooms

**04-06**  
**OCTOBER**

**UPPER PLENTY CONFERENCE**  
**CENTRE (UPCC)**

**GRADE**  
**7-12**

Registrations are Open -> [CLICK HERE](#)

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# Youth

# YOUTH EVENTS THIS SEPTEMBER

## YOUTH SERVICE

10:45am- Sept 8th  
Parkville Church

## YOUTH NIGHT

7pm- Sept 12th  
28 Morotai Avenue, Ashburton

## YOUTH SOCIAL

7pm- Sept 26th  
Galaxy Pool Lounge, 432/440 High St,  
Preston

If you have any questions or need further information reach out to any of our committee members.

Also check us out on our socials!



Melbourne Mar Thoma Youth | Instagram, Facebook

View melbournemarthomayouth's linktree, listen to their music on Spotify here:

[Linktree](#) [Spotify](#)



# Sevika Sangham





# Sevika Sangham Day

Theme: Women

witnesses of Gospel

**Date: 1st of September, 2024**

Time: 9am at church, Parkville

3pm at Avenue Uniting church,  
46 , Blackburn road, Blackburn

Inviting all ladies of 18 years old and above to  
join!

Come dressed in your finest pink /and cream  
attire as we celebrate this special day singing  
and praising God Almighty.

Also, join in for a delightful breakfast after the  
church service.

Come .let us celebrate our faith and friendship  
together!

**SEVIKA SANGHAM EVENTS****DETAILS**

Online intercessory prayer

8:00 pm on **Thursdays**

Monthly Online Bible Study

**22nd September** 5:00 - 6:00pm**Speaker:** Sheeba Kochamma

"The Messianic Promise in the Old Testament Books"

Monthly Catch Up at Parkville

**29th September** after service**Speaker:** Dr Kuruvilla George

Stress Management

## Birthdays

Master.Ethen Senthil

Miss.Leia Annalisa Mathew

Dr Mrs.Sneha Elizabeth Abraham

Mr.Manu Mathew

Mr.Sam Joy Chirackal

Master.Rafael Zack Praveen

Mr.Sudhin Aby Mammen

Mrs.Suzanne Ann Pothen

Mrs.Rena Verghese

Miss.Sanjana John

Mrs.Shinju Sahiju

Mrs.Jaimy Elizabeth Cheriyan

Miss.Crissa Maiam John

Mr.Sujith Thomas Abraham

Mr.Rejo Varghese John

Mrs.Anisha Mary Mohan

Mrs.Leena Cicil

Master.Abel j Mathews

Mr.Alan Mathew Abraham

Mrs.Dona Maria John

Mrs.Sanu Elsa Paul

Master.David John Jubin

Master.Melvin Georgy Pramode

Mrs.Ninu Joseph

Mr.Tony Kurian

Miss.Irene Binu

Miss.Jeslin Anna Joji

Mr.Sobin Varghese Koshy

Dr.Lyza sara Varghese

Mrs.Reeby Abraham

Mr.Mathew George Abraham

Mr.Robin Joseph Koshy

Mr.Jean Jacob

Master.Robin Joseph Koshy

Miss.Charlotte Suzann Nevin	Miss.Melissa Thomas
Dr.Thomas Vadil	Master.Ryan Thomas Mathew
Miss.Evanya Shinu	Master.Nikil Abey
Mr.Sajin George Abraham	Master.Jordan Subin Mathew
Master.Nikhil John	Miss.Lija Maria Varghese
Mr.Philip Rajesh John	Mr.Steven A George
Mrs.Jeny Mary Samuel	Miss.Asha James
Miss.Mariam Elizabeth Roy	Miss.Hazel Sally Sanjo
Mrs.Rita Varughese	Miss.Lisa R George
Mr.Anish John	Mrs.Cherish Marisa Philip
Mr.Ben George Abraham	Mrs.Lin Ding
Miss.Isabel Mary Gini	Mr.Jacob Kurien
Mr.John Thomas	Mr.Anup Jacob Abraham
Mrs.Deepa Mary Joseph	Mr.Cherian Thomas
Miss.Irene Susan Cherian	Miss.Ciana Anit
Mr.Binu Samuel	Dr.Sneha Achamma Mani
Mrs.Rebecca Varkey	Mrs.Divya James K
Mrs.Alison Abraham	Dr.Mary Jacob
Mrs.Beena Mathew	Mr.Job Kurian George
Mrs.Ann Alex	Mrs.Shirley Verghese
Miss.Shirel Miriam Mathew	Mr.Thomas Joseph
Mr.Ashok Jacob	Miss.Zara Susan
Miss.Elsa Thomas	Mrs.Kunjamma Samuel
Mr.Thomas George	Miss.Ritu Eliza Ashok
Master.Bryan Thomas John	Master.Ethan Anil Fred
Master.Eden James	Mr.Ryan Thomas Leem
Mr.Vinodh Samuel	Mrs.Rekha Sara Philip
Mr.Winson George	Master.Johal Thomas
Mrs.Sarah Cherian	Mr.Binil Varghese Benson
Mrs.Miriam George Abraham	Miss.Charlotte Rachael John
Mrs.Merril Susan Mathew	Dr.George Alex
Mrs.Anju Jacob	Mr.Edel George Jacob
Miss.Davina E John	

# Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Stani Tom Varghese & Mrs. Saumia Ann Shenji  
Mr. Biju Samuel Mulamuttil & Mrs. Biji Biju Samuel  
Mr. Jerry Jacob John & Mrs. Shiby Varghese  
Mr. Vinodh Samuel & Mrs. Rexi Ninan  
Mr. Joseph Iype & Mrs. Seena Joseph  
Mr. Saju K Skaria & Mrs. Roshan Elizabeth John  
Mr. Binosh V Thomas & Mrs. Jessy B  
Mr. Senthil Kumar Selvan & Mrs. Bincy Philip  
Mr. George Thomas & Mrs. Leela Thomas  
Mr. Sanjo Eapen & Mrs. Dona Maria John  
Mr. Pradeesh Varghese & Mrs. Nikitha Pradeesh  
Mr. Ashish Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Merrill Susan Mathew  
Mr. Simon Kunjukunju & Mrs. Susan Simon  
Mr. Jerin P Abraham & Mrs. Gethi George  
Mr. Rohit Varghese Samuel & Mrs. Benita S Samuel  
Mr. Cinil Aniyam & Mrs. Sneha M Kuriyakose  
Mr. Manoj Alex & Mrs. Sharon Elizabeth Mathew  
Mr. Sajo Mathew & Mrs. Saumya Varghese  
Mr. Preshanth J Joseph & Mrs. Kathleen Anna Oommen  
Mr. Joby Mathew & Mrs. Beena Mathew  
Mr. Thomas K Leem & Mrs. Susan Zachariah  
Mr. Vineeth George Varughese & Mrs. Manjari Kuppayil Saji  
Mr. Subi John Abraham & Mrs. Anju Shine Koshy  
Mr. Joshua Philipose Daniel & Mrs. Priana Joseph Panackal

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## THE HISTORY OF MAR THOMA SYRIAN CHURCH AND REVIVAL MOVEMENT

Christianity was brought to India by St. Thomas an Apostle of Jesus Christ. St. Thomas landed on the Malabar Coast in 52 A.D. and converted many high caste Hindus and established 7 Churches. We do not know much about the history of the Christian Church in the first few centuries. Many visitors had recorded in their travel



records the existence of a very active church in Malabar. Records are available about the visits of many church leaders from Asia Minor, Palestine and Persia during this period of time. The Malabar Church always welcomed foreign leaders without enquiring much about their faith and practices. But the Church in Malabar remained an isolated church in terms of evangelism.

The Malankara Church was an Independent Church even though it had relationship with the Syrian churches. It was not under the supremacy of any foreign Bishop or Church. The Portuguese sailor, Vasco de Gamma, arrived in Malabar in 1498. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church which owed its allegiance to the Pope in Rome. The Portuguese people under the leadership of the Archbishop named Alexio de Menezes convened a meeting of all church leaders in a place called Diamper (Udayamperoor) near Ernakulam in 1599. The Archbishop succeeded in bringing the Malankara Church under the domination of the Pope. This state of affairs continued for 54 years. But the people who objected this movement - those who wanted the church to remain independent assembled in a Church compound in Mattancherry (Cochin) in 1653 and took the oath severing all connections with the Roman Church. This oath ceremony is known as the "Oath of the Coonen Cross". Thus, once again the Church became independent, but a portion of it remained with the Roman Catholic Church. After the Oath of the Coonen Cross, the Malankara Church continued its relationship with the Patriarch of Antioch.

### **Visit of Claudius Buchanan, Chaplain of the East India Company**

Claudius Buchanan, a chaplain of the East India Company, visited Travancore and Cochin in 1806-1807. He was very interested in the ancient Church of Malabar and published a book in England entitled "Christian Researches in Asia". It was by reading this book that CMS missionaries got interested in the Malabar Church. Buchanan took the initiative to translate the four Gospels into Malayalam. These were printed in Bombay in 1811. (Ramban Bible)

### **Help from the Church Missionary Society (CMS)**

The Church Missionary Society (CMS) is an organization established on 12 April 1799, in London for the propagation of the Word of God around the world. Colonel Munro (Resident of Travancore from 1810 to 1819) requested the CMS to improve the religious condition of the Kerala Christians. The first CMS Missionary, Rev. Thomas Norton, came to Alleppey in 1816. At this time Alleppey was a famous seaport, known as the Venice of the East. Three more missionaries, Rev. Benjamin Bailey, Rev. Joseph Fenn and Rev. Henry Baker came after Rev. Norton. With the help of these foreign missionaries, the Bible was translated into Malayalam. The New Testament was published in 1829, the Old Testament in 1835 and the complete Bible in 1841. Reading of the Scriptures in their own language enlightened the common man. Missionaries even started a Theological College (Old Seminary) in Kottayam to train priests.

Abraham Malpan and Kaithayil Gheeverghese Malpan were teachers in the Old Seminary in Kottayam. Both of them tried to restore the church to its original purity by casting away the wrong teachings and evil practices which had crept in by its association with other churches and religions in the course of time. In 1836, Abraham Malpan and 11 other priests submitted a memorandum to the British resident Col. Fraser, requesting him to do the needful to make the necessary changes in the Malankara Church. But the resident couldn't do anything. As all alternatives lead to a dead end, Malpan decided to lead the reformation in the church without leaving the church. Those who followed the reformation of Abraham Malpan are called 'The Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar'.

But due to some disagreement with the Malankara Church, the CMS continued their work independently, among the non-Christians, along with some members of the Syrian Church who supported their reforms. Churches were established in Mallappally and Mavelikkara and the Anglican Diocese of Travancore and Cochin was formed in 1878.

### **Revival Movement**

Revivalism is a special approach to religion or one's faith that gives importance to individual religious experience rather than the main doctrines. It is always associated with fervent emotional singing, preaching, confessing, dancing etc. We have experienced many revival movements in Mar Thoma Church. Tirunelveli in the Tamil Nadu state was the birthplace of revival movements in South India. It started in 1860, by CMS Missionaries and came to Travancore through an unknown preacher called Mathai Upadeshi and was carried on by Vidhuwan Kutty Achen (Rev. Justus Joseph). In 1864, Mathews Mar Athanasius Metropolitan allowed Ammal, the daughter of a famous Tamil convert, Vedanayaka Sastri, to visit churches and inspire people through her Christian Songs. In 1873, Vidhuwan Kutty Achen became the leader of this revival movement. By 1894, Tamil preachers David and Wordsworth took over the leadership of revivalism. The Maramon convention started in 1895, by the Mar Thoma Syrian Church. Later the spirit of revivalism was continued by blessed leaders like CMS missionary Rev. Thomas Walker from Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu, Punchamannil Mammen Upadeshi and Muthampackal Kochoonju Upadeshi. Through their messages they could help thousands to continue in their spiritual joy and sacrificial living.

(\* from '*Life Story of Mrs. Kandamma Varghese*', Published by: Thomas John Philip Nalloor)

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