



JOTTINGS

Faith in God the Father Almighty
and in Jesus Christ His Only Son Our Lord and Saviour
and in the Holy Spirit



- Promotion of the full development of women and girls through its programmes
 - To develop a membership that is responsive through service to the changing needs of the community in a changing world.

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Merry Christmas

The Wonder of the Nativity JMT

How dearly we all love the oft-told Christmas story of an undistinguished Jewish family whose first-born son came into the world so inconveniently as they reached their journey's end but could find no accommodation.

Only two of the Gospel writers wrote of this eventful birth. They were, of course, St. Mathew and St. Luke. Each told it from a different angle. We believe St. Mathew's version came first at about 60 A.D. tracing the Child Jesus through King David's line and fulfilling the Jewish prophecy of a Messiah.

Twenty years later St. Luke wrote in Greek of the miraculous conception and birth in Bethlehem. For non-Jewish converts, this would ring true since the couple's ancestral origins were in that town where they must register under a census order from Rome.

Thus, through the ages, Christians celebrate the wondrous fact that Almighty God came to earth as an infant and grew-up in a humble Iewish home.

Mary was, maybe, remembering Hannah's conception response in song (I Samuel – Chapter 1 and 2:1-10) when pouring out her own annunciation paean of praise as God's chosen vessel.

Scholars continue to blend the prophecies about the birth of Christ as mentioned in the above Gospels.

Then what about those foreign dignitaries from the East? It is suggested they were astrologers. Were there only three? How long must the journey have taken? It was 200 years before those learned men acquired their illustrious names in Holy Writ, and even longer before they were raised to be called kings in early Scripture. Rich they must have been with those rare and costly gifts!

Such queries are fascinating. Ancient prophecies came to pass in the time and place of God's choosing and culminated in the amazing, ground-breaking ministry of Jesus.

The birth of Jesus began an earth-shaking movement which grew into the International Christian community which is alive today. Our message remains that God, in His inscrutable plan, intervened in the universe through the Babe of Bethlehem who grew up, was crucified for the sins of mankind, died, rose and ascended from His homeland we call the Holy Land. Thus was ensured man's salvation for all time and so we heartily sing.

"Joy to the World"

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	5th December	Jayanti Premkumar	Chembur
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	6th December	Linda Gregory Noronha	Bandra
6	8th December	Vimala Raichur	Andheri
C S	9th December	Daksha Kanavia	Andheri
P	10th December	Prasanna Benger	Belapur
	15th December	Stella Bapu	Thane
	17th December	Flory D'souza	Andheri
	23rd December	Prabhavathy Christdoss	Fort
	23rd December	Sarojini J. Hingorani	Andheri
10	24th December	Elizabeth Peters	Fort
	25th December	Raina Michyari	Fort
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	1st January	Dr. Sonal Ohol	Byculla
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	16th January	Swati Das	Byculla
	20th January	Mary Cheru	Chembur
	20th January	Reena Augustine Vessaokar	Bandra
	23rd January	Jacinta Lobo	Bandra
2	26th January	Molly Thomas	Chembur
3 9	26thJanuary	Angela Mary Fernandes	Bandra
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39	30th January	Lalita John	Chembur 💛 🤌 🐉
	Correction: Hele	n Noronha - 6 th November 2019	
	Let's light the c	candles and celebrate this	special day
120	Happy Bi	Irthday We 1	ove you!!!
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Sweet Notings Sharon Pires

The things you take for granted, someone else is praying for.

Yes friends, often we do not even realize how good God has been to us. We take many things for granted, be it our family, spouse, children, parents, relatives and friends. We take our jobs for granted, our health, our homes, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the many luxuries we enjoy, our talents, our achievements --- the list goes on. Just stop and think if some of the persons in your life or the things you enjoy are suddenly taken away from you... what would your reaction be? Would you still be as content, would you miss this thing or person in your life and to what extent.? Most of us would have never even given this a thought. Frankly I happened to receive this message one morning while travelling by train and it made me stop and think. As I was gazing out of the window, I saw a little boy and girl begging for food on the platform, I overheard the person sitting across me telling someone on the phone, how much she misses her son who is away in Canada, another was sharing about a difficult boss and a low paying job, stating how hard it was to make ends meet. I have heard similar conversations before but this time it made me realize how fortunate I was! At that very moment I expressed sincere thanks to the Almighty for the generous blessings showered on me and my loved ones. How many in our country do not have the very basic necessities of life, how many experience loneliness, poor health and ill treatment from family and loved one! How many do not have a place to call home! I am so fortunate, I have so much and I should be sharing more and reaching out more often.

Thank you Lord for my home and family,
 I have a place to return to each evening
 For loving arms and sweet welcomes to engulf me
 Thank you Lord for my job, that keeps me gainfully employed
 And provides for my material needs and that of my family
 Thank you for My Daily Bread that provides strength for my body and soul
 Thank you for my friends, my associations, my talents
 That make my life interesting and engaging
 For my comfy bed, where I can retire and rest... energized for the new day
 Thank you Lord for health and happiness, for life itself
 Help me to never take these many blessings for granted
 To know that it is your goodness that has showered these on me
Let me reach out in service and use them to spread your kingdom of love everywhere
 I just want to say 'Thank you Lord for everything'

It is good to be children sometimes and even better at Christmas, when the mighty Founder was a child himself—Charles Dickens

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Evening of Carols

Theme: The Birth of Christ

Date : Saturday, 7th December

Time : $6.00 \,\mathrm{pm}$ to $8.00 \,\mathrm{pm}$

Venue: Y Byculla

All members are welcome along with their family and friends

Members are requested to submit their articles for Jottings before / on 15th of every month.

This should be sent to Staff, Mildin

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or a hard copy at Byculla, YWCA.

Dear Members,

Christmas.....
A time of reflection,
A time of good cheer,
A time for friends and family,
A special time for get-together!

All are cordially invited for the



"CHRISTMAS CULTURAL PROGR<mark>AMME"</mark>

Date: Saturday, 4th January 2020

Time: 11:00 am onwards Venue: YWCA, LWH FORT

It's our pleasure to have you all.

Please do join us and make this event enjoyable.

Kindly confirm your presence, latest by Tuesday, 31st December 2019

to make necessary arrangements.

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In Memoriam

Helen George, Bandra Area lost her father-in-law Mallapallil Abraham Mathew on 16th November 2019

We pray for God's comfort and peace on the grieving family.

A visit to YWCA of Bombay by National GS

The National General Secretary, Joyce Pereira visited YWCA of Bombay for an orientation programme from 4th to 8th November. Joyce visited and interacted with members, staff and beneficiaries to understand the work of the Association. She visited two Shelter Homes, the Andheri, Byculla and Fort projects and also the Kalachowki Community and appreciated the hospitality, warmth and dedication of the staff and members.













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Spiritual Emphasis Report

Vocational Bible School

Jesus came into this world as a little babe, and was born in humble circumstances. He has also asked us to be children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven. He said "bring the little children unto me". The innocence and inner beauty of little children is reflected in their actions and words, a peaceful and beautiful life - pure and free. We are called to be childlike and enjoy this life in abundance. Jesus came to give us the good news at Christmas. What better time than at Christmas to transform ourselves into little children, imbibing their qualities into the fabric of our lives, as our mighty Founder Jesus himself



displayed!

Looking at the Christ child in the manger, we are encouraged to be like Him. Let us endeavour to make every effort to achieve this goal at Christmas this year. May the Spirit of Christmas and the Joy and Peace of the season be with you and your families.





World YWCA & YMCA Week of Prayer

Young People Transforming Power Structures for Gender Equality was the theme of The World YWCA & YMCA Week of Prayer. It was celebrated with a joint service at the Bombay Baptist Church, Colaba on 10th November. Rev. Stanley Mehta delivered the message in which the following words from 2 Chronicles 16:9 was highlighted.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.



The week of Prayer was held at the following areas of YWCA:-

Date	Area	Theme	Speaker	
11 th November	Asha kiran, Andheri	Equal Rights and Justice	Sunita Massey	
14 th November	Achamma Bhavan,	Sexual and Gender	Pastor Rajesh Matthew	
	Byculla	Based Violence and Me		
19 th November International Centre,		Jairus daughter	Violet Job	
Fort		and the woman with the		
		issue of blood (Luke: 8)		

ABH

In-Night was held on 1st November. The theme was Unity in Diversity. The programme began with a prayer followed by general discussion about Indian culture, cleanliness and Y rules. Songs and dances of difference states were performed by the residents. Guests, residents and members enjoyed it.



Women's Development Unit

Adolescent Groups: Monthly meetings were held in all communities in October. The following topics were discussed:-

- 1. Information of VBS Programme
- $2. \quad How to prepare for examination$
- 3. Good Touch and Bad Touch
- 4. Physical Changes in Adolescents

Youth Groups: Monthly meetings were held in all communities in October. The following topics were discussed:-

- 1. Menstrual Hygiene.
- 2. Sexual Harassment.
- 3. Awareness Session on Girls' Safety.
- 4. Information about English-speaking Course.
- 5. Youth Group Registration.

Senior citizens' Groups: Monthly meetings were held in all communities in October. Games were conducted and the following topics were discussed:-

- · Senior Citizens' Rights
- · Elders' Day Programme
- · Virangula Kendra

Sustainable Livelihood: Monthly SHG meetings were held in all communities in October with 12 groups. The following topics were discussed:-

- a. Diwali Stalls at BMC
- b. Government Grant for SHGs
- c. Awareness on Election (at Belapur)
- d. How to Prepare Documents for SHG Registration
- e. Pan-card Camp

Health:

On 9^{th} October General Health Check-up Camp was conducted by L&T Health Centre for 122 service users at Wadala.

Special Events

1. Nutrition competitions were held in all Balwadis on 16th November

No	Place	Part.	Judges	
1.	Fort	40	Sanjay Kale and Dinkar More	
2.	Mankhurd	30	Nita Susan and Nisha Gopalan	
3.	Kalachowki	25	Rekha Joshi	
4.	Chembur	25	Nita Susan and Nisha Gopalan	
5.	Wadala	25	Jane Rodrigues and Lovey Pariyaram	

No	Place	Part	. Judges
6.	Byculla	40	Neeta Dabre and Nachita Desai
7.	Belapur	40	Rajitha Chandran and Nisha Misal
8.	Kurla	25	Philomena Lobo
9.	Thane	25	Sarasa Issac
10.	Borivali	25	Yvonne D'souza



2. Senior Citizens' Day programme was held in all communities.

Sr. No.	Area	Date	Participants	Resource Person
1.	Kurla	22/10/2019	25	Jane Rodrigues
2.	Kalachowki	22/10/2019	25	Sonal Ohol, Jayashree More
3.	Fort	22/10/2019	30	Regina Salve
4.	Govandi	22/10/2019	20	Nita Susan, Nisha Gopalan
5.	Wadala	22/10/2019	17	Hemlata, Alka Pawar
6.	Belapur	22/10/2019	25	Shradha Dhepe
7.	Byculla	22/10/2019	30	Neeta Dabre, Sunetra Salunke
8.	Borivali	22/10/2019	20	Dolcy D'souza
9.	Mankhurd	23/10/2019	25	Jayashree More
10.	Thane	23/10/2019	20	Nayna Shinde



- ➤ On 19th October Social Workers, Balwadi Teachers and VTC students along with their teachers attended a 'Walk for Freedom' rally at Bandra which was organized by PIYA Committee.
- ➤ A three-day VBS Programme was conducted by Spiritual. at Kurla, Byculla, Mankhurd, Wadala and Fort Community on 23rd to 25th October with 132 Children.
- On 26th October 61 Children participated in Anmol Mela at Wadala



Capacity Building

- ➤ On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, one-day workshops were organised for youth and women from Kurla, Chembur, Mankhurd, Belapur (2), Thane (2), Byculla and Borivili communities by Mpower Organization for 30 members in each workshop. The workshop was facilitated by psychiatrists from Mpower.
- A session on Safety of Girls during Navratri was organised for all the communities. The resource persons were Nisha Misal, Dolcy D'souza, Hemlata Garud, Meenakshi Sonawane and DipikaTambe.





Course was organised by Isanctuary for community girls on 5th November at Byculla. Resource person Mr Shalem explained the two-year Diploma Course run by them. They are also willing to conduct free basic training course for the Borivali community girls and shelter residents.



➤ On 19th October Nisha Misal, Kiran Patil, Meenakshi Padale along with 15 Fort community girls & GS Shoba Philip attended **International Day of the Girl Child** organised by Population First at State Bank Bhawan Auditorium, Nariman Point.



Staff-capacity Building

➤ Neeta Dabre and Shraddha More attended Golden Jubilee programme, AGM and Workshop on Women Empowerment of SKIP (Skills For Progress) on 18th, 19th and 20th October at Bangalore. An exhibition of different trades such as Tailoring, Motor Mechanics, Electricals, Computer and Hospitality was organized with exhibits made by the students of different skill centers. A cultural programme, Award Ceremony and two panel discussions (CSR representative from different companies) were organised. On the third day a workshop on Women Empowerment was organised. The resource person was Shanthi, Deputy Director of Bangalore RVTI (Regional Vocational Training Institute). A field visit to RVTI was also organised. The networking with the different vocational training institutes will help us to conduct training and technical courses like automobile. Automobile Course can be started in future for the girls of Y Bombay.



➤ A one-day workshop on teaching through educational toys was organised by Toy Bank for 32 community staff on 4th November at Byculla.



Impact

• Following are the beneficiaries who successfully completed different courses from YWCA and are now economically independent.

Sr.	Name	Course	Income/
No			month
1.	Savita Gangavane	Beautician	Rs 7000
2.	Roshni	Beautician	Rs 5000
3.	Vaijanti	Beautician	Rs 7000
4.	Seeta	Beautician	Rs 6000
5.	Poonam	Beautician	Rs 3800

a. Fort Senior Citizen group has been registered under Public Trust Act and is now eligible to receive grant from BMC to start Virangula Kendra.



- ➤ Poster-making Competition was organised for VTC Students at Byculla.
- 1st Ayesha D'Souza
- 2nd Reshma Sud
- 3rd Salome Pandhare
- ➤ Rangoli Competition was organized for VTCStudent at Byculla.
- 1st Dipali Sawant
- 2nd ShreyaPadave
- 3rd AnkitaBhatkar

Consolation prize - Mansi Gurav

Success story

➤ Bhavya Rajani, differently-abled (Autistic) student of Bakery course secured 68% in the MSBVE (Maharashtra State Board Vocational Examination).

Asha Kiran

Exposure for Staff

Asst Coordinators Shraddha More and Neeta Dabre attended SKIP AGM, Golden Jublee programme from 18th to 20th October at Bangalore.

Awareness Programme-

a) A full-day Seminar on 'Rain-water Harvesting and Waste-management' was held on 12th October. The following topics were covered: Keynote and Method of Rain Water Harvesting and Waste management. It was very well-attended



- b) On 10th October, a **Cancer Awareness Session and Pink Ribbon Drive** was organized in collaboration with Kasturi Foundation. Trustee Member, Mr. Pramod Dalmia gave a talk on different types of Cancer and how to prevent it. Pink ribbon indicates cancer awareness. Total attendance was 93.
- c) An awareness Camp with the theme "Gender Sensitization" was organized from 4th to 9th November. The following topics were covered: Introduction and Concepts of Gender, Indian Society and Gender, Responsibilities of Men and Women at Workplace and Power of Rules, Role of Youth for Gender Equality, Gender and Culture, Self-understanding and Gender Role in Society. 46 children from Study Centre and Boys Support Group attended.

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Training-

a) Disaster Management Workshop was organized for Asha Kiran staff on 14th October. A brief information on 'First Aid and How to Use of Fire Extinguisher' was given.



b) Chocolate-making workshop was held on 11th October for 22 SHG members and short term course students. Resource person Nachita Desai from Bakery Department, Byculla conducted the workshop. The students enjoyed the workshop and learnt various types of chocolate making. 2 SHG members put up chocolate stalls on Diwali Mela and benefitted.



Special Events-

a) International Day of the Girl Child- 17 students of Study Centre, teachers and PSW Vaishali Sakpal attended the Laadli programme organized by Population First on International Day of Girl Child at Nariman Point. Ms. Vaibhavi Patil, Aswini Tiwari and Chanda Pimpalkar were interviewed to talk about YWCAs initiatives for the girl child.



b) Diwali Mela- Self Help Groups, Sakhi members and Day Care Seniors put up stalls for Diwali Mela from 20th to 23rd October. Chocolates, Diwali Snacks, clothes, diyas, puran poli, bhakri and green chilly chutney, masalas and artificial jewellery were on sale. Stalls earned very well and accepted orders. It was a grand success.



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Highlights-

- a) Proud to announce that our ex-student of study center Ms. Snehal Jangam participated in **Speak for India 2019 Maharashtra Intercollegiate Debate.** Snehal spoke on the following topics:
- 1. Should India have its own crypto currency (against the motion)
- 2. Threat of environment-real or fake Among 42,000 students Snehal won second prize of Rs. 1,00000/-.



PASI

• On World Nature Day (4th November) Sangeeta Kharat from Srushidnyan Organization gave a talk on 'How Mangroves of our City are Contributing in Reducing Air Pollution and The Ill Effects if We Remove It' for 45 Anganwadi sevikas and NGO representatives at Asha Kiran.



- On World Elders' Day 1st October, an online essay writing competition on **Social Isolation** and the Elderly was organised for college students.
- 1^{st} Prize V Mangala from Siddharth Law College

Annual Staff Medical Check-up

It was conducted by Connect & Heal, at our YWCA branches at Asha Kiran, Andheri and Byculla in October. 80 staff members benefitted.



POSH

In October sessions on **Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace** by GS Shoba Philip and Deltina Dabre for the staff of AshaKiran and Byculla. The aim of the session was to create awareness about the sexual harassment and measures to prevent it in the workplace and beyond.



Public Relations

On 16th November an interactive session on Goods and Service Tax (GST) Act, 2017 was conducted by Abhishek Naik, Chartered Accountant for 30 staff (Accounts and HODs) and members at Byculla, YWCA. He explained the basic concepts of GST and its implications on an NGO.



Area Reports

Andheri

On 6th November 35 members of the area were thrilled to witness a gripping mono act narrative "Vasanta" written and narrated by our very own multi-talented member Lalita Dhara.

The story based on a serious subject-matter on the chain reaction of cause-and-effect of human suffering was conveyed in a dignified manner. The corresponding discussion that followed was the highlight of the narrative. It resonated deep within and members could identify with the events and encouraged to narrate their own story.

Snacks were sponsored by Meena D'souza in celebration of her daughter's marriage. GS Shoba Philip welcomed Joyce Pereira, National General Secretary. The NGS expressed deep appreciation of the programme.

Belapur

5 members attended the meeting held on 6th November. Members attended the **Week of Prayer** at YMCA. Members discussed Ekta and An Evening of Carols.

Bandra

13 members attended the meeting held on 2nd November. Members discussed Ekta and An Evening of Carols.

Byculla

10 members attended the meeting held on 6th November. Members visited J.J. Dharamshala, and interacted with 70 residents and lunch was sponsored. Chairperson Vanita Narvekar accorded a warm welcome to The National General Secretary Joyce Pereira who accompanied the members to J. J. Dharamshala.

Chembur

8 Members attended the meeting held on 1st November. On 14th November members celebrated Children's Day with Seva Dhan children and distributed snacks.



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Fort

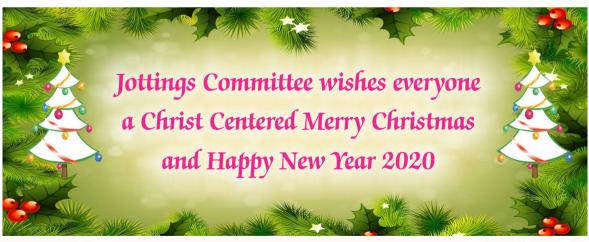
3 members attended the meeting held on 6th November.

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him." Ps 127:3*

The Fort area members visited Balwadi Fort on November and organized games, and distributed prizes and served refreshment to the children.







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Please Note: There will be no Meetings in December 2019 **Programmes and Committee Meetings for January 2020**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Holiday	2 Prayer Fellowship 12.00 noon Andheri	3 Chembur Area 03.30 pm Chembur	4 Bandra Area 3.00 pm Christmas Cultural Programme Fort
6 DDH Meeting 12.30 pm Asha Kiran	7 Byculla Area and Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Byculla ABH Meeting 4.00 pm Byculla	8 Fort Area 11.00 am Fort Prayer Fellowship 11.30 am, Fort Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Belapur Belapur Area 03.00 pm Belapur Anugraha Meeting 4.30 pm Belapur Spiritual Emphasis 12.00 noon Fort	9 Andheri Area 03.30 pm Asha Kiran	10 PASI Meeting 1.00 pm Byculla	11 Public Relations Meeting 2.00 pm Andheri PIYA Andheri International Centre 11.30 am Fort AshaKiran 11.00 am Andheri
13 LWH Meeting 11.30 am Fort	14 WDU Meeting 11.00 am Byculla	Prayer Fellowship 11.30 am, Fort Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Belapur	16 Prayer Fellowship 12.00 noon Andheri General Hostels 11.00 am Buildings 02.30 pm Byculla	17	18 Personnel Meeting 12.30 pm Byculla Membership Meeting 2.00 pm Fort
Jottings Meeting 11.00 am Byculla	21 Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Byculla	Prayer Fellowship 11.30 am, Fort Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Belapur	23 Prayer Fellowship 12.00 noon Andheri	24	25 Walkathon 7.00 am Juhu Beach Finance Meeting 11.00 am Andheri
27	28	29 Prayer Fellowship 11.30 am, Fort Prayer Fellowship 11.00 am Belapur	30 Prayer Fellowship 12.00 noon Andheri	31 Picnic	

Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, 1st February 2020 at Byculla

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