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## Central Church, Vellore

### Questions

The message across the front of the church is in Tamil. What kind of thing do you think it might say?

Does your local church have messages or posters outside? Can you remember what they say?

How do you know this is a church and not a hall?

How does it look different from the temples in which the local Hindus worship?

Have you been to Ely Cathedral? How does this church look the same and how does it look different?

Find out information about Central Church from its website e.g. what happens there during the week? <http://csicentralchurchvellore.weebly.com/order-of-service.html>

Can you think why a street was named "Officers' Line"? What used to go on there?

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Try writing "Vellore" in Tamil (see left).

### Background

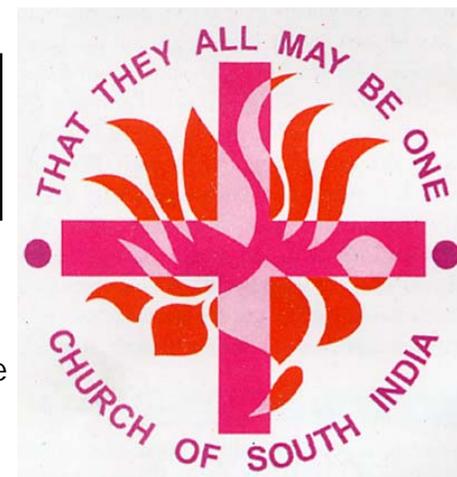
In this photograph, taken on a Sunday morning, the members of the congregation of Central Church in Vellore stand around chatting after the service and before going home for their midday meal.

Central Church is the main church in the Diocese of Vellore, it is like the cathedral of the Diocese of Vellore (although it is not usually called that). The church has a large Sunday School of over three hundred children which meets in the basement underneath the church. Three senior pastors (vicars) run the church. Other groups which meet regularly during the week to pray and learn together are the Men's Fellowship, the Women's Fellowship and the Youth Fellowship. There is also a large choir.

The church has open sides and is typical of the churches in the Diocese of Vellore with whitewashed walls and a large red cross at its highest point. It is on the street called "Officers' Line" which is the main street of the town.

The Tamil message across the front is Jesus' words found in John chapter 14 verse 6: "I am the way, the truth and the life"

The church has its own website at <http://csicentralchurchvellore.weebly.com/index.html>





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