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2016 Motto

'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'

Philippians 4:6

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Editorial

The Living Word....

*Where'er these casual eyes are cast,
The mighty minds of old,
My never-failing friends are they,
With whom I converse day by day – (Robert Southey)*

Books are constant companions that motivate our lethargy, recreate our sullen thoughts and rejuvenate our emotions. They have enough power to transform our transient thoughts into powerful, elevated models created by writers. The Bible is one such book, and is often juxtaposed with other great books. The relevance of this powerful book is sometimes undermined by people based on their preconceptions.

The power of this world normally adds fuel to the intellectual verbiage of readers that keeps the reading and comprehension of this great book at bay. But little do the multitudes realize the omnipotence of the Living Word of God that fills the pages of this epic book. They fail to comprehend the double-edged sword that penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. The Bible is just another book at the shelf for those who don't want to believe in the amazing grace and redemption through Jesus Christ. Many are tempted by the lustre of the wars, battles and oddities described in the books of the Bible, and fail to taste and devour the sweet honey.

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart (Jeremiah 15:16)

When people read the Bible like a novel or just another book, and are not guided by the real author – The Holy Spirit, they don't recognize and encounter *the only Door and the Way* to all eternity. If we diligently follow the transformation through the word of God, it becomes the power that wells up and overflows, translating us to God's magnificent presence and equipping us for a greater purpose throughout our pilgrimage.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in our Saviour,

May all of you who are created in His image be blessed and kept in His grace!

June is a month in which we remember the environment. It is good to ponder how important it is to maintain and flourish the flora and fauna around us, so that life could abound around us for our generations. And that too if it is in relation to the Creator, it is more meaningful. Let us exercise our roles quite seriously for the preservation of the nature.

Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Poole is paying a visit to us out of his love, concern and interest for our Congregation. We would like to use this opportunity to bid him farewell, as he has declared his retirement from official duties from September 2016. It is a matter of fact that Bishop has been keenly interested in the growth of our Congregation in relation to the Anglican Diocese while maintaining our filial bond with the Church of South India. So it is my sincere wish and humble request that each member from the 80 families attends the Divine Service on June 12, after which there will be a send off meeting for the Bishop and a lunch with the Bishop. Those who work on Sundays, please make necessary arrangements for attending the Divine Service and the send off meeting. Let us all in one accord show our affection for Bishop Philip M. Poole and honour him with our presence.

We are celebrating the first Sunday as the Senior Citizen's Sunday. It is a privilege and honour that we have our senior members with us. They walk ahead of us in life helping us imbibe lessons of life from their experiences.

Our Annual Gospel Convention went well, and it was a blessing for our Congregation. I thank the Sub – Committee members who worked well in every aspect of the endeavor. Yet it leaves sadness, and not resentment, for me personally as the Vicar that 21 of our families did not ever turn up in any manner for the Convention. I wish at least a member from those families could attend a minimum of half an hour on any of those days for the Convention. If we intend to have blessings from God, we need to invest time and talents in worship and fellowships, which the Church offers. Remember Fort Mc Murray or Tsunami or an earth quake – every possession and vanity on earth could vanish and be wiped out in a jiffy, leaving nothing.

So may I, with utmost humility, plead and remind all of you to make wise investments that will last by our relationship with Christ Jesus, the Saviour. No pain, no gain is the principle. Do not ever accrue God's curses in life by investing our life in sluggishness to Spiritual matters. May the good Lord keep us all from such endangerment by His infinite mercy. I urge all of you to be participants in the life of the Church to be effective witnesses for Him alone.

Once again the Church is in the Pentecostal season of the Almanac. Let us live out our life with Christ. Let the Holy Spirit strengthen us and ever keep us in the love of God, the Father. May our life be found peaceful and whole in June.

God bless all of you. Yours in His service,

Siby Achen.

June 05 Seniors' Sunday 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	Caring & Accepting the Elderly		
	Old Testament	Genesis 46: 28 - 47: 10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	21	Read by
	Epistle	I Timothy 5: 1 - 10	Senior Citizens
	Gospel	Luke 2: 25 - 35	
June 12 Episcopal Visit 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Nurturing God's Creation		
	Old Testament	Genesis 1: 28 - 31	English Service
	Psalm	104: 1 - 23	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 22: 1 - 5	The Executive Committee
	Gospel	Luke 1: 22 - 31	
June 19 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Make Disciples		
	Old Testament	I Kings 19: 11 - 21	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	34: 11 - 22	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 16: 3 - 16	Thomas Mathai & Family
	Gospel	John 1: 35 - 42	
June 26 6th Sunday after Pentecost	People of God: Flock of Christ		
	Old Testament	Genesis 35: 1 - 15	English Service
	Psalm	95	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16: 11 - 15	Christopher Gajraj & Family
	Gospel	John 10: 1 - 6	



BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 01 | Leonard Fredrick | 19 | Sheeba R. Thomas |
| 01 | Jefin Abraham Mathews | 19 | Alex Oommen |
| 02 | Oommen Cherian | 21 | Liji Varghese John |
| 11 | Norah Kurien | 21 | Tianna Lelia |
| 11 | Mary Joseph | 21 | Noah Jacob |
| 15 | Ajin Annie Varguise | 27 | Christopher Gajraj |
| 15 | Rejini Gajraj | 28 | Shawn Cherian |
| 19 | Akshay Koshy | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|------------------------------------|
| 07 | Joseph P. Mathews & Sonia Mathews |
| 21 | Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj |





Monthly Fasting Prayer

Our regular monthly fasting prayer will be held on June 4th at 10.00 am. All are invited.

Senior citizen's Sunday

We will be observing Senior Citizens' Sunday on June 5th. Rev. C.M. Varghese will be our guest speaker on that Sunday and our senior citizens will be taking an active part in the worship service. All are invited. Service will be in Malayalam.

Episcopal Visit

Bishop Rt. Rev. Philip M. Poole, Bishop in the Diocese of Toronto and area Bishop of York-Credit Valley, will be visiting our Church on June 12th and leading our service. As you all know Bishop will be retiring this September, and our church is planning a farewell meeting after the service. Bishop Poole is a great friend, a leader to our church and to the community as a whole. All our members are requested to attend this Sunday's service and show our appreciation and thanks to Bishop Rt. Rev. Philip M. Poole for his service to our church. The Worship service will be in English.

Cottage Prayers

Cottage Prayer for **SHALOM Group** will be held at the **CHURCH** on June 11th at 6.30 pm hosted by Mr & Mrs. Samuel Anselm Samuel. All Shalom group area members are invited to attend. Please note this change of location.

Cottage Prayer for **JORDAN Group** will be held on June 18th, 6.30 pm at Mr & Mrs. Sanju Cherian's residence. All area members are invited.

Young Couple & Young Adults

There will be an Young Couples and Young Adults meeting on June 26th Sunday after the social hour. All young couples and young adults are requested to attend.

Church Annual Picnic

Our Church Annual Picnic will be held on August 13th at the Christie Lake Conservation Area in Hamilton. Please mark this date, and plan to attend this fun filled picnic. More details will be announced at a later date.

Thank You-- Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund.

Thank you to everyone who have donated to the worthy cause of the Fort McMurray Fire Relief fund. May the Almighty God bless you all.

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(Jet Airways , Toronto Pearson)

- Book in advance to get a lower fare inventory
- Search airline web sites for special offers
- Avoid week ends to save week end surcharges
- Register for frequent flyer programme to earn points
- These points can be used for free upgrades/free tickets etc.
- Plan trips during off seasons (Feb - May) and (Sep - Nov) to get lower fares
- Do web check in to confirm seat number, and avoid long line at airport
- Do not carry excess baggage as it is very expensive to book as cargo
- Always check the transit timing to avoid long transit and short connections
- Do not accept any gifts/ packets from any unknown person

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