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## 2025 Motto

“Here am I. Send Me!” - Isaiah 6:8

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# Happy New Year!

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## **Editorial**

More of His Strength.

The newness of things is always exciting, and the start of a new year is no different. Although nothing drastically changed in our lives overnight we feel a bit different as we step into the first minutes of 2025. There is a renewed sense of expectation and tempered optimism for what the year will turn out to be.

The pursuit of the 'better me' is universal, and new beginnings and fresh starts are common in the new year. Among the many resolutions we may make in 2025, let us take time for self-reflection, and identify things about ourselves that we need to surrender to God's transformative power. Certainly, we each have something we struggle with in our own strength; maybe there is a fear we need to conquer, or a good habit we should cultivate, or a bad one to break away from. Whatever it is we must recognize that we cannot overcome challenges with just more of our own strength. So let us start to ask differently and pray for more of God's strength and surrender up our biggest struggles and worries to the Lord to purpose or re-purpose by His power and plan for our lives.

We need to trust that if we bring what we have to God, He can work miracles with it. Like Moses' staff, or the five loaves and two small fish the little boy brought to Jesus, the ordinary things we have in our hands are transformed into the extraordinary by the power of God.

So regardless of how we feel at the turning of the new year may we have firm confidence in the timeless goodness and faithfulness of our Lord.

A Happy New Year to all!

Reshma George  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we step into the New Year, I greet you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. January brings with it a fresh start, a time for reflection and renewal. It is a season where we can set new goals and resolutions, seeking God's guidance and strength to carry them out. The New Year is also an opportunity to reflect on the past year, thanking God for His unwavering grace and faithfulness. We have experienced His blessings in numerous ways. As we move forward, let us continue to rely on Him, knowing that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

This month, we celebrate Epiphany, marking the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi. The story of the Magi following the star to find the Christ child is a powerful reminder of God's desire to reveal Himself to all of humanity. Epiphany teaches us about the inclusivity of God's love and the universal call to salvation. As we reflect on this, let us remember our own journey to seek and follow Christ, and be open to the ways He continues to reveal Himself to us.

Our Motto for this Year is "Here Am I, Send Me, Lord" from Isaiah 6:8, this motto calls us to respond to God's call with readiness and willingness. It challenges us to step out in faith, to serve and to witness for Christ in our daily lives. Let this motto guide us as we undertake various ministries and outreach activities, reminding us to be vessels of God's love and grace in our community.

As we embark on this New Year, let us also reaffirm our commitment to stewardship. Stewardship is not just about giving financially but involves dedicating our time, talents, and resources to God's work. Let us serve with glad hearts, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

May God's abundant blessings be upon each one of you as we journey together in faith. Let us embrace the New Year with hope, trusting in God's promises and His unfailing love.

In Christ's Service,  
Binuachen  
Vicar, CSI Church Toronto



### **Bible Study**

The Bible study will be held every Wednesday from 8:00 pm onwards. The study focusses on the gospel according to Mark. Please plan to attend the Bible study through our Church **Zoom** link.

### **Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship**

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Zoom** link.

### **Board Meeting**

The monthly board meeting will be held in-person on January 12, 2025 after the social hour.

### **Covenant Service / New Year Service**

The covenant service / New Year service will be held on December 31, 2024. The testimony fellowship will begin at 9:30pm followed by the New Year / covenant service at 11:30pm.

### **Cottage Prayer**

No area prayers have been scheduled.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send your e-mail ID to the Secretary at [secretary@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:secretary@csichurchtoronto.org)



The poster features the CSI Church Toronto logo at the top, which includes a red maple leaf emblem. Below the logo, the text "CSI CHURCH TORONTO" is displayed. The main title "2025 MOTTO" is written in large, bold, orange letters, with the Malayalam translation "കുറിവാക്യം" underneath. The English motto "Here am I. Send me!" is centered, followed by the reference "Isaiah 6:1". Below this, the Malayalam translation "അടിയൻ ഇതാ അടിയനെ അയക്കണമേ" is shown, with the reference "യെശയ്യാ 6:8". The name of the vicar, "REV. BINU PHILIP VICAR", is printed in the center. At the bottom, there is a small crest or emblem. The background of the poster is a light beige color with abstract, wavy lines in shades of orange and green at the bottom.

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REV. BINU PHILIP  
VICAR

<b>January 5, 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>	<b>Revelation for Salvation</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-14	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16:6-10	Manoj Kurien & Family
	Gospel	John 12:20-32	
<b>January 12, 2025</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>Be Holy</b>		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	5	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 5: 18-20	Jophy Philip & Family
	Gospel	John 17: 13-17	
<b>January 19, 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>Ecumenical Sunday – One Body, One Baptism</b>		
	Old Testament	Amos: 9: 5-12	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	115	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 4:1-6	Shibu Pulickaparambil &
	Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	
<b>January 26, 2025</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	<b>Unity in Love</b>		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 4: 1-10	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	30	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 1: 10–18	Abraham P George & Family
	Gospel	John 15:11-17	



**BIRTHDAYS**

1	Ajana S Vijayakumar	12	Binssy Mathew
3	Abin George Joseph	14	Tom Karottaparambil John
4	Ninu Ann Varghese	16	Jimfred Williams
4	Ryan	16	Jenny Mathews
4	Jis Maria George	17	Juby George Thomas
4	Alyssa Nibu Issac	17	Robin Cherian
5	Sonia Mathews	20	Elna Ann Sydney
5	Sarah Elizabeth Cherian	20	Krupa Saji
6	Daniel Mathai	21	Preethi Elsa Thomas
6	Mary Mridul Mathew	22	Aji V. Mathews
6	Kingson Jacob	22	Christina Mary Aby
6	Ruben Thomas Paul	23	Abraham P. George
6	Zachriah Philip	24	Zayn Abraham Tojan
6	Naveen John	24	Sneha Elizabeth Sunny
7	Suraj Saju	24	Ashak Johns Mathew
8	Febin Varkey Mathews	25	Reeni Philip
9	Joy Abraham	25	Tanisha John
9	Jency Jose	26	Rijo Mathew
10	Aezekiel. V Aji	28	Ryan Mathews
10	Riddhi Ghosh	28	Aparna Sabu
11	Sherin Mariyan Jacob	29	Neha Chemmanoor



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- 29 Abiel Thomas Nainan
- 29 Andrio Issac Nibu
- 29 Jithun Thomas Varghese
- 29 David Abraham
- 30 Ezra Sam
- 30 Nainan P. Thomas
- 31 Selvarajan Thampy Puthenkulangara

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- 1 David Thomas & Rachelamma Thomas
- 2 Nittu Mathew Jacob & Anu Mariamma Easo K
- 3 Santhosh Cherian & Jenny Cherian
- 3 Manoj Kurien & Asha Susan Joy
- 4 Bobby P. Cherian & Jithela Yohannan
- 5 Mathew Joseph & Mary Joseph
- 7 Jophy Jacob Philip & Smitha Victor Sam
- 8 Michael Govada & Neashini Govada
- 8 Aswin Philip & Ida Elizabeth George
- 12 Kingson Jacob & Juby George Thomas
- 13 Joy Chemmanoor & Mini George
- 15 Aswin Alex Seth & Sheena Leeza Verghese





- 16 Sudeep Oommen & Sarah Oommen
- 17 Allan Roy & Christina Rose David
- 19 Jomel Varghese & Sonia Mathew
- 21 Raj Hariharan & Sonijya Raj
- 21 Jacob P. John & Mary Jacob
- 21 Christopher Johnson Moothedom & Glen Mary Jacob
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