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2025 Motto

"Here am I. Send Me!" - Isaiah 6:8

"അടിയൻ ഇതാ, അടയാനെ അയക്കേണമേ" - യെശയ്യാ 6:8

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Editorial

Gratitude, the mark of true faith.

In Luke's gospel we see how Jesus healed ten men with leprosy. When the men called out to Jesus for help, He instructed them to present themselves to the priests in accordance with the law. By the text we can assume that after the encounter Jesus continued on His way to the village, and the ten lepers proceeded to meet the priests. The Bible then states that the men were "cleansed" as they went, and one man who was a Samaritan realized he was healed and came back, 'praising God in a loud voice, and threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him'. We are not told if Jesus was surprised but He remarked, *"Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then He said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well"* (Luke 17: 17-19).

We see that Jesus commended the spirit of gratitude and true faith of the Samaritan man. But what happened to the others? Is it that they didn't realize that they were healed, or they did but chose to continue on with their journey? We sometimes behave like these nine lepers. Often we come to Jesus with our problems and requests, but we don't actually believe He can help us and so we continue on our path wanting miracles but not really expecting it. And when we receive blessings or answers to our prayers we don't go back in sincere thanksgiving to God. However, this passage reminds us that gratitude is the expression of true faith.

A grateful heart is a good remedy for misery and discontent. So may we be conscientious about being grateful, whether it is to God or others. In doing so may we also grow in true faith, living with genuine expectation of the miracles God can do for us. Then we too like the Psalmist can say, "...my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him" (Psalm 28:7).

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we step into the month of October, we are reminded of the seasons of grace that God grants us to live faithfully and joyfully as His people. This month is particularly special as it offers us two opportunities to reflect on gratitude and commitment: Thanksgiving Sunday (Harvest Festival) and Youth Sunday.

The Psalmist declares, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it"* (Psalm 24:1). Our Harvest Festival is a beautiful reminder that all blessings come from God, and we are only stewards of what He has entrusted to us. On this day, we bring the fruits of our labor, our gratitude, and our offerings before the Lord. May this celebration not just be an event of thanksgiving, but also an invitation to share generously with those in need. As a parish family, let us make this Harvest Festival an occasion of joyful worship, sacrificial giving, and communal fellowship.

Scripture reminds us, *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity"* (1 Timothy 4:12). Youth Sunday is a day to celebrate the gifts and contributions of our young people. They are not only the future of the Church, but also its present strength and witness. As a parish, let us encourage and empower our youth to grow in faith, take leadership, and engage in God's mission. May this Sunday be a time of renewing our commitment to nurture, guide, and walk alongside them in their faith journey.

As we celebrate both the abundance of God's creation and the vitality of our youth, may we be reminded that gratitude and faith go hand in hand. A thankful heart leads to generous living, and a faithful community produces strong disciples. Let this month be a month of thanksgiving, sharing, and renewal.

With prayers and blessings,
Binuachen



Bible Study

The weekly Bible study will be held every Wednesday from 8:00pm onwards. Please plan to attend the Bible study through our church **Zoom** line.

Mizpah: Fellowship with Former Vicars. Guest: Very. Rev. T. J John and Family

This fellowship will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at 8:30pm through our church **Zoom** line.

Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place every Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the church sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Zoom** line.

Youth Fellowship Retreat:

Youth Fellowship Retreat will be held at Fair Havens Camp & Conference Centre, B2215, Hwy #48 E, R.R. #3 Beaverton, Ontario L0K 1A0 from **October 2 to 5, 2025**. For further information please contact Youth Director, Rufus Luke John.

Harvest Festival Auction

Our Harvest Festival auction will be held on **October 19, 2025**, immediately after the worship service in the basement. Please register your auction items through the Church App. Let's come together in fellowship and make this year's Harvest Festival a joyful celebration of giving and thanksgiving! For any further information please contact, Vicar, Rev. Binu Philip / Secretary, Abraham K. Varghese / Treasurer, Samuel Anselm Samuel.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held (in-person) on **October 12, 2025**, at 1:30pm immediately after social hour.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, **October 26** will be celebrated as Youth Sunday.

Cottage Prayer Meetings

- **Jordan area prayer** will be held in-person on **Friday, October 17, 2025, at 7.00pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Daniel Thomas and Mariamma Thomas at their residence at 1403-1 Belvedere Crt, Brampton, ON.
- **Gilead area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 6:30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Samuel Anselm Samuel and Shini Samuel at their residence at 55 Brunswick St., Brampton ON L6X 4Y4.
- **Shalom area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Aleyamma Jacob at her residence at 229 Zaph Avenue, Scarborough, ON.



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Youth Retreat 2025

At Fair Havens Camp & Conference centre

October 2nd - 5th

No filter : Living Authentically in Christ

Philippians 2:5-8

Speakers

Rev. Binu Philip

Mr. Hans Thomas

Registration : 60\$

Fair Havens Camp & Conference Centre

B2215, Hwy #48 E, R.R. #3

Beaverton, Ontario L0K 1A0

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.

PSALM 107:1



Please register your auction items through our church app.



Harvest Festival Auction Details

Date: October 19, 2025

When: Immediately after church service

Where: Church basement

Mode: Hybrid

Registration: Jotform via Church App.

Deadline: October 5, 2025, 11:55 pm

Jotform registration is mandatory for every auction item. Last minute, on the spot registration on October 19 is not possible.

Keep the pictures ready for upload before you start filling the form. Please name the pictures in the format **Your Name_Name of the item**.

Complete the form, and upload pictures of your items before 11:55 pm on Sunday, October 5, 2025. Once the form is submitted, you'll receive a confirmation email with the submitted data in the email ID you provided.

This confirmation email will also contain an **edit link** for you to make changes (add or delete) and resubmit if necessary. So you can use the same form to make changes on or before 11:55 pm , October 5, 2025.

Members can bring the registered items to the church basement on the day of Harvest Festival. Each item should be **labelled with name and registration ID**. You'll receive the registration ID before October 19, 2025.

For non-perishable items, in the likely event that the bidder is physically absent, the contributor will take the auctioned item back with them, and make arrangements to deliver them to the bidder.

Online bidders are requested to refrain from bidding perishable items that are brought to the church for auction.

All contributors will make arrangements with the bidders to deliver all the items within a period of 3 months from October 19th.

Bidders will take the responsibility of transferring the auction money to the church via **donate@csichurchtoronto.org** before November 30, 2025.



Be the Light

Dear Church Family,

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world — to live out our faith and bring goodness wherever there is need. As a church, we are doing this by supporting these regular committed missions:

- Canadian Cancer Society
- SickKids
- Faith Works
- Canadian Bible Society
- Our Daily Bread
- The Salvation Army
- The Scott Mission
- Voice of Martyrs
- CSI Church Vancouver
- CSI Church Edmonton

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to continue funding these missions, disciple leaders, and extend the love of Christ in tangible ways. We are inviting 120 people to give \$250 each to make this vision possible.

Together, we can shine brightly and make a real impact for the Kingdom of God. Will you join us? Install the church app using the QR code:



Please use the church app - *Missions/mission pledges* to pledge your donation. We'd appreciate it if you could do the pledges before October 19, 2025. Though we are accepting pledges for 2025 and 2026, please transfer only the 2025 pledge amount before December 31, 2025. The 2026 pledge amount may be transferred in 2026.

Joshua Moothedom
Missions Director



October 05, 2025 17th Sunday After Pentecost	Taking Risk for the Reign of God		
	Old Testament	Esther 8:1-17	English Service
	Psalm	12	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 2:25-30	Joseph P Mathews & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 10:37-42	
October 12, 2025 18th Sunday After Pentecost	Disability: Care and Honour		
	Old Testament	II Samuel 9:1-13	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	146	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9:32-35	Christy Abraham & Family
	Gospel	Mark 3:1-6	
October 19, 2025 Harvest Festival	Thanksgiving for the Harvest		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	English Service
	Psalm	65	Read by
	Epistle	II Corinthians 9:6-15	Board Members
	Gospel	Luke 21:1-4	
October 26, 2025 Youth Sunday	Youth: Love God and Serve Humanity		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 58:6-12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	112	Read by
	Epistle	James 2:14-26	Youth Fellowship
	Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	



BIRTHDAYS

1	Sajan Itty	11	Micah Philip Jacob
1	Neha Susan Joshua	11	Reshma Joseph
2	Abel Binu	12	Aiden Manuel David
2	Joseph P. Mathews	13	John Cheriyan Mathew
2	Kumbicottu Varghese Abraham	13	Rijo George Cherian
3	Adam Naveen	14	Reshma Maria George
3	Sonia Mathew	14	Sheena Leeza Verghese
3	Subin Samuel	15	Joby Paul Mathew
4	Siby Jacob	15	Jazelle Mathew
4	Darryl Thomas	16	Grace Ann Samuel
6	Fremita Fredrick	16	Jevin Jacob
7	Christy Abraham	17	Sherone Ann Jacob
8	Samuel Anselm Samuel	18	Omana Saramma Eapen
8	Neashini Govada	20	Suja Williams
8	Jobin Thomas Ipe	20	Joanna Mathew
9	Kenneth Kuruvilla	20	Joshua Moothedom
9	Michael Govada	20	Jayden Varghese
9	Geogy Thomas Valavuchirackal	20	Monsi Kurian Jacob
10	Abhay KS	21	Grace Elza George
10	Ashly Johns Mathew	21	Pramod Punnoose
10	Myrtle Jacob	21	Samgeo Santhosh
11	Maya Jacob	23	Sinu Susan Mathew



BIRTHDAYS

23	Ephrayim Chris Moothedom	25	Jenin Rachel Sam
24	Nittu Mathew Jacob	25	Glen Mary Jacob
24	Sarah George	26	Shini Samuel
24	Aghil. V Aji	26	Monu Abraham
24	Ethan Ninan	27	Jith Koshy
24	Joel Paul Cheriyan	27	Ancy Mathew
25	Susan Kurian	29	Hannah Abraham
25	Sarah Oommen	29	Rachael Grace Michael

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3	Christy Abraham & Elizabeth Shirley Abraham
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24	Philip Z. Mathai & Diani Mathai
24	Aby Kattil John & Christina Susan Kurien
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28	Venerable K. Sam Thomas & A. Sally Thomas
28	David Raja Singh & Thankaraj Rajeni Sobana
30	Varghese John & Liji John
30	Vilayil I. Kurian & Susan Kurian
30	Rohan Vergis John & Ann Alexander Philip
31	Bishan Ghosh & Sheeba Ghosh
31	Pramod Punnoose & Sini Pramod

2025 Choir Sunday



2025 Women's Fellowship Retreat

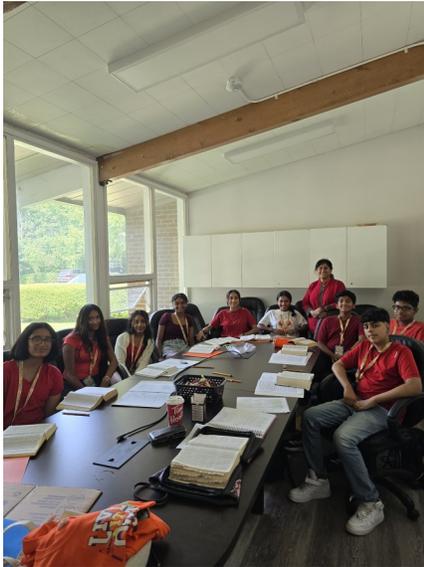


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