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2025 Motto

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

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December 13: Carol Service

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Editorial

He is God with us!

Christmas reminds us to live in remembrance of the Saviour who came down from Heaven to offer us the gift of Salvation. Jesus didn't accomplish this through a quick stunning arrival on earth like a superhero to shock and awe people with amazing powers. Instead, it happened through His lowly human birth, growth in an ordinary family over three decades, and ministering to unimportant people who lived on the fringes of society. But why did it have to be this way?

The purpose of our Lord's coming was to redeem us, but He did that by walking with us on earth and identifying with experiences of everyday life. Throughout scripture we see God working out His plans using common people and circumstances. We see this with Elizabeth and Mary who were called to become mothers at a time in their respective lives that society would consider inappropriate, and yet they chose to say yes to God. Although this did not change the day-to-day realities of their life circumstances, they would have experienced God's presence by being in the centre of His will for their lives at that time.

We too may sometimes find ourselves in situations that don't line up with our expectations for our own life. Have no doubt that God will always bring deliverance, but know also that He is never in a rush! The children of Israel were promised a deliverer, but they served in bondage in Egypt for over 400 years before their freedom came. Similarly, the birth of the Messiah was prophesised by Isaiah (7:14), Micah (5:2) and others, but it was an 800 year wait before Jesus was born. So, while the Lord is fully able to transform our situations, He will do so in the way and at the time that He knows is best for us.

Our right response should be to be faithful where we are placed, and wait with hope and dependence on Him. As it is said, life is not lived in the mountaintop experiences, but rather in the realities of everyday things. Therefore, being faithful in our walk is where we will meet Him who is 'Immanuel, God with us!' May we approach this festive season with expectation and longing for an encounter with our Lord!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The month of December comes to us wrapped in sacred joy and holy wonder. It invites us once again to stand before the mystery of Christmas, where heaven touched earth and God chose to dwell among us as Emmanuel – “God with us.” This is not merely a seasonal greeting; it is the very heart of the Gospel.

In the birth of Jesus, we are reminded that God is not distant from human pain, struggles, or uncertainty. He enters our darkness with His light, our weakness with His strength, and our brokenness with His healing presence. The manger tells us that God comes humbly, lovingly, and personally into our lives. Christmas proclaims that we are never alone, for Emmanuel walks with us in every season of life—joy and sorrow, hope and disappointment, victory and waiting.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, may our hearts become living mangers where Christ truly finds room. Beyond the lights, gifts, and festivities, may we rediscover the deeper meaning of Christ's coming— love that stoops down, grace that lifts up, and peace that transforms lives. Let our homes be filled not only with celebration, but with prayer, forgiveness, compassion, and Christ-like love.

As the year draws to a close and we stand at the doorstep of the New Year, we are also invited into a sacred moment of thanksgiving. Looking back, we recognize that every step of our journey has been covered by God's mercy. Through uncertainties, challenges, sickness, losses, and also through blessings, protection, and unseen deliverance—the Lord has been our help. Thanksgiving becomes our quiet testimony that God has been faithful even when the road was difficult.

The New Year is not just the turning of a calendar; it is an opportunity for renewed trust in God, deeper surrender, and fresh obedience. With grateful hearts, we move forward—not in fear of the unknown, but in confidence that the same God who walked with us yesterday will walk with us tomorrow.

As church family, let us enter this sacred season with hearts rooted in Emmanuel's presence, lives marked by gratitude and humility, homes shaped by peace and prayer, faith strengthened for the days ahead. May the nearness of Emmanuel comfort every heart this Christmas, and may the spirit of thanksgiving guide us into the New Year with hope, faith, and quiet confidence in God's unfailing love.

With prayers and Christmas blessings,
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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: Rev. Shaji M. Johnson and Family

This fellowship will be held on Wednesday, **December 10, 2025 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.

House to House Caroling

Our House to House caroling will begin from December 6, 2025. Trip schedule and other details have been posted in the Church WhatsApp group.

Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols

The carol service will be held on December 13, 2025 at 6:30pm. Invite your friends to come and enjoy a blessed evening.

Christmas Day Service

The 2025 Christmas Service will be held on December 25, 2025, at 10:00am.

Covenant / New Year Service

The covenant service / New Year service will be held on December 31, 2025 at 9:30pm.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting date and time are to be confirmed.

Cottage Prayer

No prayer meetings have been scheduled.

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 **CSI CHURCH**
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Presents

HE IS BORN

A Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols

Message by
Duncan Campbell
(Vice President, National Programs, Canadian Bible Society)

13th December, 2025
At 6:30 PM
1315 Kipling Avenue
Etobicoke, M9B 3N7

Doors Open at 6 PM

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| December 7, 2025 2nd Sunday in Advent | God's Word Challenges the Status Quo | | |
| | Old Testament | II Kings 22: 1-13 | English Service |
| | Psalm | 119:33-40 | Read by |
| | Epistle | Hebrews 4:12-16 | Joshua Moothedom & Family |
| | Gospel | Luke 1:67-80 | |
| December 14, 2025 3rd Sunday in Advent | Deliverance from the Grip of Fear | | |
| | Old Testament | Joshua 1:1-9 | Malayalam Service |
| | Psalm | 27 | Read by |
| | Epistle | I John 4:13-21 | Robin Cherian & Family |
| | Gospel | Matthew 1:18-25 | |
| December 21, 2025 4th Sunday in Advent | Maranatha | | |
| | Old Testament | Isaiah 2:2-5 | English Service |
| | Psalm | 75 | Read by |
| | Epistle | Revelation 22:10-21 | Ajoy Lional & Family |
| | Gospel | John 1:1-14 | |
| December 25, 2025 Christmas | Christ: Guiding Light of Hope | | |
| | Old Testament | Isaiah 9:1-7 | Malayalam Service |
| | Psalm | 96 | Read by |
| | Epistle | Titus 3:4-7 | Daniel Thomas & Family |
| | Gospel | Matthew 2:1-12 | |

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| December 28, 2025 First Sunday after Christmas | Family as Gift of God | | |
| | Old Testament | Genesis 50:15-21 | Malayalam Service Read by Shijo P John & Family |
| | Psalm | 133 | |
| | Epistle | Colossians 3:12-17 | |
| Gospel | Luke 15:11-32 | | |
| December 31, 2025 Watch Night Service | Counting God's Blessings | | |
| | Old Testament | Lamentations 3:21-31 | Malayalam Service Read by Abraham P George & Family |
| | Psalm | 66 | |
| | Epistle | Philippians 4:10-23 | |
| Gospel | Luke 7:11-17 | | |





BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Sajin Alexander | 8 | Sherin Leya Oommen |
| 1 | Ruby Mathews | 9 | Ajil Thayyil Mathew |
| 1 | Hazel Rachel Suraj | 11 | Vinu Jacob |
| 2 | Sanju Cherian | 11 | Leyma Ann Koshy |
| 2 | Bency Mathew | 11 | Santhosh Philip George |
| 2 | Sohan Mangalam Cheriyan | 12 | Navin Abraham |
| 4 | Rachelamma Thomas | 12 | Joana Grace Varguise |
| 4 | Sheeba Ghosh | 12 | Sneha Ashi John |
| 4 | Neenu Saji | 13 | David Thomas |
| 4 | Sonia Johnson Thomas | 13 | Esther Susan Jeffin |
| 4 | Rohan Peter | 14 | Sharon Lazar Sajan |
| 5 | Maria Gajraj | 14 | Rebecca Mathew |
| 5 | Sony John Saju | 15 | C. Mathew Thomas |
| 5 | Alaina Vinu | 16 | Tojan Joseph Abraham |
| 6 | Dan Philip Binu | 16 | Abraham Abraham |
| 6 | Anaya Cherian | 18 | Andrhea Mercy Robin |
| 6 | Jeferson Sam | 19 | Ajisha George |
| 6 | Jithin Thomas Ninan | 19 | Michael Prince Mahendran |
| 7 | Daniel Thomas | 20 | Elizabeth Shirley Abraham |
| 7 | A. Sally Thomas | 20 | Derek Joseph Ajay |
| 8 | Hanokh John Mathew | 20 | Jisha Mary Alexander |
| 8 | Shalini Mary George Enoch | 21 | George Philip |



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| 22 | Sajesh Mathew | 29 | Rennie Philips Joseph |
| 24 | Rhea Grace Varguise | 30 | Sandhra Elizabeth Eapen |
| 25 | Betson Abraham Mathew | 30 | Rufus Luke Johns |
| 28 | Daniel Koshy | 31 | P. Matthew Verghis |
| 28 | Nimisha Thomas | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Roby Jose & Monu Abraham |
| 3 | Joshua Moothedom & Grace Ann Samuel |
| 6 | Eldho Mathulla & Anisha Mariam Sugu |
| 12 | Jith Koshy & Seena Reji |
| 14 | Jiby Jacob & Jain Daniel |
| 17 | Abhilash Raj & Smitha Abhilash |
| 20 | Jeffin Mohan Cheriyan & Reebu Mariam Jeffin |
| 21 | Soloman Danny Alamshah & Priya Rachel Abraham |
| 21 | Robin Cherian & Teena Merin Mathew |
| 23 | Arnold Prem & Sneha Arnold Prem |
| 26 | Ajay Thomas & Chinnu Elizabeth Mathew |
| 27 | Calvin Jacob & Ashley Varghese |
| 27 | Jacob Russel & Dita Russel |



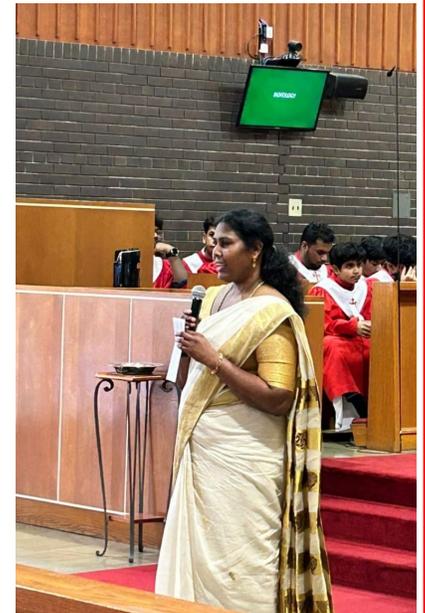
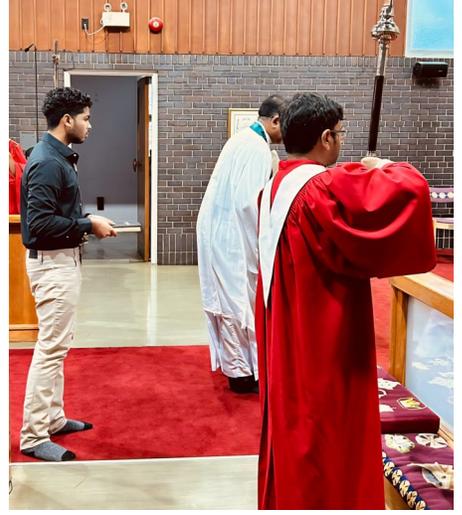
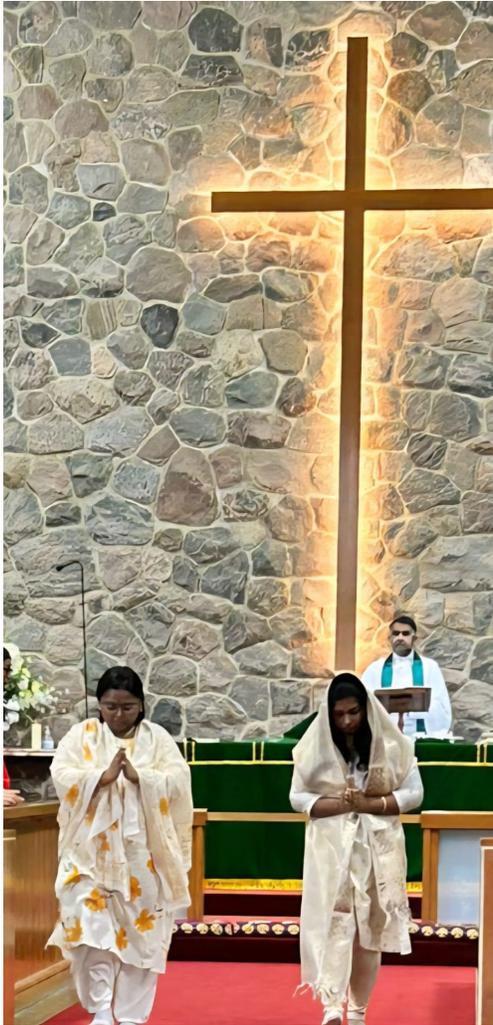
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- 27 Subin Samuel & Sneha Ashi John
- 28 Vimal Philip & Tania Miriam Jacob
- 28 Shijo Perumannoor John & Dona Deena Varghese
- 29 Samuel Anselm Samuel & Shini Samuel
- 29 Geogy Thomas Valavuchirackal & Lintu George
- 29 Sandeep Mathew Varghese & Sinu Susan Mathew
- 29 Tom Karottaparambil John & Ancy Mathew
- 30 Alex Oommen & Susan Alex
- 30 Shoby Jacob Sunny & Sherin Philip Daniel
- 30 Christo Kingston & Ajana S Vijayakumar
- 30 Nithin Chemmanoor & Miriam Achu Kurian
- 31 Robin Roy & Elvy Ann Mathew

Malayala Lokam Sunday



Malayala Lokam Sunday



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