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2026 Motto

"Thus far the Lord has helped us" - I Samuel 7:12(b)

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Editorial

Value in the Ordinary

Weeks of festivities and Christmas cheer have culminated in the dawn of another New Year. The new year is often a time to set new beginnings, start new habits, reprioritize our activities and rethink our attitudes. Studies show that habit-building takes at least six weeks of consistency, but often people fall off their resolutions within a couple of weeks and settle back into their old ways. This is especially true when it comes to building or rebuilding habits for spiritual growth. It is also said that the devil doesn't stop us when we start doing something good, but he is bothered when we continue with it and begin to be changed by it.

For most of us turning the calendar to 2026 although remarkable at first, will eventually lead to a return to the normal routine of work and home. But the anticipation of something new does not need to end with this! A theme that resonated through the lessons of Christmas was how God fulfilled His plan to redeem humanity by using ordinary people and unremarkable everyday settings. This should be a reminder for us to value the ordinary and routine things of life, and live each day in expectation of what God will do next. The Bible also specifically warns us against drudgery, and reminds us that no matter what our daily tasks, it is the Lord we serve; "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..." (Colossians 3: 23).

So rather than feel listless as the newness of the new year wears off, let us train our minds to take the joyfulness of the Christmas message into our daily lives. May this help us to approach the new year and our plans with renewed expectation for what God will do for and through us this year.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

“Thus far the Lord has helped us.” (I Samuel 7:12)

As we step into the month of January and the beginning of a new year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and hope. This year is especially significant for us as a parish, as we celebrate the 40th year of our church's formation. Looking back on this journey, we can confidently echo the words of Samuel and declare that it is the Lord who has carried us, sustained us, and guided us - *thus far the Lord has helped us*.

This milestone invites us to pause and remember with thanksgiving the pioneers and founding members of our parish. It is their faith, sacrifices, prayers, and vision that laid the foundation on which we stand today. Many of them served quietly, faithfully, and sometimes sacrificially, trusting that God would use their small beginnings for His greater purposes. As we remember them, we also recognize that we are now the stewards of this legacy, entrusted with the responsibility of carrying the mission of the Church forward with renewed commitment.

The season of Epiphany, which we celebrate in January, beautifully complements this moment in our parish life. Epiphany reminds us of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ, the Light that shines for all nations. The Magi followed the star with faith and obedience, and when they encountered Christ, their journey was transformed. Likewise, as a church entering its 40th year, we are called to rediscover Christ anew, to follow His light faithfully, and to reveal His love through our worship, witness, and service in the world. Epiphany challenges us not only to see the Light, but to also reflect that Light in our families, church, and community.

As we move forward into this new year, let us remain rooted in gratitude for the past, attentive to God's presence in the present, and hopeful for the future He is preparing for us. May this anniversary year strengthen our unity, deepen our faith, and inspire us to serve Christ more faithfully in the days ahead.

I invite each one of you to prayerfully participate in the life and ministries of our parish during this special year, seeking God's guidance and grace for all that lies ahead.

With prayers and blessings for a meaningful and Spirit-filled New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Binuachen



Bible Study

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

Mizpah: Fellowship with Former Vicars. Guest: Rev. George Jacob (Siby) and Family

This fellowship will be held on Wednesday, **January 14, 2026 at 8:00pm** through the 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 the church Zoom line.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held in-person on January 11, 2026, at 1:30pm, immediately after social hour.

Cottage Prayer

- **Jordan area prayer** will be held in-person on **Saturday, January 10, at 6.30pm**. This prayer fellowship will be hosted by Jijo Cherian and Anushka Aley Abraham at their residence at 163 Cresthaven Rd, Brampton.

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40  **CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS IN CHRIST**

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Rev. Binu Philip
Vicar

January 4, 2026 2nd Sunday after Christmas	Unveiling God's Love to All		
	Old Testament	Genesis 12:1-7	English Service
	Psalm	136	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 8:31-39	Geogy Thomas & Family
	Gospel	John 15:9-17	
January 11, 2026 1st Sunday after Epiphany	Baptism of Jesus: Affirmation of Identity and Mission		
	Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-15	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	98	Read by
	Epistle	Galatians 4:1-7	Santhosh Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 3:11-17	
January 18, 2026 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Break the Chain: Finding Freedom From Addictions		
	Old Testament	Daniel 1:8-21	English Service
	Psalm	1	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 3:1-11	Shibu Pulikaparambil & Family
	Gospel	Mark 5:1-21	
January 25, 2026 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Unity in Faith & Action		
	Old Testament	Joshua 4:1-11	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	67	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 4:32-37	Joy Chemmanoor & Family
	Gospel	Mark 6:32-44	



BIRTHDAYS

1	Ajana S Vijayakumar	11	Sherin Mariyan Jacob
3	Abin George Joseph	12	Binssy Mathew
3	Serina Monsi Kurian Jacob	13	Dita Russel
3	Ann Leelu George	14	Tom Karottaparambil John
4	Ninu Ann Varghese	16	Jimfred Williams
4	Ryan	16	Jenny Mathews
4	Jis Maria George	16	Jerin Monsi
4	Alyssa Nibu Issac	17	Juby George Thomas
5	Sonia Mathews	17	Robin Cherian
5	Sarah Elizabeth Cherian	20	Elna Ann Sydney
6	Daniel Mathai	20	Krupa Saji
6	Mary Mridul Mathew	21	Preethi Elsa Thomas
6	Kingson Jacob	22	Aji V. Mathews
6	Ruben Thomas Paul	22	Christina Mary Aby
6	Zachriah Philip	23	Abraham P. George
6	Naveen John	24	Zayn Abraham Tojan
7	Suraj Saju	24	Sneha Elizabeth Sunny
8	Febin Varkey Mathews	24	Ashak Johns Mathew
9	Joy Abraham	25	Reeni Philip
9	Jency Jose	25	Tanisha John
10	Aezekiel. V Aji	26	Rijo Mathew
10	Riddhi Ghosh	28	Ryan Mathews



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| 28 | Aparna Sabu | 29 | David Abraham |
| 29 | Neha Chemmanoor | 30 | Ezra Sam |
| 29 | Abiel Thomas Nainan | 30 | Nainan P. Thomas |
| 29 | Andrio Issac Nibu | 31 | Selvarajan Thampy |
| 29 | Jithun Thomas Varghese | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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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 |
| 5 | John Victor Christy & Ann Leelu George |
| 7 | Jophy Jacob Philip & Smitha Victor Sam |
| 8 | Michael Govada & Neashini Govada |
| 8 | Aswin Philip & Ida Elizabeth George |
| 12 | Kingson Jacob & Jubby George Thomas |
| 13 | Joy Chemmanoor & Mini George |
| 15 | Aswin Alex Seth & Sheena Leeza Verghese |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 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
- 23 Jithin Sathyaraj Kanaath & Minu Samraj
- 26 Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil & Shiny Shibu
- 27 Joseph Thomas & Raimole Joseph

Carol Service



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Sunday School Christmas Celebration





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