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2026 Motto

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

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October 11: Missions Outreach

October 16-18: Youth Retreat

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Editorial

Generosity, the true Thanksgiving.

The season of Thanksgiving invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks. Amid the beauty of the changing season and the warmth of gatherings with family and friends, we are reminded of God's abundant goodness. As Christians however, thanksgiving is more than just gratitude for what we have received; it is also a time to consider how faithfully we are using all that God has entrusted to us. Everything we possess - our time, abilities, resources, relationships - is a gift from God, but these gifts are not ours to hoard for our own comfort and benefit, rather we are to serve others. In I Peter 4:10, we read that we are to be, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve one another."

Good stewardship can take many forms. It may mean sharing food with a neighbour, supporting a local outreach ministry, visiting someone who is lonely, caring for creation, offering our skills to serve in church or simply being available to listen to someone. Such acts need not be dramatic. Small choices, made consistently and with love, can become visible signs of God's care in a world where many people carry burdens that are not always seen.

So, as we count our blessings this month, let us also ask: Who might be blessed through me? What gift have I left unused? Where is God calling me to be more generous with my resources or time? If we are honest with ourselves, we will admit that there is always something more we can do. May this season see gratitude deepen our generosity. And as we thank God for every blessing, may we also embrace our responsibility to cherish what is precious, share what we can, and walk alongside those in need. In doing so, we offer more than words of thanks; we make our lives an offering of thanksgiving.

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and redeemer Jesus Christ!

I thank God Almighty for bringing us together into a new month. Let us welcome October with earnest prayers and expectations. Our God has been so good to us during the last month, and God will always be good and keep all His promises.

According to almanac we acknowledge differently abled people this month. Like others, people with disabilities want to celebrate their God-given gifts in all endeavors of life. However, many societies are still not prepared to accord people with disabilities their full rights as citizens. The Church has great healing responsibility in this context. Healing refers to the removal of oppressive systems whereas curing only has to do with the physiological reconstruction of the physical body. The healing stories in John 9 and Mark 1:40-45, outline the ways in which Jesus restored people to their normal life. By healing (not merely curing), Jesus brought them into the mainstream of society.

Hospitality is a major theme in the Bible. Jesus' mere presence brought about hospitality for the tax collectors and other socially marginalized people. The invitation to God's great banquet is another example of this. Following Jesus' example, the early church practiced the fellowship of 'community hospitality' as recorded in the second chapter of The Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus created an inclusive community where no one was excluded on the basis of different abilities or disability. When we extend our healing hands to others, we are healed ourselves. So, let us extend our healing hands for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you all.

In His service
Rev. Sooraj Paulose Thomas



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.

Satellite churches

- Worship at London will be held on October 4, 2026 at 5.00pm at St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, 397 Springbank Drive, London, ON N6J 1 G7.
- Worship at Ottawa will be held on October 18 at 2.30pm at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 1606 Fisher Ave, Ottawa On K2C 1X6. Ecumenical Sunday will be observed and this will be a joint worship service along with the Marthoma congregation.

Missions Outreach

The Missions and Youth ministries are coming together for 'Hands of Hope – Feeding the Homeless' on October 11, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at Nathan Phillips Square. For further information, please contact Joshua Moothedom, Missions Director.

Youth Retreat

The Youth Fellowship Retreat will be held from October 16-18, 2026, at Algonquin's Edge Resort, 24909 ON-60 South Algonquin, ON K0J 2M0. For more information please contact Joshua George, Youth Director.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting will be confirmed later.

Cottage Prayer Meetings:

Shalom Area Prayer

No prayer has been scheduled

Gilead Area Prayer

No prayer has been scheduled

Jordan Area Prayer

This area prayer will be in-person, hosted by Mr. Varghese John and Mrs. Liji John, on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 6:30pm at their residence at 23 Wintergreen Lane, Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0.

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HANDS OF HOPE

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY, 2:00 PM
OCTOBER 11 TO 8:00 PM

From: CSI Church, Toronto
To: Nathan Philips Square

PREPARATION

October 10 - Packing food items



If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

- 1 John 3:17



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COUNTER CULTURE

FOLLOWING **CHRIST** IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T

"They are not of the world, even as I
am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth."
-John 17:16-17

16-18 OCT |  Algonquin Edge Resort,
South River,
Ontario



October 4, 2026 18th Week after Pentecost	Strength in Weakness: God's Grace in Our Lives		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 35:1-10	English Service
	Psalm	Psalm 34	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Abraham K Varghese
	Gospel	John 9:1-7	Suja Sara Koshy Elizabeth Mathai
October 11, 2026 19th Week after Pentecost	Faith Over Feelings: Trusting God When Life Does Not Make Sense		
	Old Testament	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	Psalm 37:23-40	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrews 11:17-31	Christy Abraham & Family
	Gospel	Mark 4:35-41	
October 18, 2026 Reformation Sunday	Reformation: A Call for Renewal		
	Old Testament	II Kings 23:1-8	English Service
	Psalm	Psalm 119:25-32	Read by
	Epistle	Titus 3:3-8	Christopher Gajraj & Family
	Gospel	Luke 5:36-39	
October 25, 2026 Unity Sunday	Unity Sunday		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 2:2-4	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	Psalm 133	Read by
	Epistle	II Corinthians 13:5-13	Prem Narayan & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 18: 18-20	



November 1, 2026 World Sunday School Sunday	New Heart, New Start		English Service Read by Sunday School Students
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36:22-28	
	Psalm	Psalm 30	
	Epistle	Titus 3:3-7	
	Gospel	Luke 15:11-24	



BIRTHDAYS

01	Sajan Itty	10	Abhay KS
01	Neha Susan Joshua	10	Ashly Johns Mathew
02	Abel Binu	10	Myrtle Jacob
02	Joseph P. Mathews	11	Maya Jacob
02	Kumbicottu Varghese Abraham	11	Micah Philip Jacob
03	Adam Naveen	11	Reshma Joseph
03	Sonia Mathew	12	Aiden Manuel David
03	Subin Samuel	13	John Cheriyan Mathew
03	Libu John Philip	13	Rijo George Cherian
04	Siby Jacob	14	Reshma Maria George
04	Darryl Thomas	14	Sheena Leeza Verghese
06	Fremita Fredrick	15	Joby Paul Mathew
07	Christy Abraham	15	Jazelle Mathew
08	Samuel Anselm Samuel	15	Stephy Susan Koshy
08	Neashini Govada	16	Grace Ann Samuel
08	Ani Ann Sabu	16	Jevin Jacob
08	Jobin Thomas Ipe	17	Sherone Ann Jacob
09	Kenneth Kuruvilla	18	Lauryn Anna Justin
09	Michael Govada	20	Suja Williams
09	Geogy Thomas Valavuchirackal	20	Reshma Benoy



BIRTHDAYS

20	Joanna Mathew	24	Joel Paul Cheriyan
20	Joshua Moothedom	25	Susan Kurian
20	Jayden Varghese	25	Sarah Oommen
20	Monsi Kurian Jacob	25	Jenin Rachel Sam
21	Grace Elza George	25	Glen Mary Jacob
21	Pramod Punnoose	26	Shini Samuel
21	Samgeo Santhosh	26	Aleena Roshni Mathew
23	Sinu Susan Mathew	26	Monu Abraham
23	Ephrayim Chris Moothedom	27	Jith Koshy
24	Nittu Mathew Jacob	27	Ancy Mathew
24	Sarah George	28	Luca Eapen
24	Aghil. V Aji	29	Hannah Abraham
24	Ethan Ninan	29	Rachael Grace Michael



ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Christy Abraham & Elizabeth Shirley Abraham
- 10 Jithin Thomas Ninan & Elizabeth Pothen
- 14 Jijo Daniel & Saumya Sam
- 24 Philip Z. Mathai & Diani Mathai
- 24 Aby Kattil John & Christina Susan Kurien
- 25 Tomcy Thomas & Aiswariya Ann Jacob
- 25 Samuel Chacko & Sherry Oommen
- 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

Choir Sunday 2026







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