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2019 Motto

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Ephesians 5:14

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**World Children's Sunday
November 3**

**House to House Carol
November 2, 17, 24**

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Editorial

To God be the Glory! ...

How well do you appreciate the change in weather? The fall displays all its true colours and glory before it succumbs to an inactive and desolate, cold winter. Similarly, the numbness of the icy winter gives way to the liveliness of the hopeful spring. The northern lights and the rainbow herald the awesomeness of the creator. Instead of ascribing glory to God, our creator, we take refuge in the ever-widening shell of our doubtful, dreadful and dreamful minds.

The prince of this world has blinded our minds with fear, doubts, shame and defeat, and we fail to see the true picture. The Word of God is the key to overcome the fall of our lives. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Guide will open our minds to proclaim:

'There is none like you, O Lord; You're great, and your name is great in might.' (Jeremiah 10:6).

As we look through this life-saving filter, all earthly wisdom becomes foolish, all achievements become rubbish and all glory becomes gibberish. Then we'll be able to acknowledge the sovereignty of our Lord. *'But the Lord is the true God; He's the Living God and Everlasting King.'* (Jeremiah 10:10) Just as the seasons change, if we are still in the puddles waiting to be splashed by or be withered by others, it is time to soar like eagles and become a channel of God's love and peace.

As we remember the fallen, the brave who sacrificed their lives for our land on Remembrance Day, let's fix our eyes at Jesus Christ, who gave Himself up as the supreme sacrifice for us; lest we forget.

May our Redeemer bless us abundantly.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Jesus said, 'let the children come to me, don't prevent them.' We are going to celebrate World Sunday School Day on November 3rd. Last year, I wrote how Robert Rakes started Sunday school. He took a risk to join children in Christ. Now instead of this risk, many parents have excuses. Children need to study in Sunday school. If the parents aren't taking risks to send their children to Sunday school, they are preventing children from Jesus Christ. Many things can be learned from Sunday school. As parents, we have a responsibility to practice these things.

When you pray, you raise your hearts and minds to God. When you practice it daily, you are practicing the presence of God in the midst of activities. Then God will lead us closer to other people. In other words, God will bless others through you. Especially your next generation will be blessed. The offerings and acts that you make work as instruments God can use in His ongoing formation of the world. Dear parents, your dedication is very important for our children.

We honoured the church members who were above 60 years old on Senior Citizens' Sunday, September 29th. Lay ministry was done by the senior citizens of our church. K. P. Alexander delivered a powerful sermon on that day. I would like to thank everyone.

We had a blessed Youth Sunday on October 6th. Our youth led the praise and worship and lay ministry. Youth director, Joshua Moothedom gave a wonderful message to the congregation, and Jefin Mathews assisted me in the worship. I appreciate the dedication of all the youth members behind this.

We had a successful Christian Men's Retreat. Orthodox and Mar Thoma Churches send their representatives to this retreat. It was a good beginning for practical ecumenism. Rev. Moncy Varghese, Vicar, Milton Mar Thoma church and Rev. Sunil Mathew, Vicar, Markham Mar Thoma church lead the classes. A souvenir was published by Rev. Blesson Varghese, Vicar, Indian Orthodox Church. Men's Fellowship director, Santhosh Cherian coordinated all the activities, especially choir and programs. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you.

Our Harvest Festival was celebrated on October 20th. The Church committee led the lay ministry. Most of our church families actively participated in thanksgiving worship and auction. A few families couldn't participate because of their busy schedule. They can submit their offerings up to December 31st.

Bible study, fasting prayer, intercessory prayer and at the Feet of Jesus Fellowship are continuing as usual. There will be no fasting prayer meeting next month because of House-to-House Carol. House-to-House Carol will start on November 2nd. For more details, please check with your area prayer leader.

As I am nominated to the Anglican Diocesan Synod, I will attend the pre-synod meetings and diocesan synod in November.

Continue to pray for our church activities.

May God bless you.

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil



BIRTHDAYS

03	Ani Chacko	19	Chris George
04	Christina Fredrick	20	Biby Esther Abraham
06	Asher Mathew Jacob	26	Prem Narayan
08	Vivek Joseph	27	Mary Jacob
08	Alby Williams	27	Shona Sam
09	Nikhil Joseph	29	Matthew Gajraj
11	Jethila Yohannan	29	Sonijya Raj
13	Reji Johnson	30	Aneasow P. Anish
14	Ashley Lionel Ajay	30	Smitha Titus
15	Elizabeth Kuruvilla	30	Susan Mathew
16	Balaji I. Kuruvilla		

ANNIVERSARIES

18	Abraham K. Varghese & Shalini Mary G. Enoch
19	Ajoy Lionel & Rejy Elizabeth
22	Rakesh Thampi & Neena Kuruvilla
25	Nibu Varguise & Ajin Annie Varguise
26	Abraham P. George & Elzy George

November 03 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Be Holy		
	Old Testament	Leviticus 19:1-4	English Service
	Psalm	139	Read by
	Epistle	I Peter 1:13-21	Sunday School
	Gospel	Matthew 7:21-23	
November 10 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Unity Sunday: Vine and Branches		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37:15-23	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	133	Read by
	Epistle	I Corinthians 12:12-27	Church Committee
	Gospel	John 15:1-8	
November 17 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Affirming the Work of the Girl Child		
	Old Testament	Numbers 27:1-11	English Service
	Psalm	71:1-12	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 21:7-14	Jacob P John & Family
	Gospel	Mark 5:35-43	
October 27 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Christian Response to Consumerism		
	Old Testament	Genesis 3:1-7	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	37	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 3:17-21	Samuel Anselm Samuel & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 6:25-34	

Harvest Festival





Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will be held in the Sanctuary every Wednesday from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Please come and join us for this fellowship.

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”



To accommodate all members, the Bible study is taking place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on every Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect and learn with each other while continuing to grow their personal relationship with God. Anish Achen is leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend one of the

Bible studies according to your schedule.

World Children’s Sunday - November 03, 2019

Sunday, November 03, 2019 will be observed as World Children’s Sunday. Our Sunday School Children and teachers will be taking part in the lay ministry.

Board Meeting – November 03, 2019

A meeting of the board members will be held on November 03, 2019 immediately after the social hour at the board room.

Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship (KCEF) Carol Service - November 16, 2019

Kerala Christian Ecumenical Fellowship (KCEF) Carol Service will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Canadian Mar Thoma Church, 159 Sandiford Drive, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON., L4A 0G4.

House to House Carol - Schedule 2019

November 02, 2019 (Saturday) – Brantford, London, Stratford, Hamilton & Burlington

November 17, 2019 (Sunday after the Divine Service) – Mississauga

November 24, 2019 (Sunday after the Divine Service) – Brampton

December 08, 2019 (Sunday after the Divine Service) – Mississauga

December 14, 2019 (Saturday) – Brampton

December 15, 2019 (Sunday after the Divine Service) – Scarborough

December 21, 2019 (Saturday) – Scarborough

December 22, 2019 (Sunday after the Divine Service) – Parsonage

Upcoming Events

Carol Service December 07, 2019

Christmas Service December 25, 2019

Watch Night/Covenant Service December 31, 2019

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