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2020 Motto

'Let us rise up and build'

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*Nehemiah 2:18*

September 20 - Mission Sunday

September 27 -

CSI Formation Day & Seniors' Sunday

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## Editorial

### *Quo Vadis?*

Are you free from the overwhelming clutches and intrigues of this world? How has your life made a difference? We live in a world where people scheme, plot and fret for the puny, transitory fame and glory of this world. Though many people are aware of the sojourn and pilgrimage, their earthly selves like to amass as much glory as they can to make this life phenomenal. 1 Peter 1:24-25 says, *“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.”*

It is quite human to think about the earthly glory rather than the ethereal glory. Many philosophers and poets have talked about this.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,  
Awaits alike th' inevitable hour.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.  
*(Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard – Thomas Gray)*

Though these human thoughts have attained glory, we usually don't care much about the Word of God. The Word of God clearly tells us about the way we should live in this world – loving one another earnestly from a pure heart. The living and abiding Word will help us forgo all earthly glory and help us add to the eternal glory. Two challenging questions impede the fulfilment of this glory: Are you born again? and Do you purify yourself everyday to reflect the love of God in everything you do? If any of these remain a challenge, what a shame would it be when we see Him face to face? Galatians 5:16 says, *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” Quo Vadis?*

Samuel Anselm Samuel  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The whole world is in a crisis. There is no peace anywhere. Heads of state are in a financial crisis. There is no money to spend. Due to the lack of production, famine can occur in the future. Businesses are not running. Social distance is a problem, even if it is open now. Nobody is happy. The calculations are wrong. The concepts of the future have changed. The government is working to restore happiness and peace. The police and the military are trying. But it is not possible.

The United Nations cannot grant this peace. The statement issued by WHO is frightening. The statement is that the disease will never leave the world. Where are the expectations? What is our hope? Micah 4 gives us words of hope. That is a huge hope for a believer. It is the return of Jesus. It is about the last days. The peace this world cannot give, Jesus will provide for us. The Lord is coming to restore true peace.

Micah 4: 2 says, *"The word of the Lord will come out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."* The word literally started from the beginning of the apostles' mission. During the reign of Jesus Christ, all nations will enjoy this sharing. Their journey for peace ends in Jerusalem. The Bible says the people shall flow to it. This is what the Apostle said. The mission that the disciples began, continues today. The Word of God is strong. We have been commissioned to participate in that Word. Not just a mission. It is an expensive mission. Are you ready to join in this mission? Jesus Christ is coming soon. He will save us. But are you prepared for His coming again?

Our VBS successfully completed. As you know the virtual VBS is very difficult. But under the leadership of Rajni Gajraj, the youth team (Grace, Anna, Joshua, Jinu, Jefin) - conducted it beautifully. I understand our children studied more Bible stories and Bible verses from this VBS. I appreciate all those who attended VBS. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the team who worked behind the VBS. God bless you all.

Our half yearly general body meeting was successful. I would like to thank all those who attended the meeting. I congratulate all board members who worked behind this meeting.

Please pray for each other and our church.

May God bless you

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil

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**BIRTHDAYS**

01	Jacob M. John	13	Raj Hariharan
01	Levia Grace Daniel	14	Joanne Rachel Joe
01	Bijoy Bhutia	14	Rachel Cherian
01	Anu Roshan Thomas	19	Rohit Mathew Oommen
02	Sarah M. John	19	Thejus John
02	Neena Kuruvilla	20	Akshay Alex Cherian
07	Elizabeth Verghis	20	Reji Kumar. P.B
07	Ancy Jacob	21	Mathew Chacko
07	Felix Abraham Varghese	22	Eva Bose
08	Priya Rachel Abraham	22	Alen Jacob Mathew
08	Toby Jacob	24	Annika Cherian
08	Jain Daniel	24	Sophy Aji Mathews
10	Jithin George	24	Noah Solomon Govada
11	Judie Austin	27	Quinn Joseph
13	Sravan Kumar Onteru	28	Elizabeth Mathai
13	Shiny Paul	28	Chloe Joseph
13	Varghese V. John	28	Suja Sara Koshy
13	John Mathew	28	Smitha Baby Thomas

**ANNIVERSARIES**

02	Jubin Varghese George & Manasi Varghese George
03	Jinoj Titus & Rajitha Jinoj
05	Anoop James & Syama Prasad
07	Rev. Anish M Padickamannil & Jucy Varghese
10	Mathew Chacko & Meera Jacob
10	Selvarajan Thampy & Eva Bose
11	George Mathew & Siji Joseph
16	Rennie Philip Joseph & Preetha
17	Leon Sundaresan & Neethuraj Taji
23	Jeevan Fenn Varughese & Sarah Titus
28	Aaron Fredrick & Mini Fredrick

<p><b>September 6</b> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<b>Peace and Conflict Resolution</b>		
	Old Testament	Genesis 13:2-12	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	16	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 6:1-6	Shoby J. Sunny & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16	
<p><b>September 13</b> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<b>The Cleansing Christ</b>		
	Old Testament	Zechariah 13:1-9	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	130	Read by
	Epistle	1 John 1:5-10	Jophy Jacob Philip & Family
	Gospel	Mark 1:40-45	
<p><b>September 20</b> Mission Sunday</p>	<b>Mission: Good News to All</b>		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 55:1-6	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	146	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 10:34-43	Mission Workers
	Gospel	Matthew 4:17-25	
<p><b>September 27</b> CSI Formation Day &amp; Seniors' Sunday</p>	<b>Unity in Witnessing</b>		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37:15-22	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	122	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 4:1-6	Joy Chemmannoor & Family
	Gospel	John 17:20-26	



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VBS 2020





## Church Re-opening

### Phase 2 of the re-opening of Church - Start date: Sunday September 13, 2020

Pleased to inform that our church is in the second phase of the re-opening, starting Sunday, September 13, 2020. Phase 2 will allow the opening of Sunday Worship for up to a maximum of 50 people plus priest, lay readers, musicians, and media team (members providing leadership or assistance in the liturgy)

Please fill out the screening form which will be sent on Saturday through the Church WhatsApp group. The first 50 people who have passed the screening may join the Service on Sunday.

Please note that physical distancing of 2 meter to be kept in the parking lot, hallway and inside of the Church. Please follow the signs posted at the property. Please bring/wear your own masks. Hand sanitizers and shoe covers are available at the church, please remember to use them.

Food and/or water are not allowed inside the Church. Please do not share books or any other materials between members. Social hour is suspended until further notice.

Please remember to keep the 2 meter physical distancing while exiting Church to the parking lot.

Please note that the members can still continue to join the Sunday Worship Service using the Church YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF6C8AxfhNgMAVqQBvcMmww/live>

### Phase 3 – Start date: TBA

Phase 3 will allow the opening of Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist. Details to follow.

### New YouTube Channel Link – CSI Church, Toronto

Please note below the CSI Church, Toronto – YouTube Channel Link for Sunday Worship Service

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF6C8AxfhNgMAVqQBvcMmww/live>

### On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer)

Please make your offering through on-line giving at [csichurchtoronto@outlook.com](mailto:csichurchtoronto@outlook.com)

### Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

### Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”



The Bible study will take place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please

plan to attend the Bible study through **Virtual fellowship**.

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### The Executive Committee Members of the CSI Church, Toronto

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#### Board Meeting

The board has decided to meet on every Sunday at 8:30 pm through video conferencing (GoTo Meeting) during the restriction period of COVID-19.

#### Mission Sunday - September 20, 2020

Sunday, September 20 will be observed as Mission Sunday

#### CSI Formation Day & Seniors' Sunday - September 27, 2020

CSI Formation Day, September 27 will be observed as Seniors' Sunday

#### Cottage Prayer

**Shalom** area prayer will be held on Saturday, September 05, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Zac Santhosh Koshy and Suja Koshy. Please join the virtual fellowship.

**Jordan** area prayer will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Daniel Thomas and Mariamma Thomas. Please join the virtual fellowship.

**Gilead** area prayer will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Vinod Maliyekal and Binssy Mathew. Please join the virtual fellowship.

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