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### 2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

“നിന്റെ ദൈവത്തെ എതിരേല്പാൻ ഒരുങ്ങിക്കൊൾക”

Amos 4:12b

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## **Editorial**

### *Boasting in the cross of our Lord!*

Have you ever wondered how big the sun is? The sun is almost 109 times bigger than the earth. There are innumerable celestial bodies out there around the sun. Man has been frantically trying hard to learn about them, and yet they are all still beyond his reach. Just like the “frog in the well”, we fail to see the bigger picture and boast about many things. Similarly, we try to limit the power of God to our comprehension because we look through the lens of our eyes.

The worldly standards and wisdom try to contain the great I AM in their wells, and present to the world their interpretation of this holy and awesome God. “For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?” (1 Corinthians 1:19-20) As we travel towards this truth through the Word of God, we realize that the horizon of our understanding is moving further. Nevertheless, we can affirm our insignificance and helplessness.

The knowledge of the reality of our fallen state, the inevitability of giving up everything mundane, the necessity of being born again and the reality of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross should create in us a sense of selflessness. When our pomposities die, Christ can shine on us. Then we will be able to boast in the Lord.

Samuel Anselm Samuel  
Editor

## Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Blessed be the holy name of God! Philippians 2:25 speaks of taking risk. Paul is talking about Epaphroditus, a man who was willing to take risks for the glory of God. Paul is also taking a big risk here. Paul made this decision to inform about Jesus while Paul was in prison under the Roman government. Risk taking is declining today. We are the generations of individuals who have struggled with circumstances.

I heard that many have emigrated abroad to raise their standard of living amidst limitations. Where did they get the courage to take a risk to go to a strange country? The courage of being the children of parents who kneel and pray. Courage that there is a God who hears the prayers of the spiritual leaders who sent us to pray. A courage that their God is with us. The courage that God is with us in the new environment.

The lives of many were a leap forward with nothing to look forward to. This is called risk. Many of you have told me about your life. Many will be willing to take matters into their own hands if all circumstances are right. But it is the presence of God that helps us to overcome our risks when circumstances are not favorable. So we must be willing to take risks, and may God bless us.

You all know about the Holy Communion service. According to the instructions of the government, only limited people should participate in worship. It is hoped that in the coming weeks more people will be able to worship together. You will be notified of the arrangements for worship as directed by the Government.

July 25 is Central Kerala Diocesan Day. This year, this day is also a Sunday.

Happy Summer.

May God bless us all.

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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03	Bishan Ghosh	14	Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil
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10	Rajitha Jinoj	28	Sneha John
10	Sarah Ann Abraham	30	Nithin Chemmanoor
11	Anna Esther Samuel	30	Thankaraj Rajeni Sobana
12	Joshua George	31	Anushka Aley Abraham
12	Habel Jacob Kingson		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

01	Prem Narayan & Reshma George
14	Siby Jacob & Ancy Jacob
16	Daniel Thomas & Mariamma Thomas
19	Suby Mathews & Ruby Mariam Mathew
21	Jeferson Sam & Shona Sam

<p><b>July 04</b> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<b>Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus 36:2-7	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	116:12-19	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 4:10-20	Pramod Punoose & Family
	Gospel	Luke 19:11-27	
<p><b>July 11</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<b>Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith</b>		
	Old Testament	Exodus.3:1-12	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	111	Read by
	Epistle	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Rinu John Mathew & Family
	Gospel	John 12:20-26	
<p><b>July 18</b> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<b>People of God: Salt and Light</b>		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 49:1- 7	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 5: 1- 5	Micheal Govada & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 5: 13- 16	
<p><b>July 25</b> Diocesan Day</p>	<b>James, Apostle and Martyr</b>		
	Old Testament	Jeremiah 26:10-15	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	16	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 11:27-12:3	Church Committee
	Gospel	Mark 10: 35- 45	

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**Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship**

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Tuesday 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 resume in September after the summer break.

**Message from one of our members, Chris George - Help for COVID-19 Vaccine Booking**

The rising number of COVID cases and the current third wave have emphasized the need for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Countries with higher vaccination rates than Canada have been able to start opening up and returning to some normalcy, while Ontario has just moved into lockdown for another month. If any church members have any questions about the available COVID-19 vaccines or would like help with booking their vaccination, please do not hesitate to contact me at 6479398424. If you need detailed medical advice, please first talk to your family doctor. Aside from this, I can help to the best of my ability.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) – July 21 – 23, 2021**

The virtual vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from July 21 – 23, 2021 (Wednesday – Friday). Three days of fun filled activities as our children learn the word of God. Please contact Sunday school director, Mrs. Rejini Gajraj for more details.

**On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer) - [donate@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:donate@csichurchtoronto.org)**

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**Board Meeting**

The next online board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 8:30 pm.

**Youth Activities**

July 10, 2021	TBA	Regional Retreat
July 18, 2021	2:00 - 3:45 PM	Bible Study

**Cottage Prayer**

**Shalom** area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 03, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Samuel Anselm Samuel & Shini Samuel. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

**Jordan** area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Hans & Annet Thomas. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

**Gilead** area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Manoj Joseph Kurien & Asha Joy. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send an e-mail to the Secretary at [secretary@csichurchtoronto.org](mailto:secretary@csichurchtoronto.org)

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