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2022 Motto

“No More Silence..”

“മിണ്ടാതെയിരിക്കരുത്..”

Acts 18: 9

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## Editorial

*Wait for the Lord.....*

Have you ever waited for someone or something? I bet everyone has! We might have waited for public transit, good results, good news, newer chances, or for the light at the end of a tunnel. Samuel Becket's "Waiting for Godot" depicts Vladimir and Estragon waiting for someone named Godot. At some point, a messenger comes and informs them that Godot won't turn up that day, but will come the next day. They wait endlessly, and finally decide to quit hopelessly. It shows the absurdity of this monotonous life, and it supports the existentialist thought. About the second coming of Lord Jesus, many people love to propagate that it is like the endless waiting for Godot. Contrary to this belief, the word of God clearly admonishes us to diligently wait for the Lord.

*I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. (Psalm 130:6)*

Waiting always gives us a ray of hope. But endless waiting might weary us like the watchman waiting for the morning. The watchmen are probably, earnestly looking forward to a relief from their burdens of keeping watch. They are bound by their lines of duty, must keep vigil, and be harbingers of the first streak of light. The word of God tells us that we must outgrow the watchman's wait into the diligent wait of the five wise virgins. We must always be ready, as we don't know when our Lord comes. We must also receive the special power of the Holy Spirit to keep us fervently waiting for the Lord.

May the Lord grant us enough strength and grace to keep watch tirelessly for that glorious morning when we see Him!

Samuel Anselm Samuel

Editor

## Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Praising God Almighty for His amazing plan that I was chosen to serve CSI Toronto congregation. I am happy and feel blessed to address you all for first time through *Pilgrim*. In the days ahead let's walk and work together for His glory.

The central theme of this month as per our church calendar is Pentecost. It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. It is the celebration of the gift of Holy Spirit that descended upon the apostles and is marked as the birth of the church. The Holy Spirit which descended on the early church was – powerful, miraculous, liberative and unifying. The same spirit is now guiding us... as church and as individuals. So each and every believer is expected to manifest these qualities.

*"If we live by Spirit, Let us also walk by the Spirit"* (Galatians 5:25). Let Holy Spirit lead our decisions, emotions, words and deeds.

June 5<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as world environment day. It's high time to go green. Green is not something which you can get or buy. It should be a way of life. Treasure everything and live sustainably.

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it"* - Robert Swan.

Saving our planet should be our responsibility and not upon others' coercion. Now let us seek out ways to make life better for us and for those around us.

May God bless you all.

In His Service Yours

Binu Achen

## Our New Vicar Rev. Binu Philip and Family



*Rev. Binu Philip is from Kulathupuzha parish, and was born to Abraham Philip ( Honorary Lieutenant, Indian Army) and Ponnamma Philip (Home maker). Achen's wife, Roshen Elizabeth Raju is a teacher, and is a member of Olassa CSI Church. Achen and Kochamma are blessed with 3 children: Dan Philip Binu, Darshan John Binu and Diya Serin Binu. Rev. Binu Philip had his education from St. John's College Anchal, CMS College Kottayam, Peet Memorial Training College Mavelikkara and Gurukul Theological College Chennai. He has served in the following parishes: Parkal mission, Thottapradesa mission – Probation, Mundathanam, Kallumala, Chennai and Mallassery.*



### **Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship**

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

### **Board Meeting**

The next online board meeting will be on Sunday, June 4, 2022 at 8:00 pm

### **Arrival of Reverend Binu Philip – June 16, 2022**

Our new priest, The Reverend Binu Philip and his oldest son Dan Philip will be arriving at the Toronto Pearson Airport on Air Canada flight, AC 0057, on June 16, 2022 at 5:50 AM. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Men's Fishing Trip – June 25, 2022**



It's that time of the year again when the Men at CSI Church, Toronto head down to Timeless Cottages, Bolin Road, Keene, Ontario for a day of fellowship, fishing, food & fun. This event will take place on June 25, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Men's Fellowship Director, Hans Thomas.

### **Youth Fellowship – Fund Raising Event (BBQ) - June 26, 2022**

Our youth is planning to have a BBQ fund raising event on Sunday, June 26, 2022. All proceeds from the BBQ sale will go to charity work in Madhya Kerala Diocese (MKD). For more information, please contact Youth Fellowship Director, Jefin Mathews.

### **Combined Cottage Prayer**

Combined prayer meeting of Shalom, Jordan and Gilead will be held on **Saturday**, June 18, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Mathew (Kunju) Joseph and Mary (Sarasu) Joseph of Jordan Prayer group. Please join the virtual fellowship.

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

<b>June 05</b> Pentecost Sunday	<b>Come Holy spirit set us free</b>		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 61: 1-11	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	107: 31- 43	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2: 1-13	Daniel Thomas & Family
	Gospel	Luke 4:16-21	
<b>June 12</b> Trinity Sunday	<b>Trinity: community of love</b>		
	Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-15	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	97	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 13:5-14	Samuel Anselm Samuel & Family
	Gospel	Mark 1: 1-11	
<b>June 19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Revelation of God in Worship</b>		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 8: 22-30	<b>English Service</b>
	Psalm	148	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 14:1-7	Church Committee
	Gospel	Mark 3: 1-6	
<b>June 26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Make disciples</b>		
	Old Testament	1 Kings 19: 11-21	<b>Malayalam Service</b>
	Psalm	34: 11- 22	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 16:3-16	Sanju Cherian & Family
	Gospel	John 1: 35-42	



**BIRTHDAYS**

01	Leonard Fredrick	19	Akshay Koshy
01	Jefin Mathews	19	Sheeba. R Thomas
02	Oommen Cherian	19	Alex Oommen
05	Sarah Titus	19	Jayden Chacko Jacob
06	Neethuraj Taji	19	Serah Ann Littin
06	Pearl Shirin Samson	20	Gabriel Abraham Jijo
07	Tinu John Kulangara	20	Bejosh Mathew
07	Aaron Thomas Ninan	21	Noah Jacob
08	Abraham G. Joy	21	Liji John
10	Elizabeth Pothan	21	Tianna Lelia
11	Mary Joseph	21	Sandeep Mathew Varghese
11	Norah Kurien	21	Ayrah Ann Littin
15	Rejini Gajraj	21	Roshan Mathews
15	Eva Mariam George	24	Daniel Philip Varughese
15	Ajin Annie Varghese	27	Christopher Gajraj
17	Smitha Rency	28	Shawn Cherian
17	Elizabeth Thomas	29	Mithul Nimmy Manuel

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Zachariah Philip & Elizabeth Philip
- 6 Austin Christopher Peter & Judie Austin
- 7 Joseph P. Mathews & Sonia Mathews
- 10 Santhosh Zac Koshy & Suja Sara Koshy
- 12 Preethy Saramma Abraham & Robin George
- 21 Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj
- 28 Mathew George & Susan Mathew



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