



PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

(Part- 2)

2024

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

All praise, glory and honour to God Almighty for His outpouring of goodness and blessings upon Christ Church throughout the year 2023. This report briefly presents the significant events and happenings in the life of the Parish of Christ Church in 2023.

1. Electoral Roll

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
564	519	499	514	504

2. Sunday Worship Services

We thank God for His grace upon all the six services as He blessed us with an increased attendance in the worship services.

Year	2023		2022		2021	
Service	Attendance	Communicants	Attendance	Communicants	Attendance	Communicants
Tamil	201	184	194	173	158	134
Punjabi	140	119	111	92	72	61
Contemporary	64	49	41	38	42	40
English	38	36	35	32	28	24
IFTM	65	38	69	46	37	34
Malayalam	15	14	20	16	19	18
Total	523	439	470	397	356	311

3. Baptisms and Confirmations

We thank God for adding new members to the Parish of Christ Church. Baptism services were held on Easter Sunday, the 9th of April 2023 and 8 brothers and sisters from the six services were baptized. On Thanksgiving Sunday, the 3rd of September 2023, 10 brothers and sisters from Punjabi service were baptized. Special baptism services were held on 29th of January for the IFTM service and 1 brother was baptized. On the 5th of February 2023, 7 brothers and sisters from the Punjabi service were baptized.

There were two Confirmation services held during the year 2023. 37 brothers and sisters from the Punjabi service were confirmed by Retired Bishop John Chew on 28th of May 2023. On the 15th of October 2023, 16 brothers and sisters from 3 services were confirmed by Retired Bishop John Chew.

The statistics of baptism and confirmation for the past three years are given below.

Year	Baptism		Confirmation
	Adults	Infants	
2023	26	1	53
2022	16	5	37
2021	1	0	0

4. **Rev. Paul Xavier**

We welcomed Rev. Paul Xavier and his family who joined our Parish from Church of the Epiphany as a Priest effective from 1st of January 2023. He has assumed his responsibilities as the Priest in-charge of the Contemporary and the English Services.

5. **Clergy, Pastoral staff, and office staff update**

5.1 **Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, Vicar**

- Diocesan Standing Committee Member -
- Head of Education, Deanery of Nepal (from 2022)
- Examining Chaplin
- Prison Fellowship Singapore
- Chairman – SAIB
- Hon. Chaplin, St. Andrew's Migrant Worker Medical Centre

The Vicar Overseas all services, committees and ministries

5.2 **Rev Paul Xavier (from 1 Jan 2023)**

- Committee Member: Arch-Bishop Advisory Board
- Committee member of SAIB
- Home Based coordinator for Deanery of Nepal
- Priest, Contemporary Bilingual Service
- Priest, English Service

5.3 **Pastor Theodore Samraj**

- Pastor, Indian Friends Tamil Ministry
- Pastoral in charge, Youth Ministry
- SAIB, Member
- Pastoral support, Personal Discipleship Journey Ministry.

5.4 **Pastor Moses Ajay**

- Pastor, Punjabi service
- Pastor in charge, Teens for Christ
- Pastor in charge, Community services
- Church Coordinator, Prison Fellowship Singapore

5.5 **Office staff and Verger**

Ms. Esther Rani continues to serve as the Office Secretary and Mr. Alex Fernandas continues to serve as the verger.

6. Parish Projects

6.1 Christ Church Pokhara

The construction of a temporary church building has been completed and dedication was done on 18th of November 2023. Rev Kancho has been posted to Christ Church Pokhara as the permanent clergy.

6.2 Redevelopment Project & Fund Raising

By God's Grace we have paid all the final payments to the architect, conductors, and vendors. The outstanding loan amount as of 31st of December 2023 to the Diocese is \$600,150.

We thank all members of the Parish for contributing to the project through participating in all the fund-raising initiatives. We thank those who have contributed to organize the following Fund-raising events and activities.

- Sale of special breakfast
- Mini Food Fair, followed by auction on Thanksgiving Sunday, the 4th of September.
- Music workshop
- Christmas Musical concert by our children on 1st of December.

7. Parish Level Events

7.1 Church Camp

Church Camp was held from 5th to 7th June at Lotus Resort, Desaru. 128 members across all services attended the Camp which was truly a blessing to the participants. Mr. James Singh was the Camp speaker.

7.2 Parish Revival Meeting

Parish Revival meetings were held on August 11th to 13th, 2023 with the theme "Church & Missions". The special speaker was Rev Kalyan Kumar from Chennai who discussed the challenges and opportunities in Missions. All messages were given in Tamil and English for the benefit of members from the six services.

7.3 Gospel Meeting

Punjabi Gospel meetings were held from 22nd to 24th September 2024. The speaker was Pastor Amrit Sandhu from Punjab, and he was accompanied by Gospel singer Bro. Mark Tribhuvan. About 600 people attended the Gospel rally, out of which 82 were newcomers.

7.4 Parish Leaders Meetings

Parish Leaders Retreat were held on 6th of May, 19th of August and 18th of November. Bro Mohan from PDJ led the discussion on the topic "Culture and Change". Leaders did an assessment and identified the five Dysfunctions of a Team. Pastoral team discussed about these 5 Dysfunctions and came up with the recommendation to fix these Dysfunctions.

Leaders met on 18th November 2023 to discuss and confirm the calendar of events for 2024.

7.5 Foundation Day Service

Christ Church's 83rd Foundation Day was celebrated with a service of thanksgiving and rededication on the 22nd of October 2023 at 6.00PM in Christ Church sanctuary. Members from all the services participated in the service. Rev. Dr Joshua Sudharman brought God's Word. The service was followed by a fellowship dinner.

7.6 Carolling

- Tamil congregation home carolling was held on 19th and 21st of December.

- Punjabi congregation home carolling was on the 22nd of December.

8. Parish Missions & Evangelism

8.1 Parish Mission Month

Parish Mission Month was celebrated in August 2023. The following special speakers shared God's Word during the service and their mission activities during the combined functional ministries meetings.

- 6th August 2023 – Bro. Bose and Sis. Vasanthi shared about Nepal mission.
- 13th August 2023 – Prison Fellowship Singapore.
- 20th August 2023 – Bro. Paulson shared about Peniel missions in Myanmar.

The Mission committee organized a Bible Quiz from the Gospel of Luke. 17 teams participated in the Bible Quiz.

8.2 Personal Discipleship Journey

Pray that the Parish of Christ Church will be a discipling community and that disciple making will multiply through the Personal Discipleship Journey programme.

9. Community Outreach

Intensive PSLE Coaching: 10 children (3 from PFS) attended this coaching for Tamil, English and Maths. We thank the coordinators and teachers who conducted the classes with commitment.

10. Parish Participation in Diocesan Events

- SAIB Revival meetings held on 21st and 22nd of July at My Saviour's Church.
- SAIB Day of Prayer held on 4th of November at Cathedral New Sanctuary.
- SAIB Youth Wing held their evening worship service on the 22nd of July at Christ Church.
- Diocesan Parish of the Week Run held on 16th of August at Christ Church.
- Diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting held on 7th of November 2023.

11. Parish Support to Diocesan

During our worship services, the following Diocesan and other Ministries were prayed for and supported through special offerings:

- Anglican Indian Work Sunday on 23 Jul 2023
- Province of Southeast Asia on 5 Feb 2023
- Singapore Anglican Community services on 29 Nov 2023

12. Parish Christmas Outreach Celebrations 2023

The message of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ were proclaimed to the community around us and to the Indian Tamil migrant workers at four dormitories through the following celebration events:

- Sunday School Year End and Christmas Celebration on 25 Nov 2023
 - Parish Christmas Celebration held on 16th of December at Parish Hall in which residents of Pek Kio community, Toa Payoh single room blocks and families from SINDA also participated. A hundred food hampers were distributed to the needy families.
 - Carolling by the Tamil and Punjabi service members at Chandar Road held on 17th of December 2023.
 - Details of the IFTM Christmas Outreach celebration took place at 4 places are given below:
 - Penjuru Recreation Centre on 25th of November 2023.
 - Christ Church on 26th of November 2023.
 - Tuas Recreation Centre on 2nd of December 2023.
 - Westlite Dormitory Woodlands on 9th of December 2023.
- A total of about 400 new Tamil migrant workers attended these programs.

13. Parish Ministry Highlights

There was active participation by members of the parish in all the initiatives and ministry activities of the six services and functional ministries. Detailed reports of the services and functional ministries are given separately for review and prayer support.

14. Acknowledgements

We express our thanks and appreciation:

- Vicar Canon Steven Asirvatham, Rev Paul Xavier, Pastor Theodore Samraj and Pastor Moses Ajay for their Pastoral support and guidance.
- PCC and all Sub-Committee leaders and members for their support and contributions.
- Ms Esther Rani for her assistance and admin support to all ministries of the Parish.
- Bro Alex Fernandas for providing logistics support and maintenance needed for the Sanctuary and the premises.
- The following Ministries and Committees:
 - Lay Readers, Altar Servers, Flower Team members
 - Choir Ministry, Praise & Worship Ministry
 - Core Team members and Ministry Coordinators
 - Media Ministry and Audio-Visual Team
 - Functional Ministry Leaders and members
 - Redevelopment Fund Raising committee.

To our Auditors S. S. Ang & Co Public Accountants & Chartered Accountants for the services rendered.

Above all, we thank our gracious Lord for His grace and protection, for the countless blessings bestowed on our church and for supplying all our needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus. We pray for His continued guidance in establishing His Kingdom and making our church a blessing to those around us.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Mr. Ravindran Rufus
Honorary Secretary
Parochial Church Committee.

WARDENS' REPORT

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - we were all given the one Spirit to drink." 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

This verse highlights the importance of unity in the church by calling us to be one body in Christ despite our differences. God has brought us together from different parts of the world and knows that we have different political and cultural views yet, still calls us to belong to one Body. So, how does this work? Firstly, we must understand that unity is NOT uniformity, everyone has their own views on how things should be done. Despite our differences, we need to strive to adopt a posture of humility and tolerance to achieve unity in peace. The church will never be void of disagreements, they will always be there but, we should always seek to achieve togetherness in disagreements. When togetherness is our goal, despite our differences, we will always care for one another and God's love will always be displayed through our unity.

As wardens, we are pleased to witness this growing unity at our church regularly through our weekly Sunday services and other events that are held in our church. One example would be at the Church Camp that was held at Desaru from 5th to 8th June 2023. The camp allowed all church members from different services to bond together in worship and enjoy fellowship with one another. As we had a total of 128 members from all our services attending the camp, worship sessions were held in 3 languages (Tamil, Hindi & English) and it was a blessing to see everyone worship together as one body. We hope that this spirit of unity and camaraderie will continue to grow even more over the coming years!

Unity in the church is about coming together to form something bigger. It is about recognizing that we are stronger together than we are individually. It is about enjoying fellowship with one another. We know that unity does not happen instantly, it requires constant work to build and maintain. However, we are encouraged by the enthusiasm and passion shown by all our members to work together to build our church as one body. We thank all of you for your support and encourage you to keep going, May God bless you all!

Jose Nathaniel
Vicar's Warden

Christopher Samuel
People's Warden

PUNJABI SERVICE

OUR VISION

To be a redeemed community that is grounded in God's Word, empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit for sanctification, growing in Christ to reach out to the unreached for the glory of God.

OUR MINISTRY

The Punjabi congregation focuses on reaching out to the North Indian community in Singapore and beyond for soul winning. This is achieved by leveraging on telecommuting platforms for our weekly Prayer meetings as well as regular Sunday Services.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

- We thank Almighty God for the baptism of 20 candidates in the month of February, April, and September 2023.
- We thank Almighty God for the confirmation of 37 candidates on 28th May 2023.
- We thank Almighty God for the successful organization of our annual Punjabi congregation picnic on 30th April 2023, this initiative was led by the Youths of the Punjabi Service. The purpose was for sisters and brothers to invite their friends so that they will know about our existence as a worship service reaching out to north Indians. We had a total 135 attendees of newcomers and our church members.
- Two days Gospel Meeting was planned on the 23rd and 24th September 2024. The meeting speaker was by Pastor Amrit Sandhu who is the Senior Pastor of "THE CHURCH OF SALVATION, HEALING AND PROPHECY", under the banner of Amrit Sandhu ministries. His ministry is one of the top 5 largest churches in Punjab India with a regular attendance of 5000 worshippers every Sunday. Beside him, we also invited Bro Mark Tribhuvan from Mumbai as a guest gospel singer to accompany Pastor Amrit Sandhu. Bro Mark is an anointed regular guest worship leader in Amrit Sandhu Ministries. We had a total of 82 newcomers over the 2 days of the gospel Meeting. We praise God for his guidance and anointing on that day, as we have never seen such a big crowd of 518 people on Sunday afternoon. The move of the Holy Spirit was so powerful and we could feel the presence of the Lord in a tangible way as many people were set free from bondages, and also received healing and deliverance.
- We thank Almighty God for our carolling rounds held on 22nd December 2023 and the overwhelming response from the congregation members.
- We thank God for the opportunity to equip the volunteers and organized the 2 pm healing and deliverance prayer.
- We raised more singers for the Punjabi service and 2 pm healing and deliverance prayer.
- Daily prayer groups that are run by ministry leaders who are identified by the pastor.
- We have successfully completed a bible study series on the abundant life for new believers.
- We also participated in church camp, fundraising, and other parish-level events.
- Two of our young adults began representing the Punjabi Service at Parish level committees.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Please uphold the needs of the Punjabi Service and planned activities in 2024:

- Sunday School Ministry – We pray for 2 more teachers to be recruited.
- Youth Ministry – We pray for God's guidance and wisdom for our youths in our Punjabi Congregation to use them in areas of our Church ministry within the Parish and congregation.
- Weekly Healing and Deliverance Ministry on Sunday at 2 pm as this is our evangelism outreach.
- For Equipping, Empowering, and Enabling of our members through discipleship training.

- More participation from members in areas of church ministry such as ushers, AV, and worship.
- We are looking into creating a media team that looks into social media and publicity.

PLANS FOR 2024

- Fortnightly Bible Study held via zoom by Revd. Ernest Christopher and Pastor Moses Ajay on the series of light of the bible.
- Church Picnic on 18th February 2024
- English classes in the 2nd quarter of 2024
- 2-day gospel rally on 28th-29th September 2024
- Christmas Carol Rounds 23rd December 2024
- Twice a month Combined Friday night prayer at 10 pm via zoom.

SPECIAL THANKS

We thank Our Vicar, Revd. Canon Steven Asirvatham as well as Sister Vimala Steven for their guidance, support, and encouragement to the Punjabi Service and Sunday School Ministry.

Special thanks to all the Pastors, Wardens, PCC, office secretary, and church caretaker for their unwavering support towards this congregation.

Special thanks to all the core team members, ministry leaders, worship team, PA Team, translators, altar servers, lunch, and tea fellowship team, ushering team, and all who served in the Sunday services in one way or another.

Pastor Moses Ajay

CONTEMPORARY BILINGUAL SERVICE

Service Demographics:

The 11am Bilingual Contemporary service at the Parish of Christ Church represents a unique blend of cultural diversity and modern worship practices. Conducted in both Tamil and English languages, this service offers a dynamic and inclusive platform for worshippers seeking a bilingual contemporary worship experience within an Anglican setting.

The hallmark of this service is its versatility, catering to individuals who appreciate the richness of both Tamil and English languages in their worship expressions. With a focus on contemporary elements infused with Anglican traditions, the 11am Bilingual Contemporary service provides a vibrant and spiritually uplifting atmosphere. As a Christ centred community of worshippers, we aim to glorify God, as one church, to evangelize the lost, disciple our members and reach the nations with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks to God for ...

- The baptism of Bro Emmanuel, Sis Angelina & Bro Rajendran on the 9th of April 2023.
- The confirmation of Bro Emmanuel, Sis Angelina, Bro Rajendran, Sis Nataniah, Bro Gautham & Sis Gracie on the 15th of October 2023.
- The steady growth of our weekly attendance, ranging from 65 – 85 pax.
- The many new families and individuals who have joined the service.
- The first wedding that took place in the St Luke's Sanctuary on the 19th of October. Emmanuel & Angelina are currently attending the Contemporary Service.
- Bro Lionel Dharmaraj for helping us in Lay Reading at our Holy Communion services.
- Bro Christopher Samuel and the 8am service worship team for their relentless support in helping us enhance our sound and worship experience.

Points for Prayer:

- Pray for the contemporary service to continue to grow from strength to strength.
- Pray that more will come forward to serve in the ministry.
- Pray that we can train more people to serve in the worship ministry.
- Pray that we can develop our own Lay Readers and Altar servers in the coming days.

2024 PLANS:

- Worship Seminar
- Lead a combined drama outreach for Easter
- Day Retreat
- Fun day at the park
- Gospel Outreach
- 2 Healing Rallies
- BBQ at the beach

Revd Paul Xavier and Core Team

ENGLISH SERVICE

Service Demographics:

The 5pm English service at the Parish of Christ Church stands as a testament to the power of inclusive worship, transcending cultural barriers to create a welcoming and vibrant space for individuals from all walks of life. This service serves as a bridge between tradition and modernity, seamlessly blending Anglican liturgy with contemporary expressions of faith.

We strive to be a Christ centred community of worshippers who will glorify God by fostering unity and spiritual growth among its diverse congregation, as one church, to evangelize the lost, disciple our members and reach the nations with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving: We give thanks to God for ...

- The gradual growth in attendance. We averaged 40-50 weekly worshippers.
- The Baptism & Confirmation of Bro. Bryan Satvik Rai.
- Divina & Ryan who helped us in the choir every 1st & 3rd Holy Communion Sundays.
- The many new families who have joined in our 5pm service.
- The continuous efforts by Bro. David Paul & Team in their outreach towards the Pek Kio Community.

Points for Prayer:

- Pray that the service will continue to grow from strength to strength
- Pray that we can raise Altar servers within the service
- Pray for new talents to be incorporated into the choir to strengthen the liturgical worship
- Pray for an increase of ministry volunteers

2024 Plans:

- Worship Seminar
- Day Retreat
- Fun day at the park
- Gospel Outreach
- 2 Healing Rallies
- BBQ at the beach
- Christmas Carols at the Pek Kio Community

Revd Paul Xavier and Core Team

MALAYALAM SERVICE

Our Vision

Go and make followers of all people in the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Our Mission

- To worship the living God in spirit and in truth.
- To equip the members to be disciples.
- To train and create leaders for the rich harvest.
- To prepare and encourage one another with the word of God.

Points for Praise

- We give thanks and glory to God Almighty for the leadership and encouragement of our vicar, Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham. Special thanks to Pastor for your guiding, counselling, and support to the Malayalam service for spiritual growth.
- We thank God for Rev. Shiju Samuel who has faithfully served the Malayalam service, and thanks for his proper guidance and support.
- We thank God for the cottage meeting held in September to cover various prayers in our service.
- We thank God for getting a powerful prayer team and a blessed worship team.
- We thank Mr. Thomas Jeyaseelan for sharing with us the Word of God.
- We thank God for Sister Smitha who joined as a Sunday school teacher in the Malayalam Sunday school ministry.

Points for Prayer

- Praying in the name of Jesus for more people to join the Malayalam service to worship the living God in spirit and in truth.
- Praying for members to live as growing disciples.
- Pray for to get Malayalam full-time pastor.
- Pray for church unity, love, and fruitfulness.
- Pray for God's will on earth.
- Pray for the core team to take the proper decision to guide the Malayalam service.
- Pray for the coming cottage meetings and prayer.
- Pray for the Sunday school children, teachers, and Sister Vimala, who is the leader of the Sunday school.

General Attendance

We give thanks to Almighty God for increase the number of members, estimates the Malayalam service attendance is increased from 6 to 25 within last 7 months.

Give thanks to PCC for the financial support to Malayalam Service

Vidya Raju

INDIAN TAMIL FRIENDS MINISTRY

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20

Introduction:

We praise, thank, and give glory to our Lord Almighty for his abundant blessings till today in this ministry. We thank our Lord for His grace and guidance for this ministry as IFTM has completed 24 years and marching on successfully. This ministry was started by a few brothers in February 2000, with only 5 IFTM members attending then and as our God is a faithful God, an average of 150 - 170 people, including some nurses and few families, were attending the Sunday services in 2019. During COVID19 shutdown, we started conducting the Sunday Services through Zoom from July 2020 which was attended by an average of 45, including the IFTM brothers staying locally in Singapore, nurses, few families and some IFTM brothers (those who gone back to India) joining from India. As the Covid restrictions eased, the IFTM onsite services commenced from 19th April 2022 and currently, an average of 70 to 80 people attending the onsite services. The Word of God is shared by Pastor. Theodore Samraj, Rev. Paul Xavier, Bro. Kalaikumar and Bro. Thomas Jeyaseelan.

Points for Praise:

Praise GOD for His grace, mercy, protection and provision for all the brothers who attend our Sunday 7.00 PM service. Praise GOD for new volunteers joining this ministry. Praise God for helping us to start a new weekly prayer fellowship at Woodlands since October'23. Praise God for a baptism in April'23.

Ministry Activities & Events:

- Onsite weekly prayer fellowship in Tuas Avenue 1&14, Penjuru, Jalan Papan, Toh Guan and Woodlands.
- Provide psychological counselling or necessary support to the brothers who lost their loved ones, who are not able to visit India because of various reasons and who has family/personal issues.
- IFTM Picnic and outreach program on 1st May'23.
- Fasting prayer was held on 2nd June 2023.
- Conducted Christmas outreach programs in Penjuru (25th November), Tuas (2nd December) and Woodlands (9th December). It was well attended by 550 Indian migrant brothers. We conducted games, congregational singing, quiz, gave away prizes for winners, distributed food and goody bags along with sharing the gospel.

Site Ministry:

Site Visits: We thank God for His immense grace in helping us to conduct our weekly prayer meetings. The weekly prayer meetings were conducted on Tuesdays for Tuas site (Tuas Avenue 1 / 14), Wednesdays for Penjuru / Jalan Papan site, Thursdays for Toh Guan site and alternate Saturdays for Woodlands. An average of 6-12 brothers joins these onsite prayer meetings. We start with informal chat before leading the brothers in a time of prayer, singing, testimony sharing and sharing the Word of God. We also encourage the brothers to invite their friends to this prayer meetings.

We kindly request your prayers and warmly welcome members of the congregation to join us on a regular basis in this mission. We thank Bro. John Godwin Moses, Bro. Ranjan, Bro. Alexi Jebakumar, Bro. Kalaikumar, Bro. Charles Jayakumar, Bro. John Vincent, Bro. Anand, Bro. John Satya, Bro. Rufus Ravindran, Bro. Raphael Rufus, Bro. Stephen Selwin, Bro. Paul Isaac, Bro. Stanley Samson,

Bro. Edward, Bro. Victor, Bro. Paulraj, Bro. Satheesh Kumar and Bro. Prince for helping us regularly in these prayer meetings.

Telephone Ministry:

We contact the brothers regularly via phone, to counsel, pray for them and to encourage them to attend our weekly prayer meetings/Sunday services. We are accessible to the brothers and encourage them to contact us whenever they face any issues.

Points for Prayer:

Kindly support and remember this ministry in your prayers for:

- Lord to help us in reaching out to more people
- Consistency and growth in participation
- The members' spiritual growth, their families in India and their needs
- For new baptisms
- The volunteers and their families
- For their job, safety and the employers to show real concern on their well being
- For the new mid-week service that is planned to start at Penjuru site in the 1st quarter of this year.
- opening new sites and bringing in new volunteers

Conclusion:

We give thanks and praise to the Lord for all His blessings. We thank our Church members for their constant prayers, commitment, and support for this ministry.

We also thank our parish members for supporting us during the May Day and Christmas outreach programs.

We would like to thank the P&W team, offertory counting team, PA team and food serving team for supporting us during Sunday services.

We thank Bro. John Vinoraj and Bro. John Vincent for their support to this ministry and pray for God's blessings, guidance and protection as they have migrated to other countries.

We thank Pastor. Theodore Samraj, who has taken charge of this ministry, for his guidance and support.

We thank the core team members, Bro. Rajasekar, Bro. Selwyn Jebakumar, Bro. John Godwin Moses, Bro. Alexi Jebakumar, Bro. John Vinoraj, Bro. Kalaikumar and Bro. Charles Jayakumar for their support and help.

We thank our Vicar Rev. Canon Steven Asirvatham for his support, guidance, and encouragement.

Above all we thank and praise our Lord Almighty for His blessings, faithfulness, and the growth He has given to this ministry.

Pastor. Theodore Samraj and Core Team

THE CHOIR MINISTRY

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” - 1 Peter 4:10

Introduction:

We thank the Lord for His anointing and blessing the Choir Ministry for its service in 2023. It was a year of opportunities to reach out to the community through the singing ministry.

Activities & Special Events:

- The activities and events for the year 2023 included the following:
- Singing and Music Ministry
- Led the choral singing at the 8am Tamil service.
- Support of the English evening service by a few of our young choristers.
- Conducted special training sessions for young members who expressed interest to join the Choir Ministry to equip them with the basic skills required to join the ministry as a chorister.

Other Areas of Support:

- The choir and organists supported wake and funeral services of our church members who had passed on.
- Choir supported our church members' wedding services.
- Fund-raising support was provided by choir members through the baking and sales of cakes and pastries for the Building Redevelopment.

Evangelism:

The Choir accepted a unique opportunity to be part of a special Good Friday programme on the national radio channel, Oli 96.8 where the target audience was Tamil speaking non-Christians. As part of this program, the choir sang a hymn and lyric, specially selected to communicate the message of Christ's love and sacrifice for humankind on the cross and His resurrection. It was a blessed experience to be able to reach out to the community through this special event, along with Revd. Canon Steven who gave a special message.

Training:

The Choir participated in a master class on Keerthanais conducted by Brother Clement Vedanayagam Sastriar.

Points for Praise:

- God's grace for enabling the choir leadership to continue to build the choir post-pandemic, with new members joining the Choir Ministry including Jency Daniel, Rosie Samuel, Jenifer Victor, Jesper Victor, Jason Satya, Joel Samson, and Andrea Brizley.

Points for Prayer:

- For the Choir Ministry to be expanded with new members for singing and organ playing.
- To use our talents, skills and knowledge with dedication and commitment so as to give of our best in the service of the Lord our God in the year 2024.

We give all Glory, Praise and Honour to our Almighty God for all the great things He has done for and through the Christ Church Choir.

Choir Director and Assistant Choir Directors

PRAISE AND WORSHIP MINISTRY

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” - Colossians 3:16

OUR VISION:

To be a faithful member of the worship team who magnifies the magnitude of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit by skilfully combining God's word with music, thereby continuously motivating the church into deeper depths and greater heights of experiencing the Presence and the Power of our Lord God Almighty.

Our Ministry:

We give all glory to our Lord for His grace, mercy and the many blessings that He has bestowed upon the Praise and Worship team. The team works together to serve and enhance weekly worship session to help each member of the congregation worship God more deeply. The worship team members are committed to serving God through Practice sessions held weekly.

Points for Praise:

- Praise God for providing all our needs and inspiring us by His Spirit, so that we could lead his people in worship as one team.
- Praise God for the continuous dedication and commitment of our musicians, worship leaders, backup singers and AV members for the tireless support rendered each week.
- Praise God that we were able to upgrade the quality of sound to enhance music support for worship.
- Praise God that we were able to provide our support for all church level programmes i.e. Night of Empowerment, Fasting and Prayer, Lent Home Meetings, Carolling etc.

Points for Prayer:

- For the expansion of the worship team, to bless us with new worship leaders, backup singers and musicians.
- For spiritual guidance and musical development of our existing worship team members.
- For God to continually bless the unity and camaraderie of the Praise & Worship team.
- For further improvement on the quality of worship to create a better experience for the congregation to be led by the spirit.

Plans for 2024:

- To further improve and develop our worship team, we have planned for the following programmes in 2024:
- Worship Team Workshop – 2nd Quarter 2024
- Music Workshop – 3rd Quarter 2024
- Christmas Outreach at Birch Road – 4th Quarter 2024
- Christmas Home Carolling – 4th Quarter 2024

Special Thanks

- To all the members of the Praise & Worship and AV team for their dedication, commitment, and continued support in building the church through worship.
- Clergy and office staff for the administrative and logistical support.
- To congregation members for their feedback, suggestions, encouragement, and prayers.

“I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.” Psalms 9:2

Pastor Theodore Samraj and Praise & Worship Coordinators.

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”- Matt 28:19

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food,... I was in prison, and you came to me.”- Matt 25:35-36

Points of Praise

- Overseas Missions and Missionary Support
- Deanery of Nepal: We thank God for our Home-grown missionaries to Nepal, Bro Bose and Sis Vasanthi. Their work has been phenomenal in spearheading many church planting and building projects, establishing the Joy Land Kindergarten(JLK), and supporting many other development projects through the Deanery of Nepal including the JLK project at Ranipauwa. We also built a Church Structure for Christ Church Pokhara at Nayabazaar and worship services have started from the new place from Nov-2023. We thank teachers from our Church, Mrs Lily Theodore, Mrs Linda Prem, Mrs Jenifer Sundar who conducted zoom trainings to Balmandir community school at Pokhara. Attached separately is a short report of the work done in Nepal.
- India: We continue to support 10 missionaries and 20 orphan children, through various mission organisations in India. Thanks to our MFC members who have been diligent in supporting this ministry. We also supported Harvest Ministries, Bihar by building a Church hall at Kaniyabad Village, an unchurched village in Kishanganj District, Bihar. More than 70 people are now attending the weekly worship gathering. As a base, they are reaching out to another five neighbouring villages from here.
- Myanmar: We support Pastor Paulson, Peniel Faith Missions in Myanmar monthly and also supported PFM in holding a Gospel rally at one village during the Christmas season, which was attended by about 250 people.
- Others: Other overseas support included one-time support for 2 Tamil Missionaries in Ethiopia and towards the deficit in the annual operating expenses for the Deanery of Laos.

Local Evangelism and Community Service

- Community Services: Please refer to Community Services Report from Ps Moses Ajay
- Parish Day and Christmas outreach: Parish Christmas outreach was held on 16 Dec and was attended by individuals and families from Pek Kio and SINDA. We thank the youth for the wonderful skit through which the true meaning of Christmas was shared with the Community. Support was also extended to IFTM Christmas outreach at Penjuru, Tuas, Woodlands and Church which was attended by over 450 brothers.
- Mission Month – Aug 2023: Members actively participated in the Bible quiz and meetings conducted to create awareness on the various Missions areas we are involved in as a Church. Areas where we can actively contribute were laid out and personal testimonies were shared by IFTM brothers and PFS volunteers. Many have stepped forward to serve as volunteers for these 2 ministries.
- Church: We continue to support IFTM and Punjabi Services where we continue to see many new migrant and domestic workers joining the services every week.
- Others: Hospitality Team was formed, and members were trained by Rev Paul to effectively welcome and engage newcomers. Welcome gifts were prepared and distributed to visitors across services during Dec 2023.

Plans for 2024

- Good Friday/ Easter Outreach: An Outreach Drama to highlight the Passion of Christ and the relevance of the Cross for today is planned. Members are encouraged to invite their non-Christian family and friends.
- Mission Month: In Aug 2024, Outreach Visits are planned to SAMWMC@ Penjuru, Grace Haven, Sri Narayana Mission, Willing Hearts and PFS on Saturdays and Special speakers from various Mission fields will be sharing the word and their Mission experiences on Sundays during Mission Month.
- Nepal Mission Trip: Mission Trip to Nepal is planned in Nov 2024.

How you can be involved

Missions and Evangelism is the heartbeat of every church, and we seek the active participation of our church members in this ministry. PRAY for the missionaries, mission fields and communities we support, CONTRIBUTE your mission offerings and your time regularly in giving and volunteering and LOOK OUT for missionaries and mission areas or community projects we can support as a church, and present it to the Missions & Evangelism Committee for consideration. Thank you all and Praise God for your support.

Convenor, Mrs Hamsavardhini and Missions Evangelism Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Vision

The Community Service committee is currently under the umbrella of the Missions and Evangelism committee.

Its objective is to focus on the local mission work(s) and outreach - to focus on the needs of the community and to consider ways in which the church can be a part of this.

The Community Service committee partners with various agencies such as the Singapore Anglican Community Services, Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS), the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA) and the Pek Kio CC, amongst other organizations.

Points of Praise:

Many of our members are serving as volunteers in PFS - specifically in the Family Care ministry, Care Club for Kids, and the In-Care ministry. In the year 2023, again, we supported the Angel Tree project, headed by the PFS, and 25 vouchers were delivered to families by our volunteers. In addition, we also encouraged 30 children of inmates, who are part of the Care Club, by giving them POPULAR bookstore vouchers over the Christmas season.

In December of 2023, we were once again able to partner with Pek Kio Community Centre to bless the residents.

On the 16th of Dec 2023, we had a Parish Christmas outreach program titled "Reason for this Season". We had residents from Pek Kio, who were accompanied by volunteers from the CC, come for the event. We were able to bless the Pek Kio residents and two Indian families from SINDA with a total of 42 hampers, kindly sponsored by various members from our parish. Subsequently, we had more requests from SINDA for hampers, which were delivered to the homes of identified families/individuals. The remaining 49 hampers were given to identified members within our Parish, to a few one-room rental flat residents in Toa Payoh, and the rest were given to Pek Kio CC.

We want to thank the volunteers from all the various services who came together for the hamper packing, on the 14th of December 2023.

We were also able to kick start our tuition intensive program in the month of September 2023 for the PSLE students. We had 10 students who attended the program. There was a mix of students from our own parish, some of their invited friends, and some from PFS. The subjects that were taught are English, Maths, Science and Tamil.

At the end of the program, an art activity was conducted with a motivational talk by Sister Lily Theodore. Vicar also gave a short message and prayed for the students. A motivational kit was also sponsored by Sis Amutha Christopher and Sis Gayathri (8am service) and presented to each child. Lunch was provided for the students and parents.

The overall response from the students and parents was positive. We would like to thank all the teachers and volunteers who came along to assist in the PSLE Intensive program.

On the 30th of November 2023, an appreciation lunch took place for the staff of ST ANDREW'S MIGRANT WORKERS MEDICAL CENTRE. The staff were touched by the Christmas cards, which were crafted by our Sunday school students and teachers. We also had Venerable Wong Tak Meng

share a short devotion before lunch. The objective was to appreciate all of those who served in the SAMWC. The event was very well received and appreciated.

Plans for 2024

- Medical Outreach Program at Chander and Kinta Road,
- Hampers distribution to Pek Kio and SINDA,
- SAMWMC Appreciation Service,
- Angel Tree Hampers distribution and the
- PSLE intensive program

Pastor Moses Ajay and Community Services Team

NEPAL MISSIONARY REPORT

Introduction

We thank God for His faithfulness and grace through 2023. Amid challenges, He does miracles. To God be the Glory.

Christ Church Pokhara

The church faced many challenges through the years in leadership and location. In 2023, God provided a land in Nayabazzar for a 5-year lease period and financial support from POCC. God crossed our paths with a contractor who was able to put up the church structure in a short time. In God's perfect time, mid-November 2023, CCP moved into its new premises. The church is under the leadership of Rev. Kanchho and Sis Sunthali and has home groups, children, youth and women ministries. During the Christmas period, the church conducted carolling in different areas in front of members' homes and special Christmas programmes.

Joy Land Kindergarten, Ranipauwa

God miraculously enabled the completion of the renovations at Ranipauwa and brought new staff for the leadership of the kindergarten. We are assisting in staff training and management in partnership with ACN as the kindergarten moves to its new premises in April 2024, the new academic year. We pray for new enrolment of children and that the kindergarten will win the favour of the community and be a blessing to families.

Other Projects

We praise God for the opportunity to conduct 3-day teacher's training at Pokhara, Kathmandu and Dhading and a children's camp with 100 children in Pokhara. Truly God gave us safe travels and crossed our paths with families who we could encourage and pray for. Many people were blessed at these meetings. We continue to connect with Balmandir community school at Pokhara conducting training via zoom.

We also support the Deanery of Nepal (DON) and Anglican Church of Nepal (ACN), in reaching out to 2 outreach slum centres through training and feed the poor program. We assist in various church projects and administration, financial and others matters for the ACN as requested by the Ag Dean, Bishop Kuan.

Conclusion

We thank God and our Vicar, Pastors, PCC, church staff and members for continually supporting us through all the challenges of the Nepal ministry. Thank you for continually praying and partnering with us.

Prepared by:

Bose & Vasanthi

(Missionaries Deanery of Nepal)

CARE GROUP MINISTRY

Introduction

The Care Group Ministry aims to see all members in Christ Church to be actively engaged in Care Group (CG), so that we can be a community that will be:

C-ARING	To be a Caring group of people towards one another, so that the love of Christ can be demonstrated to everyone who comes to CG
A-PPROACHABLE	To be an Approachable group of people, so that CG will create a non-threatening environment for interactive study of the Word of God.
R-EACH OUT	To be an active group of believers who will intentionally Reach out to the Lost around their vicinity with the message and Love of Christ
E-QUIPS	To be a group that will help to identify, Equip, and empower every member in the CG to discover their gifts and exercise it for the glory of Christ

Regular Activities

The CG meeting is held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays to accommodate Church Level Discipleship training conducted by "The Navigators" which happens on 2nd and 4th Friday. 1st week is allotted for bonding session within their CGs like BBQ, Walking, Bowling, Social Activities etc. These are to integrate new members into their CGs and to reach out to non-believers and in the 3rd week we have the actual lesson.

First session for 2023 was held on 20 Jan 2023. This was a welcome session.

The following Discipleship Series topics were covered:

Feb 2023 – Intentional Growth

Apr 2023 – Exploration

May 2023 – Bear One Another's Burden

Mar 2023 - There was no CG meeting, but members were encouraged to attend the Lent meetings during this month.

Jun 2023 - There was no CG lesson due to Church Camp and School holidays. But CGs were encouraged to have their bonding session.

Jul 2023 - There was no CG lesson due to SAIB revival meetings. CG members were encouraged to attend the revival meeting and CGs were also encouraged to have their own bonding session.

CG lessons resumed from Aug 2023. As a Church we are moving into Personal Discipleship Journey, in view of which, CG lesson delivery was based on Personal Devotion. Topic for the month of August was on Missions. For the following CGs, we follow the theme "Miracles of Jesus".

The below passages were discussed under the Theme "Miracles of Jesus".

Sep 2023 - Jesus Turns Water into Wine

Oct 2023 - Jesus Heals an Official's Son. This was the last lesson for 2023 and lessons will resume in Jan 2024.

The following new CG leaders were identified and were trained on 15 Jul 2023 by Pastor Theodore:

1. Mr Gilbert Justin Jose Nesamani
2. Mrs Jayasudha Victor
3. Mrs Jonamary James
4. Mr Samuel Jerome Ponnuraj

CG Leaders meet once a month for training.

At this time, we would like to thank all the CG members who are attending the CG meetings and the Pastors for training the leaders.

Following are the CG Location and Leaders:

- 11AM CONTEMPORARY: Ps Theodore
- BENDEMEER: Sis Arulmary Nelson, Sis Sheila Dharmaraj
- BISHAN: Sis Priya Aruldass, Sis Vimala Steven
- BUKIT PANJANG: Bro Daniel K Dharmaraj, Bro Kalaikumar
- JURONG: Sis Hamsavardhini Stanley, Sis Jeba Paulraj, Bro Stanley Daniel
- SERANGOON/SENGKANG: Sis Grace Vincent, Bro John Gipson, Bro Vincent
- WOODLANDS: Sis Havelin Sundar, Bro Sundar
- YIO CHU KANG (ENGLISH): Bro Christopher Muthiah
- YISHUN: Bro Kingsly Christopher, Sis Linda Prem

Special Events

- As a follow-up from 2022, Jurong CG initiated 2 more Fishing with Jesus program in visiting single room blocks in Tai Ching Road on 11 Feb 2023 and 28 Apr 2023. Visited 91 families of the 7 blocks and invited the families for the Easter Outreach and Healing service on 30 Apr 2023.
- Every month CGs arranged bonding session including walks, BBQ, outings etc.
- Care Groups were rostered for breakfast serving on Sundays.

Points for Praise

- Participation of members attending CGs has increased.
- 4 to 6 non-believers have started attending CARE Groups regularly. Please pray for them.

Points for Prayer

To see all members of Christ Church to be part of CARE Group and encourage One Another in bringing non-believers into CARE Group

Conclusion

We encourage all members to be part of a CG in order to see every believer in our CG's & Church to become a FUNCTIONAL CHRISTIAN.

Care Group Core Team

PRAYER MINISTRY

VISION: Praying to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's will through Jesus Christ.

THEME 2023: "KNOWING HIM & MAKING HIM KNOWN"

"I write to you, fathers, Because You Know Him who is from the beginning" -1 John 2:14a

FASTING PRAYER - Parish Prayer Ministry conducts Fasting prayers on Saturdays from 9.30 am to 12.30pm. This is communicated to the members through bulletin.

SAIB PRAYER DAY - Conducted on Date: 28 Jan 2023, Saturday- Time: 9.30 am to 12pm, Venue: My Saviour's Church, 2 Prince Charles Cres. Singapore 159011. our parish members have attended this prayer.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER - The Prayer Ministry held an "All-Night Prayer".

From August 05, 2022, onwards the half night prayer was changed to an all-night prayer and conducted from 10.00 pm to 5.00 am. During All-night prayer many members came to pray as a parish.

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST – Saturday, 4 Nov 2023, Time: 9.30 am –11.00am
Theme: "Holding Fast, Forging Ahead", Venue: Cathedral New Sanctuary, St. Andrew's Cathedra

PARISH FASTING PRAYER, ALL NIGHT PRAYER, AND OTHER PRAYERS LED BY

Vicar: Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, **Priest:** Rev Paul Xavier

Parish Workers: Ps. Theodore Samraj, Ps. Moses Ajay.

They were guided and led by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The six services of the Christ Church participated in these sessions.

We Praise God for their active involvement. We also record thanks to our Church Staff Sis Rani and Verger Bro Alex , AV Team and Praise and Worship for the wonderful involvement towards ministry.

Praise Points:

- By the grace of God, the Prayer Ministry entered its 22nd year in June 2023.
- Each time God performed miracles for many, and they glorified God by their testimony. It edified others and instilled faith in Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for His grace to gather for this prayer in the church premises. We thank God for choosing us to pray for the world, Churches, and other pointers.

Prayer Points:

- Let us ask God's mercy to continue to pray for our unity, thirst of soul and revival to fulfil God's will.
- Let us pray continually for the abundant blessings of the Lord on this prayer ministry, to Him be all the glory and praise, may His kingdom come. Praise be to God.

Let us continue to pray that God's will be done in us, that He may sanctify us.

To God be the glory, majesty, power, and authority.

Mr George V Vethakan

MEDIA MINISTRY

OUR VISION:

“Connect the Connected people with God” will be the Vision and Mission of the Media ministry. The Media ministry will have its theme as “Building a Connected Community of Disciples”, aligned with our Parish theme “Moving towards a Discipling Community” with focus for 2024.

Church website was originally developed to proclaim the gospel to all nations as we read in Mark 13:10 “And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations”. The Media Ministry would engage the congregation based on John 17: 21(NIV) where it is written as “...as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us...”. Every year we have been learning new technologies and growing toward the vision through God’s mighty guidance and grace.

OUR MINISTRY:

The Church website not only serves as a communication medium within our church but to do outreach and to spread the gospel beyond manmade boundaries. God equipped us with appropriate new technologies that worked like branches from the church website tree. The team has worked efficiently on weekly seamless ‘planning & implementation’ of activities and also promptly responded to the dynamic guidelines set by the Diocese. Our website continues to maintain a top listing in “Google Search” and has also achieved “Zero Downtime”.

POINTS FOR PRAISE:

Key Achievements

- **Enhanced Communication via Business WhatsApp Platform:** There are plans under way for a Business WhatsApp platform-based message broadcasting system using the church office phone number (62992544).
- **Elevated Visual Design for Web Content:** Our visual arts, posters, and banners—all destined for display on our website—have undergone an upgrade. We achieved this by utilizing professional Canva software, ensuring a polished and appealing presentation.
- **Weekly Updates for Church Members:** The Media Ministry team diligently uploads our weekly digital newsletters and information about church programs and events. This practice ensures that our church members stay informed and up to date on all church happenings.

Live Streaming of Sunday Tamil Worship Service:

We are pleased to share that our regular Sunday Tamil worship service is now successfully live streamed via our YouTube channel. This allows our congregation to participate remotely and stay connected.

Special Thanks:

The Media ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank those sponsors for being generous in supporting the cost of hosting and maintenance of our Church domain(www.Christchurch.org.sg) for the past four years under hosting service provider WIX. We take this opportunity in appreciation as well as thanking the Church for Proclaim subscription and thanks to Audio & Video (AV) members for their voluntary support in sponsoring the festive background images.

Kindly uphold our ministry in your prayers for this year, as we embark on this journey, we seek God’s guidance. May our media ministry be a conduit of His grace, drawing people into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Let our screens become altars where lives are surrendered, questions are answered, and disciples are made.

Media Ministry Team

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" - Colossians 2:6-7

Theme: "KNOWING HIM & MAKING HIM KNOWN"

Vision:

To be discipled into a vibrant personal relationship with God, to bear witness for Christ and be empowered to serve and worship Him.

Mission:

To encourage children to read God's Word to grow spiritually,
To build character by instilling Christian values and morals.

Currently, Sunday School is being held for Tamil, Contemporary /Punjabi, English and IFTM/Malayalam services. We have a total of 68 children from the 6 services attending Sunday School weekly and a dedicated, vibrant, and committed team of 23 teachers.

Regular Activities

Ready, Steady, Go! Programme – This programme was introduced to welcome the children for the new year and to establish routines and rules. This allows the teachers to bond with the children under their care, to provide a warm, inclusive, safe and caring environmental culture that promotes children's spiritual growth and development.

Journalling the Word – Sunday School students were each given journals to take down notes and write down memory verses from their Sunday School lessons to encourage good practices.

Teachers Meeting - Sunday School Teachers devotion and monthly meetings were held on the 4th Saturday of each month. Through these face-to-face meetings, teachers were given a platform to highlight issues, provide suggestions for improvements as well as empower each other by taking turns to sharing the word.

Special Programmes

Lent Programme - Sunday School Teachers enacted the important events from the story of cross for the children during lent season.

National Tamil Month Programme - In conjunction with the annual National Tamil month, an event was held on 29 April 2023 to encourage the love of the Tamil Language. 37 children participated, recited bible verses, sang songs and did impersonations of Biblical characters in Tamil.

Church Camp 2023 Programme - Sunday school teachers carried out lessons for children who attended the Church camp in June.

Memory verse recitation – To encourage learning of the Word, children participated in the main service by reciting memory verses during Family Services, which is the 1st Sunday of every month.

Augmented Choir - The SS children participated in POCC's Building fundraising event and Children's Day as members of augmented choir.

Youth and Sunday School Bonding session – This programme was held on 15 July 2023. 45 children participated. The program was aimed at building strong bonds with Youth Fellowship through worship, testimony sharing, a session on challenges using an interactive enactment on Goliath and David, games, and Art Jam to cultivate sense of belonging and mentorship.

Children's Day cum Movie night – This was held on 7 October 2023 with a movie screening on the "Life of Amy Carmichael", along with games, activities and reflections in conjunction with Mission month.

VBS cum EOY – This was held on 23 to 25 Nov 2023 from 8:30 am to 4:00pm. The theme was "Do What's Right". 60 children including 7 new children attended the VBS. Outdoor bonding activities was held in Jacob Ballas and Botanical Gardens. The event wrapped up with children's performance. SS had partnered with Prison Fellowship Singapore (PFS).

Christmas greeting cards – These cards were designed by Sunday school children during the VBS and were presented to St Andrew's Migrant Workers Anglican Medical Centre at Penjuru with Archdeacon for Community Services Venerable Wong Tak Meng,

Points of Praise

2 Corinthians 5:20 "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God".

The children have learnt to share the good news and show God's love in bringing their friends to SS special programs and have interacted well with new children.

Acknowledgments

We want to thank the Lord for leading and guiding us in 2023. We take this opportunity to thank Canon Steven Asirvatham for his advice, the Pastoral Team, Mrs Vasanthi Bose for conducting training for the teachers, PCC for their generous support, PCC representative, Mr Raphael Rufus for his valuable advice, and Parishioners for their prayers and generous support. We thank the parents for their cooperation and encouragement and our Amazing Team of dedicated teachers without whom we could not have finished strong! Praise be to God!

In His Service,

Director, Children Ministry and Superintendents

TEENS FOR CHRIST

“Remember the creator in the days of your youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:1), has been the guiding verse for Teens for Christ. This has paved a way for Teens to lead a Christian lifestyle and set their priorities right to grow in the grace of God. The activities planned for TFC were aligned to the theme, “Discipled to Disciple”.

As we moved from Virtual Zoom meeting to onsite sessions, the Teens were encouraged to meet for onsite weekly fellowship. These weekly TFC sessions were held on Sundays from 11am – 12noon. The TFC sessions were guided by a time of Prayer, Bible study sessions and Team Bonding Games.

The Bible study sessions for 2023 were based on the Life Guide Bibles Studies, “The Twelve Disciples”. These Bible study sessions were led by Ps. Moses, Mrs Serena Moses and Mrs Linda Prem. The Teens gained a deeper understanding of the disciples, ‘Simon Peter’, ‘James’, ‘Philip’ and ‘John’.

Glimpse of our major events of the year:

Youth Sunday (2 July) & Thanksgiving Sunday: Teens claimed their faith by performing a song titled, “Yesuvae” written by Zac Robert. A combined Teens and Youth session was held on Youth Sunday. Mrs Sheila Dharmaraj, the guest speaker shared God’s word. Youth Sunday ended with a scrumptious lunch sponsored by Men for Christ (MFC) and Women for Christ (WFC). Teens actively took part in Thanksgiving Sunday by setting up a Games Stall and Bracelet Making stall.

Mission Month and Bible Quiz: As part of the Mission Month programme, Teens prepared the posters for Nepal Mission. Missionaries, Mr Bose and Mrs Vasanthi Bose shared their journey on the Nepal Mission which empowered them to create engaging posters to captivate their readers. Ryan Jeyakumar, Joel Isaac, Joel Samson and Adriel shared their spiritual experiences during their Mission Trip to Nepal. Teens actively took part in Bible Quiz organised by Missions Committee during the Mission Month in August 2023. TFC sent in 4 teams to take part in the Bible Quiz. One of the team from teens, emerged as “Best Performing Team”.

BBQ @ ECP: Proverbs 27:9 promises, “Sweet friendship refreshes the soul and awakens our hearts with joy.” Teens built their friendships through BBQ at ECP on 10 August 2023. We had 25 teenagers coming together to engage in team bonding games and BBQ.

Year-End Gathering: TFC ended with a Year-End gathering on 28 October 2023 which was attended by 35 Teens and 8 P6 Sunday School. Mrs Serena Ajay shared God’s word. Ps. Moses prayed and blessed the 7 Teens who crossed over to Youth Fellowship in 2024. A new initiative, ‘Transition into TFC’, provided a platform to welcome Primary 6 students from Sunday School who will cross over to the Teens For Christ in 2024. The new initiative helped forge friendships among the Teens and grow in the love of Christ.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, Rev Paul Xavier and Ps. Theodore for their guidance, Ms Esther Rani and Mr Alex Fernandez for all the logistic support rendered. We also take this moment to thank all the Parents who gave their support to us and encouraged teens to attend the Teens For Christ regularly. Above all, we are grateful to our Lord as we embarked yet another year in guiding the Teens in their walk with God.

Pastor Moses Ajay and Co-Ordinators.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." - 1Timothy 4:12

Program Schedule

In 2023, the Youth Ministry (YM) conducted weekly sessions every Sunday at 11 am in Room 207 of the Canon Samuel Baboo Block. All youths from Christ Church were invited to participate, with an average attendance ranging from 14 to 20 individuals. The program consistently commenced with a 10-minute praise and worship session, followed by a 50-minute program.

The schedule outline per month is as follows:

Weeks 1 & 3: Bible Study

On the first and third weeks of every month, Pastor Theodore and Sis Lily Theodore facilitated Bible study sessions. These studies delved into the concept of the end times, incorporating the techniques learned in 2022 for effective personal Bible study approaches.

Week 2: Youth-led Biblical Discussion

The youth core team arranged discussions and devotional sessions centred around topics significant to young individuals during the second week of each month. Specific themes covered included "Building Strong Community Bonds" and "Expressing Gratitude to God."

Week 4: Team Building Activity

Every fourth week of the month, various church members organised and facilitated team building activities aimed at fostering trust, relationships, communication, and collaboration among the youth ministry. These sessions, ranging from amazing races to collaborative games, was aimed to unite the youths and strengthen the bonds within the group while enhancing overall unity and cohesion.

Special Programmes:

Youth Day

On July 2, 2023, we had a combined Teens and Youths program. There was a time of games where the teens and youth bonded together, which was followed by worship. Following that, Sis Sheila shared the word. We ended the program with a time of food fellowship.

Sunday School - Youth Bonding

On July 15, 2023, the youth ministry organised a half day program for the Sunday School children. The program started with a time of song and dance followed by a time of sharing, where the children were split into smaller groups and tagged with a youth member. Additionally, a brief art jam session was conducted, along with engaging games for the children, concluding with a shared lunch.

Sexuality Talk

On July 30, 2023, Bro Andrew Ponniah and his team conducted a discussion on sexuality for the youth. The talk centred on the role of Christian youths in navigating the challenges related to LGBT issues in contemporary society. The session also included a Q&A period, allowing the youths to seek clarification of any doubts they may have had.

Parish of the Week

On August 16, 2023, our youths participated in the Parish of the Week run that was organised by the Diocese of Singapore. The youths, together with clergy from the Diocese and other members of the church ran around the church vicinity and took time to pray together for the Church and its vision to build a community of disciples.

SAIB Youth Wing - Amazing Race

On September 2, 2023, our youths participated in an event organised by the SAIB Youth Wing committee. The youths had a great time engaging and having fellowship with youths from the various SAIB churches.

Points of Praise

- Praise God for the support received from members in our activities.
- Praise God for the new youths who have joined the ministry.

Points of Prayer

- Pray that more youths will attend and participate in programs that are organised.
- Pray for continued holistic growth among the youths in the ministry as they experience God in their lives.

Conclusion

We concluded the program at the end of October 2023. The Youth Ministry would like to express their gratitude for the support and prayers from all church members, Pastoral staff, as well as the PCC. Additionally, we also want to thank Pastor Theodore and Sis Lily for dedicating their time to inspire and foster the development of the youths, as well as to the various church members who have volunteered their time to coordinate the Youth team-building activities.

Youth Ministry Core Team.

WOMEN FOR CHRIST

Proclaim the Good News of His salvation from day to day: - Ps 96:2

OUR MISSION:

- To equip the members through the study of God's word, grow in prayer life and be strengthened in faith through fellowship.
- To Evangelise the lost and needy women in society.

OUR MINISTRY

Prayer and Witness time - Ladies were committed to pray for the nation, community, churches, families, youths, teens, missionaries, for the sick and needy. Sharing of testimonies have encouraged and edified our ladies.

Bible study - Bible study on Matthew was conducted by Vicar Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham and book study on Colossians was done by Sis Vimala Steven.

Activities – Bible quiz and Games were conducted during activity session, Ministry Events & Activities

The New Year gathering was held on 15 January 2023 with the theme "KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN" - 1 John 2:14a

Mother's Day Outreach Programme was held on 13 May 2023. It was comprising of all 6 services. Total of 75 ladies attended and 16 of them were non-Christians. The program included talk on Mental Wellness by Mental health coach Mr. Pravind Paul.

WFC wrapped up on 11 November at Church. 22 ladies attended.

Church Level Participation

- In conjunction of the Building Redevelopment Fund, WFC participated in special breakfast (on-going)
- In distributing flyers for Café Excel and Good Friday.
- Kollattam performance by WFC on 16th December 2023.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

We praise God for the continuity of WFC meetings in the Church.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

To encourage all the ladies from the Parish of Christ Church to be part of WFC and to reach out to the non-Christian ladies in Singapore.

PLANS FOR 2024

To plan for culinary, craft activities and conversations on topics to engage the ladies.

SPECIAL THANKS:

We thank God for all the ladies who served in WFC. We thank all our ladies who actively participated in the weekly WFC meetings. We thank our Vicar Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham and WFC Advisor Sis Vimala Steven for their continuous support towards the WFC ministry. Above all, we thank our Lord Almighty for His guidance.

WFC Coordinator

MEN FOR CHRIST

Vision:

Deepen spiritual understanding through meditation, foster strong community bonds, and actively uphold our Church's mission.

Theme 2023:

'BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND OVERCOME THE WORLD'

'I write to you, young men, because you are strong, And the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the Evil one. 1 John 2:14b.

Introduction:

We express our gratitude and reverence to the Heavenly God for His continuous blessings and guidance throughout the year 2023. In every endeavour undertaken by the Men's Fellowship (MFC) to glorify His name, we persistently pray and place our faith in Jesus Christ. We rely on the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfil God's will.

Points of Praise

- Praise God for His blessings, grace, mercy, and protection upon all members and their families throughout the year 2023.
- We thank God for enabling the Men's Fellowship (MFC) to provide support to various missionaries.
- We also express gratitude to God for fostering togetherness and fellowship among MFC members and for attracting more men to participate in our Sunday gatherings.

Points of Prayer:

- Pray that God may grant us opportunities to support additional mission and charity endeavours in the forthcoming years.
- Pray for increased participation from men in our congregation to join the 'Men for Christ' Fellowship.
- Pray for the missionaries and their families, asking for good health, blessed family life, and spiritual growth as they faithfully serve God.

Mission Support:

In 2023, through God's grace, we provided support to missionaries from various organizations including Blessing Youth Mission, Friends Missionary Prayer Band, Indian Missionary Society, and Gospel Echoing Missionary Society (GEMS) who are actively serving in diverse mission fields across India.

Orphan Children Support:

Throughout the year 2023, the MFC sustained support for 10 children through the Indian Missionary Society (IMS) and an additional 10 children through the Kanyakumari Diocesan Mission Prayer Band."

Regular Group Activities:

The Men's Fellowship (MFC) at our church meets every Sunday following the morning service. Our purpose is to engage in enriching activities centred around Bible study, group discussions, testimonials, and prayer."

Bible Study and Group Discussions:

We hold regular sessions of Bible study and group discussions, providing members with the opportunity to delve deeper into Scripture and engage in meaningful dialogue about its relevance to their lives.

Testimonials:

Brothers within the fellowship share their testimonies, reflecting on their faith journeys and experiences of God's grace.

Prayer:

The fellowship fosters a spirit of prayerfulness, with members coming together to intercede for one another.

Under the guidance of our Vicar, Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham, who provides invaluable leadership and spiritual direction, the Men's Fellowship (MFC) has flourished.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham for his dedication, mentorship, and profound impact on our spiritual journey.

Special Activity:

MFC Family Get Together on June 29th, 2023, members of the Men's Fellowship (MFC) enjoyed a family get-together and BBQ at West Coast Park.

Conclusion:

We are grateful and offer praise to our Lord for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon us, both individually and collectively as the body of Christ. We acknowledge the steadfast commitment and ongoing dedication of all our members to fulfilling the mission and ministries of our church.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all members of our congregation and other Functional Groups for their invaluable support, prayers, and spirit of cooperation. We deeply appreciate the guidance and unwavering support provided by our pastoral team throughout the year 2023. As we embark on this new year, we place our trust in the Lord's guidance, confident that He will continue to lead us forward as we faithfully serve Him through the Men's Fellowship of our Church.

The Men's Fellowship (MFC) remains a cornerstone of our church's ministry, fostering fellowship, spiritual growth, and mutual support among its members. We are thankful for the chance to gather as brothers in Christ, and we eagerly anticipate the continued enrichment of our faith journey through this fellowship.

Mr John Gipson and Co-ordinators

SENIORS FOR CHRIST

“Even to your old age, I am He, And even to grey hairs I will carry you!
I have made and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you”. Isaiah 46:4

The year 2023 has been a busy and fulfilling year. The Seniors met every week, except for a break during the Lent season. We are 14 members strong.

Our sessions include songs, testimonies, quizzes, bible study and prayer. In 2023, the Seniors did a 20-hour Bible Study on The Sermon on the Mount. We had an interesting and uplifting time discussing what Jesus requires of us as his followers and disciples.

We studied some of the parables of the Kingdom of God. We also had a photograph-based tour of the Holy Land, places and events which was shared by Mr P S Santharuban.

We want to thank all our Pastors as well as Mr G Thomas Jeyaseelan and Mr Santharuban for their contributions. We thank God for being our Leader, our Guide and our Protector.

All praises to our God!

Ms Gnanam Abraham

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee manages the maintenance of the buildings and facilitates the best possible use of our facilities. Below is the report of the work carried out in 2023.

Summary of major activities carried out:

- Church office was renovated
- Additional lighting at the Hertford side provided
- Awning work at CSB block entrance (to prevent rainwater coming in the corridor) completed
- Verger room was renovated including expanding into old ladies' toilet at canteen
- CSI Malayalam Church started using the worship hall from September 2023
- New Chairs purchased for use in CSB block and sanctuary
- Defibrillator installed at CSB block
- New photocopier purchased for church office
- The damaged cabinets in male choir room replaced
- Carpark decal for the cars parking use distributed
- New vending machine installed at canteen
- The tiling at canteen corridor at Hertford roadside re-laid
- Defects Liability period for CSB block completed and the final payment to the main contractor is made
- Regular repair and maintenance works carried out
- Servicing of M&E systems (Lifts/Fire/Airconditioning/Electrical) carried out.

Praise God:

For His grace in carrying out various works in 2023 and provision of funds amidst repayment of CSB block Diocesan loan.

Pray for:

- Provision of funds to manage our building assets while continuing to repay the Diocesan loan for the CSB block.
- The increased use of CSB block for serving the community.

Jose Nathaniel

Building Committee Coordinator

REDEVELOPMENT FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." - Proverbs 16:3

The Fundraising Committee was set up in our Parish with an aim to plan and execute initiatives that would aid in raising necessary funds to service the newly built Canon Samuel Baboo Block. Some of such initiatives that we have done over the years include the Fundraising Dinner, Christmas Market, Biryani Sales, Murukku Sales, Food & Funfairs, Gospel Concerts, Breakfast sales, Thanksgiving / Christmas Auction, Merchandise sales as well as the Fundraising Carwash initiative.

In 2023, we organised a few initiatives:

Biryani sales, Special breakfast sales, Thanksgiving auction and Mini Food & Funfair, Music Workshops as well as the Christmas Musical Concert. Through these events, we were blessed to raise a total of approximately \$58,500 demonstrating the generosity and commitment of our parish members.

Fundraising Initiatives	Description	Amount Raised
Christmas Musical Concert	A variety of carols sung by our Augmented Choir	\$6,082
Thanksgiving Auction & Mini Food and Funfair	Auction held during Sunday breakfast.	\$32,584
Music Workshop	Beginner and intermediate music workshop held between July to October	\$13,200
Special Breakfast Sales	Breakfast sales organised from the month of July	\$7,022

Points of Praise:

- Praise God for the generous support received from the members of our parish.
- Praise God for the success of the new initiatives organised in 2023.

Points of Prayer:

- For God's hand to be upon all our upcoming efforts, as we raise funds to service the loan of the Canon Samuel Baboo Block.
- To generate new fundraising ideas and plan larger scaled events for the upcoming year.
- For the continuous support from our members as they give generously towards the initiatives planned for the year ahead.

Word of Thanks

The Redevelopment Fundraising Committee would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all members who have come forward to help in the activities we have carried out thus far. We do hope that you will continue to pray for this project and extend your support in all future initiatives.

Redevelopment Fundraising Committee