



PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT
(PART I)
2026

OUR VISION

We strive to be a Christ-centered community of worshippers who will glorify God as a church as we evangelize the lost, disciple our members and reach the nations with the help of the Holy Spirit

MOVING TOWARDS A DISCIPLING COMMUNITY

THEME 2025 BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES - PART II

“...And Jesus said to him, “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... love your neighbour as yourself,”

Matthew 22:37,39

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, SINGAPORE

Bishop of Singapore	The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung
Assistant Bishop	Rt. Revd Low Jee King
Archdeacon of Singapore	Ven Daniel Wee
The Parochial Church Council	
Vicar & Chairman	Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham
Priest	Rev Paul Xavier
Priest	Rev Thomas Isaac
Vicar's Warden	Mr Jose Nathaniel
People's Warden	Mr Christopher Samuel
Hon. Secretary	Mr Ravindran Rufus
Asst. Hon. Secretary	Ms Sylvia Grace Devadass
Hon. Treasurer	Mr Kingsly Christopher
Asst. Hon. Treasurer	Ms Princy Arul Priya
Council Members	Mrs Gracious James
	Mr Joshua Thomas
	Mr John Nazarene Ponniah
	Mrs Mona Jayakumar
Synod Representatives – (Till 2025)	Mr BJ Mahendran Mr Christopher Muthiah Mr Raphael Rufus Ms Poonam Dalreena (from May 2025)
Parish Workers	Pastor Theodore Samraj Pastor Moses Ajay
Ministry of Liturgy & Worship	
Lay Readers	
Priest-in-charge	Rev Paul Xavier
	Pastor Theodore Samraj
	Pastor Moses Ajay
	Mr Lionel Dharmaraj
	Mr N.Sandarabose
	Mr Daniel K.Dharmaraj
	Mr Gabriel Pasupathy
	Mr George V Vethakan
	Mr R D Kalaikumar
	Mr N.Sundar
	Mr V.Christopher
	Mr Stanley Daniel
	Mr BJ Mahendran
	Mr Martin Gonson
	Mr Standley Daniel
	Mr David Paul
Mr Nathaniel Caldwell	
Mr Christopher Muthiah	
Altar Servers	
Priest-in-charge	Rev Paul Xavier
Coordinators	Mr Andrew Moses, Mr GV Samuel
	Mr Jovan Azrael Philip, Mr Nikash Manuel, Mr John Ponniah, Mr Ethan Jayakumar, Mr Joash Azariah Philip, Mr Timothy GV, Mr Ryan Jayakumar, Mr Jeffrey Samuel, Mr Rishon Soroya, Mr Matthew Thomas

Flower Ministry	
Coordinator	Mrs Mary Rajasekar
Asst. Coordinator	Mrs Havelen Sundar
MINISTRIES	
Worship Ministry	
Director	Mrs Ruby Rufus
Co-Directors	Mrs Amutha Samuel, Dr. Shirley Suresh
Praise & Worship	
Pastor in Charge	Pastor Theodore Samraj
Coordinators	Mr Christopher Samuel, Ms Melinie Christopher
Contemporary Service	
Priest-in-charge	Rev Paul Xavier
Core-Team	Mrs Martha Malar, Mr Jonathan Paul, Mrs Gracious James, Ms Amy Rani, Mr Standley Daniel, Mr Martin Gonson
English Service	
Pastoral Ministry	Rev Paul Xavier
Core-Team	Mr David Paul, Mr Christopher Chalson Mr Christopher Muthiah, Mr Nathaniel Caldwell, Mrs Anandhi Christopher
Punjabi Service	
Pastoral Ministry	Pastor Moses Ajay
Core-Team	Mr John Soroya, Ms Asha Jamil, Mr Joshua Thomas, Mr John Thomas, Mr Lucky Subhrai, Ms Faheemah Normarkali, Ms Ruth, Ms Poonam Dalreena, Mr Meshach Patras
Malayalam Service	
Pastoral Ministry	Vicar
Core-Team	Mrs Vidhya, Ms Smitha, Mr Aneesh, Mr Rajoo
Indian Friends Tamil Ministry Service	
Pastor-in-charge	Revd Thomas Isaac
Coordinator Members	Mr John Godwin Moses, Mr Alexi Jebakumar Mr Selwyn Jebakumar, Mr I. Stephen Selwyn Mr D. Rajasekar, Mr Kalaikumar, Mr Paul Deepak Mr Charles Jayakumar, Mr Satheeshkumar
Children Ministry	
Director	Mrs Vimala Steven
Superintendent	Mrs Margrate Bali
Teachers	Mrs Hamsi Stanley, Ms Jerin Esther, Mr Joash Azariah Ms Juanita, Ms Ruelia Rufus, Mrs Sadhana Kingsly, Mrs Gracious Steven-James, Mrs Gracy Gautham Ms Narmantha, Mrs Shanthi Thangaraj Mrs Shalini Ruban, Ms Christina Rose Mrs Shruthi Raphael
Teacher Aide(s)	Ms Asha Jamil, Mrs Dolly Khatri, Ms Reena Khatri Mrs Jona Mary Gilbert, Mrs Jansi Rani Robert, Mrs Vallimayil Prabakaran
Youth Ministry	
Pastor-in-charge	Revd Thomas Isaac
Coordinator	Pastor Theodore Samraj
Core-Team	Mr Andrew Moses, Ms Melinie Christopher, Ms Juanita Gnana Rachel, Ms Hazel Jayasingh, Mrs Lily Theodore

Teens For Christ	
Pastor-in-charge	Revd Thomas Isaac
Coordinators	Pastor Moses Ajay, Ms Linda John
Women for Christ	
Coordinators	Mrs Anironitha GV, Mrs Priya Aruldass, Mrs Jebasudha Victor
Men For Christ	
Pastoral Ministry	Vicar
Coordinators	Mr Gideon Manaseh, Mr Thangaraj Moses, Mr Gilbert Justin Jose
Senior for Christ	
Coordinator	Ms Gnanam Abraham
Mission & Evangelism Committee	
Chairman	Vicar
Convener	Mrs Sheila Dharmaraj
Members	Pastor Theodore Samraj, Pastor Moses Ajay, Mrs Hamsi Stanley, Mr John Godwin Moses, Mr Jose Nathaniel, Mr Meshach Patras, Mrs Ruby Rufus, Mr Joel Bikramjeet Singh, Mrs Mona Jayakumar, Revd Thomas Isaac
Community Service	
Pastor-in-charge	Pastor Moses Ajay
Coordinator	Mrs Mona Jayakumar
Members	Mr Raphael Rufus, Mr Joel Bikramjeet Singh, Ms Ruelia Rufus, Mrs Illavarasi Stephen, Mr Aravind Daniel, Mr Biju Selvam, Mr Thomas Lee
Prayer Ministry	
Coordinator	Mr George V Vethakan
Fund Raising Committee (from 1 Nov 2024)	
Chairman	Mr Stanley Daniel
Vice-Chairman	Mr Gideon Manaseh
Members	Mr D.Rajasekar, Ms Princy Arul Priya, Ms Ruth Kumaravelu, Mrs Gracious James, Mr Ryan Jayakumar, Mr Joash Azariah Philip, Ms Poonam, Mr Meshach Patras, Mr Joel Singh Ms Pauline, Mrs Anandhi Christopher, Mr Suresh, Mr Biju Selvan, Mr David Paramanatham
CARE Group Ministry	
Pastor-in-charge	Pastor Theodore Samraj
Coordinator	Mr Stanley Daniel
Core-Team	Mrs Sheila Dharmaraj, Mr Christopher Muthiah
Hospitality Team	
Pastor-in-charge	Rev Paul Xavier
Coordinators	Mr Gilbert Justin Jose, Ms Princy Arul Priya
Finance Committee	
Chairman/Vicar	Rev Canon Steven Asirvatham
Members	Mr Jose Nathaniel, Mr C.Kingsly, Ms Sylvia Grace, Mr Christopher Samuel, Ms Princy Arul Priya, Mr Ravindran Rufus, Ms Christina Rose
Internal Auditors	Mrs Jiny John, Mr BJ Mahendran

Building Management Committee	
Coordinator	Mr Immanuel Jayasingh
Members	Mr V.Christopher, Mr N.Sandarabose, Mr Daniel K.Dharmaraj, Mr Brizley Carolson, Mr Jose Nathaniel
Media Ministry – Audio/Video Team	
Advisor	Mr V.Christopher
Coordinators	Mr Christopher Samuel, Mr John Ponniah
Members	Mr Gilbert Justin Jose, Mr Jebakumar Selwyn, Mr Stanley Daniel, Mr Ravindran Rufus, Ms Gayathri Kunnasekaran, Mr John Godwin Moses, Ms Priscilla Preethi, Mr Jeremiah Ponniah, Mr Nigel Psalm Gabriel, Mr Nathaniel Caldwell, Mr Christopher Chalson, Mr Kevin Simon, Mr John D.Rajkumar, Mr Zechariah Xavier, Mr Martin Gonson, Mr Jonathan Paul, Mr James Venga, Mr David, Mr Stalin Prabhu Jayakumar, Mr Meshach Patras, Mr Joshua Thomas, Ms Jamil James Inayat, Mr Sanjeev Kumar, Ms Aish Masih, Ms Pooja Sahu, Mr Lucky Subhrai
E-Ministry	
Coordinator	Mr Gilbert Justin Jose
Members	Mr V.Christopher, Mr Stanley Daniel, Mr John Gipson, Mr John Ponniah, Ms Faheemah Normarkali (left in September 2025)
Personal Discipleship Journey	
Pastor-in-charge	Pastor Theodore Samraj
	Vicar Mrs Hamsi Stanley

**Parish of Christ Church
Annual General Meeting 2026
26 April 2026, 01:30pm**

AGENDA

1. Vicar's Message of Welcome and Devotion.
2. Paying Respect to the Departed members
3. To receive Vicar's nomination of the Vicar's Warden
4. To elect the Honorary Secretary, PCC
5. To ratify the Appointment of Auditor
6. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held on the 11 May 2026
7. Matter's arising
8. To elect:
 - 8.1. People's warden
 - 8.2. Assistant Honorary Secretary
 - 8.3. Honorary Treasurer
 - 8.4. Assistant Honorary Treasurer
 - 8.5. Four (4) Members of the Parochial Church Council
 - 8.6. Four (4) Synod Members
9. To receive the following reports:
 - 9.1. Honorary Secretary's Report
 - 9.2. Punjabi Service
 - 9.3. Contemporary Bilingual Service
 - 9.4. English Service
 - 9.5. Malayalam Service
 - 9.6. Indian Friends Tamil Ministry Service
 - 9.7. Choir Ministry
 - 9.8. Praise & Worship Ministry
 - 9.9. Missions and Evangelism Ministry
 - (A) Community Service
 - (B) Nepal Missionary
 - 9.10. CARE Group Ministry
 - 9.11. Prayer Ministry
 - 9.12. Media Ministry
 - 9.13. Children's Ministry
 - 9.14. Teens for Christ
 - 9.15. Youth Ministry
 - 9.16. Women for Christ
 - 9.17. Men for Christ
 - 9.18. Seniors for Christ
 - 9.19. Building Committee
10. Honorary Treasurer's Report – Audited statement of Account 2025 and Budget for 2026
11. Questions submitted by members
12. Resolutions, if any *
13. Any Other Business (AOB) **
14. Closing Prayer and Benediction

Note:

* Resolution items to be tabled in AGM should have been given to the Chairman by the 19th of April 2026, 7.00pm in writing duly signed by a Proposer and a Seconder.

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Mr Ravindran Rufus

Honorary Secretary, PCC

Parish of Christ Church

	Minutes of the Parish of Christ Church AGM held on Sunday 11th May 2025 at 01:30pm in Christ Church sanctuary.
1.1	Welcome and Opening Prayer and song: The Vicar of Christ Church, Rev. Canon Steven Asirvatham, the Chairman of the AGM, welcomed the members present. He began with a prayer, after which Pastor Theodore led the congregation in singing the song, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God, My Father."
1.2	Chairman's Message: Jn.15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. நானே திராட்சச்செடி, நீங்கள் கொடிகள். ஒருவன் என்னிலும் நான் அவனிலும் நிலைத்திருந்தால், அவன் மிகுந்த கனிகளைக் கொடுப்பான், என்னையல்லாமல் உங்களால் ஒன்றும் செய்யக்கூடாது. Greetings and welcome to the AGM dear brothers and sisters in the wonderful name of our resurrected Lord and Saviour. Firstly, I want to acknowledge the presence of our Assistant Bishop The Rt. Rev. Low Jee King at our AGM. I am thankful to Asst. Bp. Jee King for covering my duties during my sabbatical leave from 1st July - 1st Dec 2024. Therefore, he is with us this afternoon to participate in our AGM. Friends, how quickly a year has gone as we gather this afternoon at another AGM. This year is a very significant year for us in Singapore as the nation celebrates 60 years of independent. However, for us at Christ Church this year is even more significant as we celebrate our 85th year of the laying of Church foundation stone. 85 years can be compared to a generation. Therefore, we want remember our forebears and thank them for their love for God and His Church. Often, we assume that AGM is a time to ask questions, look at our Church financial situation and to elect people into the PCC. This is very much an annual practise in all our Anglican Churches in the Diocese. However, let us also remember, that AGM is also a time to give thanks to God for all the blessings that we have received from Him in the past years. Especially, this year as we celebrate our 85th Anniversary celebration, let us remember and give thanks to God for sustaining us till now. It is because of God's faithfulness that we have journeyed this far. We thank God for blessing us with six different services in our Parish: Tamil, Punjabi, English, Bi-lingual contemporary, Indian Friends Tamil Ministry and Malayalam services. We must thank God for the growth that he has blessed each of these congregations and continue to trust Him to lead us. We must thank God for sustaining us as a Parish, spiritually, financially and physically. Let us give glory to the Lord as a Parish with a heart of thanksgiving. AGM is also a time for us to seek God as his people about the future of the Parish. In this time of great uncertainty, are we going to limit our efforts in proclaiming the good news of Jesus? Church history informs us that the first 300 years of the early Church, Christianity and Christians were hated and persecuted greatly. Yet, the work on proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ never stopped. Because the gospel is the good news and power of God that alone can give hope for now and for eternity for all mankind. Therefore, let us not allow the storms of life stop us from working for the Lord. Jesus said, while it is day, we must keep working; for when darkness comes, we will not be able to do any work. Let us keep going for the Lord through the strength and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us acknowledge with a heart of thanksgiving as a Church, that it is because of Jesus that we have been able to come this far to celebrate our 85th Anniversary. That is why we read in Jn.15:5 – Jesus calls us to bear much fruit. Christ Church, you have borne much fruit because we have

continued to abide in Jesus. God has blessed us with a beautiful spacious place of worship. He raised many pastors, missionaries, priests and Bishops for His kingdom advancement. As we look forward to the future, let us remember the words of Jesus that - Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing!

Therefore, instead of getting worried about the future of Christ Church, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, for it is our relationship with Him that is going to make us bear much fruit.

Apostle Paul says, "One sows, one waters but growth comes from the Lord". Let us focus in growing in the Lord as a church as we give ourselves to the vision of becoming a community of disciple makers. Challenges will always be there in our individual lives as well as in the life of the Church. As how the Lord had seen us through great challenges in the past like World War 2 and Canon Samuel Babu Building project, He will see us through whatever may come our way. The only confidence that we have in overcoming challenges is to ABIDE IN THE LORD AND HIS WORD.

Therefore, I urge all of us to pray and participate in the Personal Discipleship Process. We have completed the first batch of the PDJ process and some from this batch have already started with the next batch of disciple makers. We are also translating the materials in Tamil with the help of Ps. Kalyan Kumar. We have also completed the first batch of candidates for the 40 Days In The Word(40DIW) last year. Right now, we are into the second batch which is conducted in Tamil.

As your Vicar, I am excited by your involvement in this disciple making process. Let us continue to give ourselves to the Lord and to one another so that we can be a Church that will continue to bear fruit for the glory of God. Amen!

2.0 **Paying respect to the departed members:**
 The members stood up and observed a minute silence as a mark of respect and to thank God for the lives of Mr. Hazakela and Mrs Guna George, Mrs Clara Ambrose in 2024. Revd Paul Xavier then said a prayer remembering the departed members and thanking God for their lives and faithful service to the Lord.

3.0 **Confirmation of Quorum:**
 There were 218 members present.

4.0 **Appointment of Vicar's Warden:**
 The Vicar expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Brother Jose Nathaniel. Over the past year, he has been a great encouragement and blessing as the Vicar's Warden. In appreciation of his dedication and service, the Vicar has requested him to continue for another year, and he has graciously agreed.

The Chairman announced that he is appointing Mr. Jose Nathaniel as the Vicar's Warden for 2025.

5.0 **Election of Honorary Secretary:**
 The Chairman stated that he had received one nomination.

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Mr Ravindran Rufus	Mr John Godwin	Mr Kingsly Christopher

Mr Ravindran Rufus was declared elected as the Honorary Secretary for 2025.

6.0	<p>To ratify the Appointment of the Auditor.</p> <p>ALL Assurance PAC 3 Shenton Way #15 – 08 Shenton House Singapore 068805 UEN : 202403472C</p> <p>Proposer : Mr Kingsly Christopher Seconded : Canon Steven Asirvatham</p> <p>The appointment of the auditor was approved during the AGM through a show of hands. There were no votes against the appointment, and no abstentions were recorded.</p>						
7.0	<p>Election of Members of Parish Church Committee:</p>						
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7.5

Election of 4 members for PCC:

The Chairman stated that he had received following six nominations.

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Ms Gracious Jebarani Asirvatham	Mrs Mona Jack Jayakumar	Mr Mani Selvam
Mr John Nazarene Ponniah	Mrs Amutha Samuel	Ms Sylvia Grace Devadass
Mr Joshua S/O Ragvir Lal	Ms Faheemah Normarkali	Mrs Serena Ajay
Mr John Godwin Moses	Mr D. Rajasekar	Mr Vimalanathan Christopher
Mrs Mona Jack Jayakumar	Mr G. Thomas Jeyaseelan	Mrs Hamsi Stanley
Mrs Margery Niraimathi Angella Ranjan	Mr J. K. Dinesh	Mr Vincent Samuel

As six nominations were received for the PCC members, ballot papers were distributed to the members to select their preferred candidates. The Chairman requested Ms. Rani, Pastor Moses, Pastor Theodore, and Mr. Jose to distribute the ballot papers and later collect them for counting.

Following 4 were declared elected as PCC members for 2025

1. Mr John Nazarene Ponniah
2. Mr Joshua S/O Ragvir Lal
3. Ms Gracious Jebarani Asirvatham
4. Mrs Mona Jack Jayakumar

7.6

Election of 1 member for Synod member

The Chairman stated that he had received following two nominations

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Ms Dalreena Poonam Gill d/o Ganesan	Mr Meshach s/o Patras	Mr Stanley Daniel Samson
Mr Mani Selvam	Mr G. Lional Dharmaraj	Mr Satheesh Kumar

As two nominations were received for the Synod member, ballot papers were distributed to the members to select their preferred candidate.

Ms Dalreena Poonam Gill d/o Ganesan was declared elected as Synod member for 2025.

7.7

House Rules:

The Chairman stated the following 'House Rules' to be observed in the AGM:

The leadership has spent considerable time carefully reviewing the questions, and we have prepared our responses, which will be presented later.

However, there may be some questions and clarifications that we may not be able to answer immediately, especially those that may be raised today. We will try our very best to respond. If we need additional time to get back to you, we seek your kind understanding.

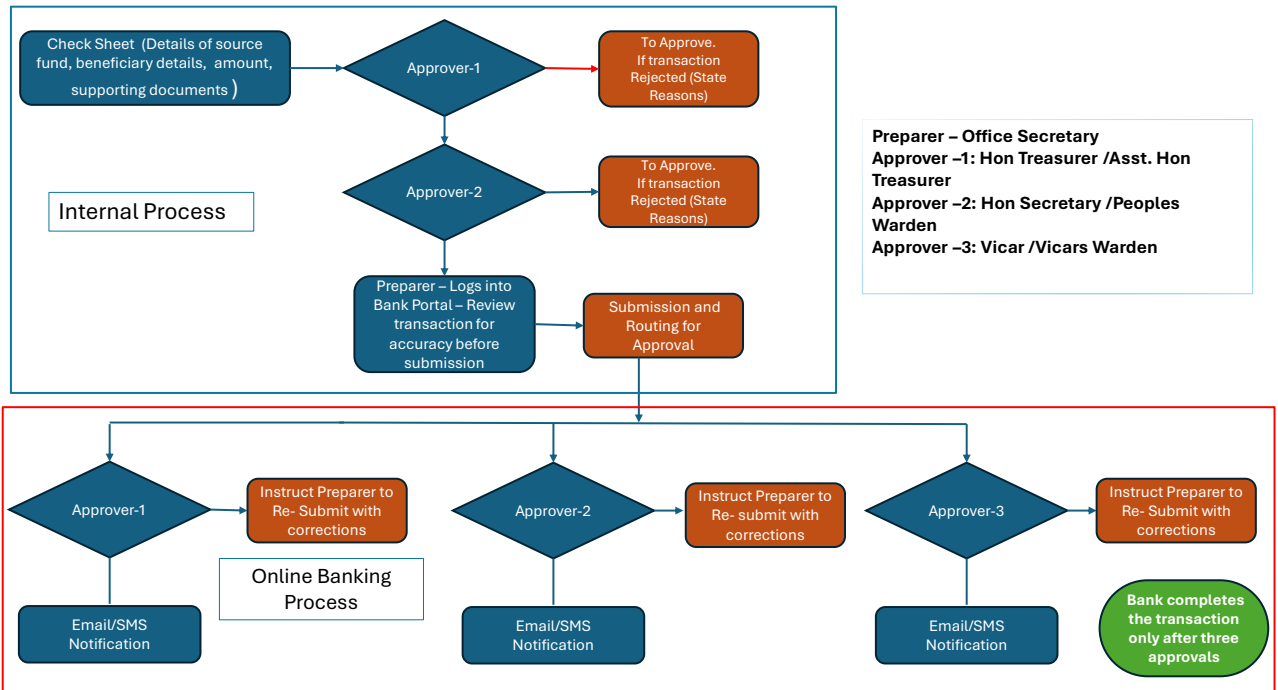
	<p>During the AGM, members are reminded to speak politely and respectfully. Let us remember that we are doing this in the presence of God. Scripture also says in James 1:19–20: “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”</p> <p>The Apostle Paul also says in Ephesians 4:1–3: “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” There shall be no personal attacks on members or on the panel. If anyone is found making such offensive remarks, the Chairman has the right to request the person to withdraw his or her words and apologise.</p> <p>Let us be careful with our words, as this is the house of the Lord and the AGM is a spiritual meeting. Therefore, let unity and peace be maintained at all times.</p> <p>We also want to be mindful of the time needed to conduct the entire AGM. We have senior citizens present, as well as parents with young children, and there are also services in the evening.</p> <p>Therefore, I seek your understanding that we cannot spend too much time on one question or on any single part of the AGM proceedings.</p> <p>If necessary, I may move on to the next question and follow up on unanswered questions after the AGM together with the incoming PCC.</p> <p>God willing, I hope to conclude the AGM before 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Please also note that the Chairman has the authority to bring discussions to a close.</p> <p>Members are requested to participate prayerfully so that the AGM may be fruitful and edifying, and that our discussions will build up the body of Christ and glorify God’s name.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
8.0	<p>Confirmation of Minutes No amendments received.</p> <p>Proposer: Mr Vincent Samuel Seconder: Mr Lionel Dharmaraj</p>

9.0 Updates on Matters Arising from AGM Minutes 2024:

9.1 Online Transaction Process

The Treasurer shared the following information regarding the online transaction process.

I would like to explain the process we follow for digital transactions, which includes both the internal process and the online banking process.



First, let us look at the internal process. As shown in the slide, there are several control steps before any money is transferred out of the church.

The process begins with a check sheet prepared by the office secretary. This check sheet includes details such as which fund the payment should be made from, together with all the necessary supporting documents.

After the documentation is completed, the preparer logs into the banking portal to initiate the transaction and submits it for second-level approval.

We use the IDEAL banking portal account, which is set up with approval controls and alert notifications. When a transaction is submitted, it is routed to the designated approvers. Each approver must review and approve the transaction individually.

Once assigned, the system sends a notification to the relevant approver, who will then review and approve the transaction through the portal.

9.2 Youth Ministry

Chairman shared the following regarding Youth ministry.

We are very happy to have Reverend Thomas Isaac with us this year. He joined us on 1 January 2025. Since his posting to Christ Church, I have given him some time to become familiar with the different services in our church. More importantly, we have asked him to help strengthen the youth ministry in Christ Church.

	<p>As many of you know, Reverend Thomas Isaac is currently leading the SAIB Youth Wing (Singapore Anglican Indian Board). He has many years of experience in youth work, and his presence has helped us further strengthen our youth ministry.</p> <p>In fact, we have already begun discussions about starting a Young Adults ministry. This means that in the future we hope to have three groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teens • Youth Ministry • Young Adults <p>We will soon be organising a meeting for the young adults in Christ Church. I sincerely hope and pray that all our young people will come forward and participate so that the youth ministry truly becomes your ministry. It is not about pastors telling you what to do. Rather, we want to hear from you, understand your needs, and work together to grow the youth ministry.</p> <p>Besides youth ministry, Pastor Thomas is also actively involved in the IFTM ministry among migrant worker brothers, together with Pastor Theodore.</p> <p>By God’s grace, the Diocese under Bishop Titus has entrusted the migrant workers’ medical ministry at Penjuru to Christ Church. Christ Church has been appointed as the anchor parish, and I have been appointed as the chaplain for St. Andrews Migrant Workers Medical Center.</p> <p>We are thankful for several church lay volunteers who have come forward to serve in this ministry. In addition, a dear brother, Mr Suen Wong, has been appointed by St Andrew’s Community Services as a part-time Assistant Chaplain, working together with me.</p> <p>This ministry is ongoing, and by the grace of God, starting from the first Sunday of May, we have begun a weekly Sunday evening service for migrant workers at Penjuru. Our intention is to bring the church to where the migrant workers are.</p> <p>Some may wonder how this will affect our IFTM ministry in Christ Church. I believe that when we grow the work of God, God will take care of the needs of Christ Church. Whenever we have special functions, we will invite these brothers and sisters to join us, and if they choose to continue worshipping with Christ Church, we will warmly welcome them.</p> <p>Ultimately, we are building the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>Therefore, I would like to share this with you so that you can pray for this ministry and support it. Especially for the IFTM work, we really need more help as the ministry is growing.</p> <p>I encourage all brothers and sisters to prayerfully consider coming forward to support this work.</p>
9.3	<p>Christ Church Constitution</p> <p>The Chairman shared that the church will be reviewing and updating the Christ Church Constitution with the new PCC coming into office. The church has received a draft template from the Diocese, which will serve as the basis for this review.</p> <p>The new PCC will work on studying and preparing the necessary amendments. It is hoped that next year a Special AGM will be convened to present the proposed changes and to seek members’ approval.</p> <p>The objective is to ensure that the Christ Church Constitution is updated and aligned with the template provided by the Diocese of Singapore.</p>

10.0	<p>Acceptance of Ministry Reports. No amendments received.</p> <p>Proposer: Mr Prem Ambrose Seconder: Mr Christopher V</p>
11.0	<p>Matters Arising from Reports 2025:</p>
11.1	<p>Youth Task Force</p> <p>Mr. Gipson mentioned that the Youth Task Force was reported in the previous AGM report, but he did not see any update or progress on it in this year's report.</p> <p>Mr. Christopher S replied that the task force was a one-year initiative. During that period, the team collected the data and presented it at last year's AGM. After the presentation, the task force was closed, and the Youth Ministry has since continued its regular activities.</p> <p>Mr. Gipson commented that when a task force is formed, there should usually be some form of outcome. He explained that this particular task force was arranged to reach out to youths who were no longer attending church. Through this task force, it should be possible to determine whether the objective was achieved or whether it should become an ongoing activity. He also suggested that, year by year, the church could try to bring back some of the youths or develop a long-term program. He recalled that about five to ten youths had stopped attending church.</p> <p>Mr. Christopher S responded that all the relevant information had already been presented at last year's AGM, including the data and a pie chart. Therefore, members may refer to last year's AGM report for the details. As the matter was from last year, he did not have the detailed data with him at the moment. For any follow-up, members may check with the Youth Ministry coordinators.</p> <p>The Chairman added that the purpose of the task force was clearly to identify the issues that needed to be addressed, and this had been done. However, the Youth Ministry continues its outreach efforts. The pastors and ministry leaders remain in contact with youths who are not attending church, and this remains an ongoing effort.</p> <p>Mr. Gipson then asked what evidence or updates could be provided regarding these ongoing efforts. He suggested that perhaps a forum or platform could be arranged to provide updates. Alternatively, if the task force had completed its work, the church could consider forming another task force or team to continue focusing on this matter.</p> <p>The Chairman acknowledged the suggestion and said that it would be looked into.</p> <p>Mr. Prem Ambrose pointed out that in the minutes it was stated that the task force was organized in 2022. However, during the AGM discussion it was referred to as happening last year, which could indicate an error in the minutes. He suggested that it should be clarified whether the correct year was 2022 or 2023.</p> <p>The Chairman clarified that the task force started in 2022 and continued into 2023.</p>

Treasurer's reports.**EXPLANATORY NOTES ON FUND BALANCES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. GENERAL FUND	Year 2024	Audit Report Page Ref.
Total Income	\$768,220	Page 5 & Page 20 (Note 5) & Page 21 (Note 9)
Total Expenditure	\$674,239	Page 5 & Page 20 (Note 5) & Page 21 (Note 9)
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$93,981	
Add: Quota received from Development Fund	\$9,611	Page 26 (Note 17)
Less: General Fund Tithing to Mission Fund	\$70,553	Page 26 (Note 17)
Less: Office Equipment	\$1,227	Page 22 (Note 10)
Nett Surplus / (Deficit)	\$31,812	
2. MISSION FUND	Year 2024	Audit Report Page Ref.
Total Income	\$227,287	Page 28 (Note 20)
Total Expenditure	\$187,442	Page 28 (Note 20)
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$39,845	
Less: Placement of FD (Pokhara Building)	\$33,000	
Nett Surplus / (Deficit)	\$6,845	
3. DEVELOPMENT FUND	Year 2024	Audit Report Page Ref.
Total Income	\$659,853	Page 27 (Note 19)
Add: Vanadium Deposit	\$1,000	
Expenditure	Year 2024	
Water & Electricity	\$79,134	Page 27 (Note 19)
Property Tax, Agent Fees	\$54,446	Page 27 (Note 19)
Repairs & Maintenance	\$109,593	Page 27 (Note 19)
1) United Hygiene Cleaning Company - \$65,670		
2) Other Maintenance - \$43,923		
Bank charges/Insurance	\$2,643	Page 27 (Note 19)
Fund-raising expenses	\$26,325	Page 27 (Note 19)
Expenses under Property, Plant & Equipment	\$30,014	Page 22 (Note 10) & inclusive renovation, furniture-fittings, aircon
1) Renovations - \$18,180		
2) Furniture & Fittings/Aircon systems - \$11,834		
Loan repayment to Diocese	\$199,800	Page 8 (Cash flows fm financing activities)
Total Expenditure	\$501,955	
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$158,898	
Less: Tithing to Mission fund	\$39,880	Page 27 (Note 19)
Less: Quota Paid to General Fund	\$9,611	Page 27 (Note 19)
Less: Placement of FD Sinking Fund	\$18,090	
Nett Surplus / (Deficit)	\$91,317	

Treasurer's Update on 2024 Accounts

The Treasurer provided an update on the church's financial accounts for the year ended 2024. He explained that the church operates under three separate funds: the **General Fund**, **Mission Fund**, and **Development Fund**.

The **General Fund** is used to support the operational expenses of the church. The **Mission Fund** is designated for mission-related activities, while the **Development Fund** is used for the maintenance and upkeep of church buildings and facilities.

He further explained that all financial transactions are reconciled on a monthly basis and presented at the PCC meetings. At the end of the financial year, the accounts are audited by an external auditor.

For the year ended 2024, the General Fund recorded a net surplus of \$31,800, the Mission Fund recorded a surplus of \$68,845, and the Development Fund recorded a surplus of \$91,317.

BUDGET FOR YEAR 2025

1. GENERAL FUND	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2024
Income	(\$)	(\$)
Tithes & Pledges	\$706,193	\$517,867
Offerings, Festival & Thanks Offertory	\$203,739	\$210,027
Church Ministry	\$26,927	\$32,447
Other Donations	\$0	\$5,000
Other Income	\$0	\$2,879
Total Income	\$936,859	\$768,220
Expenditure	(\$)	(\$)
Quota to Diocese	\$80,400	\$76,289
Clergy	\$389,125	\$253,340
Staff	\$210,697	\$192,783
Church Ministry & Other Expenses	\$205,806	\$151,827
Total Expenditure	\$886,028	\$674,239
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$50,831	\$93,981
Add: Quota received from Development Fund	\$9,600	\$9,611
Less: General Fund Tithing to Mission Fund	\$86,760	\$70,553
Less: Office Equipment	\$0	\$1,227
Nett Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$26,329)	\$31,812

2. MISSION FUND	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2024
Income	(\$)	(\$)
Church Tithing	\$84,000	\$70,553
Development Fund Tithing	\$40,884	\$39,880
Missionary to Nepal from Church (Nepal)	\$25,000	\$25,125
Men For Christ	\$13,800	\$13,236
General Mission	\$78,211	\$62,201
Indian Friends Tamil Ministry	\$3,456	\$16,292
Total Income	\$245,351	\$227,287
Expenditure	(\$)	(\$)
Missionary to Nepal from Church (Nepal)	\$41,700	\$39,700
Men For Christ	\$14,400	\$14,000
General Mission	\$175,350	\$106,458
Indian Friends Tamil Ministry	\$58,300	\$27,284
Total Expenditure	\$289,750	\$187,442
Less: Placement of FD (Pokhara Building)	\$20,000	\$33,000
Nett Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$64,399)	\$6,845

3. DEVELOPMENT FUND	BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL 2024
Income	(\$)	(\$)
Goodwill Donation Income - building blocks	\$364,800	\$344,000
Leasing Income - Investment Property	\$48,600	\$52,000
Other Income	\$2,516	\$1,401
Water & Electricity Recovered	\$57,000	\$60,961
Cleaning Expenses Recovered	\$26,160	\$26,160
Donations & Fund raising income	\$256,500	\$175,331
Total Income	\$755,576	\$659,853
Add: Vanadium Deposit	\$0	\$1,000
		\$660,853
Expenditure	(\$)	(\$)
Water & Electricity	\$78,000	\$79,134
Property Tax-Buildings & Vanadium	\$43,270	\$54,446
Repairs & Maintenance/Misc Contingency	\$131,837	\$109,593
Bank charges/Insurance	\$3,060	\$2,643
Fund-Raising Expenses	\$84,500	\$26,325
Expenses under Property, Plant & Equipment	\$88,300	\$30,014
Loan repayment to Diocese	\$200,004	\$199,800
Total Expenditure	\$628,971	\$501,955
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$126,605	\$158,898
Less: Building Tithing to Mission Fund	\$41,340	\$39,880
Less: Quota Paid to GF	\$9,600	\$9,611
Less: Placement of FD Sinking Fund	\$20,670	\$18,090
Less: Reserves for Organ Fund	\$5,000	\$0
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$49,995	\$91,317

Treasurer's Update on the 2025 Budget

General Fund:

The Treasurer shared that for 2025 there is an anticipated increase in **tithes and pledges**, based on faith and more pledges committed across all services.

The **estimated income for 2025 is \$936,000**, compared to **\$859,000 in 2024**.

He also presented the projected total expenditure for the year. There will be an **increase in clergy expenditure** due to the addition of an extra clergy member in 2025.

Based on the projected income and expenditure, the church is **projecting a deficit of \$26,300 for 2025**.

Mission Fund Projection

The Treasurer explained that tithing is transferred from the General Fund and the Development Fund to support the Mission Fund.

For the coming year, the **total projected income is \$245,000**, while the **projected expenditure is \$289,700**.

There is also a fixed deposit placement specifically set aside for the Pokhara building project. Based on the projected income and expenditure, the estimated deficit is approximately \$64,300.

Development Fund Projection

The Treasurer explained that the Development Fund is mainly used for building maintenance and other related expenses. The income for this fund comes primarily from goodwill donations.

For the coming year, the **Development Fund is projected to have a surplus of approximately \$49,900**.

FUND RESERVES

1. GENERAL FUND	
Closing Balance - Year 2024	\$199,333
Less: Accrued Expenses for Year 2024	\$8,938
General Fund Balance Net	\$190,395
Estimated Deficit - Year 2025	(\$26,329)
Estimated Closing Balance Year 2025 (Offset Est. Deficit of Year 2025)	\$164,066
2. MISSION FUND	
Closing Balance - Year 2024	\$138,260
Less: Amount aside for Pokhara church building	\$20,000
Less: Accrued Expenses for year 2024	\$6,020
Less: Placement of FD Pokhara (Specific Donation Received)	\$10,696
Mission Fund Balance Net	\$101,544
Estimated Deficit - Year 2025	(\$64,399)
Estimated Closing Balance Year 2025 (Offset est. Deficit of Year 2025)	\$37,145
3. DEVELOPMENT FUND	
Closing Balance - Year 2024	\$262,064
Less: Accrued Expenses for Year 2024	\$8,648
Less: Sinking Fund (2024)	\$19,590
Development Fund Balance Net	\$233,826
Estimated Surplus - Year 2025	\$49,995
Less: Sinking fund (2025)	\$20,670
Estimated Closing Balance Year 2025	\$263,151
4. FIXED DEPOSITS	
1. GENERAL FUND	\$37,046
2. MISSION FUND (Towards Pokhara Building)	\$33,000
3. DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$18,090
TOTAL FIXED DEPOSITS (Page 6 - Note 13)	\$88,136

The estimated closing balances are projected to be **\$164K for the General Fund, \$37K for the Mission Fund, and \$263K for the Development Fund.**

In addition to the balances mentioned, the church also maintains fixed deposits. The Mission Fund FD is designated for the Pokhara building project, while the Development Fund FD is reserved for the sinking fund. The General Fund has \$37K placed in fixed deposit. The total fixed deposits across all funds amount to \$88K.

Mr. Moses Abraham asked about the deficits. In the Treasurer's presentation, there is a projected deficit of **\$60,000 in the Mission Fund** and **\$29,000 in the General Fund**. He asked whether we are overspending compared to what we receive each year. He also commented that using funds accumulated from previous years to cover current expenses may not be the right approach.

Mr. Rufus replied that, according to the budget, \$20K is set aside each year for the Pokhara church. This is the reason for the negative balance reflected in the Mission Fund. He added that the church needs to find ways to increase receipts for the Mission Fund.

13	Questions submitted by members to PCC
13.1	<p>Question submitted by Mr John Satya Can we have the weekly newsletter in printed format. Without printed format we start to fiddle our handphoned during Sunday service which is quite distracting. This can be limited to one copy per family to reduce cost and save trees. Please consider.</p> <p>PCC's Response: As you mentioned, printing one copy per family will not eliminate the distraction caused by mobile phones during the service. Additionally, most of the time, the printed newsletter is discarded. It would also be practically difficult to control the distribution of one copy per family. Based on these reasons, the PCC has decided not to print the newsletter.</p>
13.2	<p>Question submitted by Mr John Satya Can we have the song and prayer book also in printed format rather than screen display. During the service, there are delays faced sometimes in moving across screens due to technical issues and spelling errors at times on the hymns. Pre Covid days the projection screen in front of Altar, was used only during Praise Worship and Sermon. Post covid it is used all through the service, blocking the view of Cross in the Altar for 90% of the service. Especially not sure why the bible reading needs to be screened. If this is to enable live streaming, can other options be explored please.</p> <p>PCC's Response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Songbooks and prayer books have been printed and are placed on the table near the back door. If members wish, they may take and use them during the service and return them to the table afterward. The AV team will work on reducing technical issues and correcting spelling errors. 2. A feasibility study will be conducted to explore replacing the centre screen with two TVs placed on either side of the altar. If found feasible, the new PCC will decide on the implementation based on the church's financial status.
13.3	<p>Question submitted by Mr John Satya Good Friday order of service was slightly modified and hope it is for reason. However, it was quite hard as the traditional way of singing the respective song for specific verse prior to the sermon was changed. Will be good to stick to the regular order. Likewise, before Sunday school kids' prayer, there is a song sung and recently the second paragraph is removed. Given this is so meaningful please consider singing for our kids.</p> <p>Vicar's response: I wish to convey my sincere apologies for the service order at this year's Good Friday service. This was due to miscommunication. I have taken note and have done the needful so that this will not happen again.</p>
13.4	<p>Question submitted by Mrs. Hamsi Stanley Stewardship Sunday - Worship Ministry</p> <p>Greetings. Would like to share my appreciation for the Worship Ministry in our church - both the Choir ministry and the Worship ministry. Truly blessed and would like to record my appreciation for all leaders and members of the Choir & Worship teams.</p> <p>On that note, would like to share my concern on whether our youngsters are being given ample opportunities to serve in the worship ministries.</p> <p>Would appreciate if you can share with the church</p> <p>(a) the number of teens and youth who had expressed interest to serve in these 2 ministries and</p>

(b) how many of them have been given the opportunity to serve. If some have not been provided the opportunity, appreciate if you can share the reason for the same.

I do see many young people playing various instruments in our monthly fasting prayer and other fellowships but don't get to see them as part of the team in the 8 am service. We stand to discourage our youngsters (and may even end up losing some) if we don't provide them a platform to serve God with their talents. Appreciate if any gaps in this are fixed asap.

P&W Ministry

We have had 4 youths who have expressed interest to join the worship team over the past year, and they are currently undergoing a monthly training programme. Part of their training involves playing for smaller settings such as fasting prayer and all-night prayer to give them the necessary experience and exposure which, will help to hone their skills to serve in the ministry.

As for new members who wish to join the worship ministry, they can indicate their interest using the Stewardship Sunday form for ministry or they can approach Vicar and upon Vicar's approval, they will be directed to the worship team coordinators who will then guide them through the joining process.

CHOIR Ministry

Over the past year, eight youths have expressed interest in joining the choir. Seven have completed the training program and have already joined, while one has not yet completed the training due to other commitments.

13.5

Question submitted by Mr Gipson

Attendance Trends in the 8 AM Tamil & Malayalam Service

As we review the attendance data for the 8 AM Tamil and Malayalam Services over the past few years, we have observed a gradual yet steady decline. The following figures are drawn from the 2024 Annual Report:

- 2024: 188 attendees (-6.47% from 2023)
- 2023: 201 attendees (+3.61% from 2022, post-COVID)
- 2022: 194 attendees (during COVID)

In addition, attendance at the Christ Church Malayalam Service appears to have declined by approximately 25%. We wonder whether this may, in part, be related to the decision to permit another Anglican Malayalam congregation to hold morning services with a dedicated Malayalam-speaking pastor.

We raise these questions not in criticism, but to ensure that the PCC and church leadership are fully aware of these trends and their significance to the life of our church. Our intention is to encourage prayerful reflection and collaborative thinking as we seek to support the growth and vitality of these services.

With this in mind, we would like to humbly ask:

1. What observations have been made regarding this trend over the past two years?
2. What are the main challenges in bringing back former members and encouraging growth within these congregations?
3. What steps have been taken to strengthen these services and better engage the wider community?

Response by Vicar

The drop in attendance in weekly services is not exclusively a Christ Church problem. Since Covid, the Diocese is aware along with other Churches in Singapore, that the weekly attendance has been on the decline.

	<p>One common indicator for this drop has to do with live streaming or online worship services. This has resulted in the drop of attendance in weekly services. One local denominational church has decided to stop online services so that members will be encouraged to attend.</p> <p>As pastors we are always on the lookout for members who stop coming to Church.</p>
13.6	<p>Question submitted by Mr Gipson</p> <p>Membership Process</p> <p>Additionally, we would like to understand the current church membership process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've been informed that there is a stringent process requiring approximately 6 months of regular attendance before initiating church membership. Is this guideline set by the Diocese, or is it an internal Christ Church policy? • Is this same process applied consistently across all services, or does it apply only to the 8 AM service? • Is this standard uniformly practiced across all Anglican churches, or is it specific to Christ Church? • Finally, who within the PCC is responsible for overseeing this process and maintaining membership data? This is to ensure consistency and to prevent any unintentional disparities. <p>Response by Vicar</p> <p>Yes, the Church has a membership process which requires new members to have at least been regular attendance at any of our six services. This is not a Diocesan guideline but the Vicar's discretion.</p> <p>In the past there have been people who took membership in the Church for a period so that they could get enrolment at Anglican schools. After that, they return back to their previous Church. As a result, I decided on this process so that me and my pastoral team can access the true reason for their desire to take up membership.</p> <p>Any members who seek transfer to our Church, can also take these six months period to decide if they truly want to make Christ Church as their home.</p> <p>Mr. Gipson commented that requiring individuals to wait six months before obtaining membership may be a difficult process for some people. He asked whether the PCC agrees with this process and how attendance will be monitored to confirm that a person has been attending the church for six months.</p> <p>The Vicar replied that he takes responsibility to ensure that church membership is taken seriously at Christ Church. He explained that the six-month period was introduced after careful consideration and has been working well. While he understands that it may be challenging to ask someone to attend consistently for six months, he noted that there have been instances of abuse in the past, and therefore he exercises pastoral discretion in this matter as the Vicar. Mr. Gipson further asked whether the Vicar would take responsibility for declining membership applications when necessary.</p> <p>Malayalam Service Attendance</p> <p>Mr. Gipson highlighted that there has been a 6% decline in attendance at the 8:00 a.m. service, while the Malayalam service has seen a decline of about 25%. He referred to the 2023 PCC discussion, where concerns were raised about allowing CSI Malayalam services to be conducted on the church premises. He asked whether the presence of the CSI service could be indirectly contributing to the decline of the Christ Church Malayalam service, and who would take responsibility for this matter — the PCC or the pastoral team.</p> <p>The Vicar invited Ms. Vidya, a core team member of the Malayalam service, to respond to whether the decline in attendance was related to the CSI service.</p>

Ms. Vidya clarified that the decline is not related to the CSI services. She explained that the main reason is that the Malayalam congregation has not had a full-time pastor for the past two years, which has affected the growth of the ministry.

CSI Malayalam Service at Church Premises

Mr. Gipson noted that the CSI service is also an Anglican service and asked whether it is appropriate to have two Anglican Malayalam services conducted within the same premises.

The Vicar explained that the CSI congregation had previously been worshipping at My Saviour's Church before coming to Christ Church. The matter was duly consulted and approved by the Bishop of Singapore, and the PCC agreed to allow them to use the church premises, as space was available. He added that allowing them to use the premises not only supports ministry but also provides income for the church. He emphasised that the church seeks to build the Kingdom of God together, even though services may be conducted in different languages.

Assistant Bishop's Comment

Low Jee King added that it is not uncommon for two parishes to share the same church building. For example, at St Peter's Church there are two parishes within the same church building, and historically this was also the case at Holy Trinity Church. He noted that due to land constraints in Singapore, the Diocese is also exploring possibilities of merging parishes or sharing facilities in the future to optimise manpower and resources.

Further Concerns Raised

Mr. Gipson pointed out that a new member visiting the church may observe that in the morning there is a Malayalam service with a pastor, while the evening Malayalam service has a smaller congregation and currently no full-time pastor. He questioned which service a new member might choose to attend.

He also mentioned that the CSI Malayalam service was started by a person who had previously been part of our Anglican service, and that the CSI congregation is currently using the premises in our church. He noted that this matter had also been raised during the 2023 PCC meeting. He further commented that since the church spends significantly on mission work, the church might have considered appointing a Malayalam pastor earlier to strengthen the existing Malayalam ministry.

Vicar's Response

The Vicar assured the meeting that during the last PCC meeting, it had already been communicated that the church is looking into appointing a full-time Malayalam pastor to support and develop the Malayalam ministry.

13.7 **Parish Missions & Evangelism – Outreach Program Approach**

We've observed that many of our recent outreach programs have primarily taken place within the church premises. May we gently ask if there is a particular reason or rationale behind this approach? Based on participation data, it appears that about 85% of attendees have been our own church members. We humbly suggest that exploring strategic external locations for some of these programs might help us better reach non-believers and extend our Gospel witness more effectively.

Response by Vicar

The reason for conducting outreach programs in Church, is to encourage our members to invite their non-Christian neighbours, friends and relatives. Through this we have been able to share the gospel as well as communicate that we are a community that is here to serve them. At the same time, we also annually do regular outreach programs outside the Church through IFTM ministry. This too has touched many lives.

I believe that doing outreach within and outside the Church is essential to proclaim the gospel.

<p>13.8</p>	<p>Concerns Regarding the Food & Funfair on 25th May 2024</p> <p>We are grateful for the effort put into organizing the Food & Funfair on 25th May 2024. However, we would like to humbly raise a few concerns, shared in a spirit of care for our church community.</p> <p>As a church-hosted fundraising event held on church premises, we expected it to reflect Christian values. However, we were surprised to hear inappropriate pop songs like "The Ketchup Song" and "Daddy Cool" being played. With leaders and pastors present, may we ask why such songs were not stopped? What message are we sending by allowing such music in the church environment?</p> <p>There were also practical issues - food shortages started early, and some items (like a \$6 fruit cup) were unaffordable for many. This left some attendees unable to use their food tickets meaningfully.</p> <p>In this context, may we respectfully ask: How many tickets were sold, and how much food was catered that day? What was the core objective of the event — solely fundraising, or also ministry and outreach? Why were secular pop songs allowed, and what steps were taken when concerns were noticed? As this has been raised with the PCC, what actions or reflections have followed? We ask these questions in the hope that future events more clearly reflect our shared values in Christ.</p> <p>PCC Response</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A total of \$74000 worth of tickets were sold for the funfair. 2. There were many food stalls available, and the operation timings were staggered to ensure supply throughout the duration of the event. Although the Biryani stall sold out by 2pm, there were many other stalls that operated till the end of the event (e.g. Chapati, Fried snacks etc...) 3. The core objective of this event was solely fundraising. 4. The song "Daddy Cool" was only used during the warm up exercise session at the start of the event. The song was chosen as there were many elderly residents from Pek Kio who were there early and we wanted something that they could relate to and participate. Throughout the rest of the event, only instrumentals were played. 5. The observation has been noted and will be taken into consideration for future events. <p>Ms. Gracious Jebarani clarified that she served as the host for the Food and Fun Fair held on 26 May. She explained that the "catch-up" song played during the event was taken from YouTube and was played on her own initiative to engage attendees, particularly the elderly guests invited from Pek Kio. She stated that this decision was made solely by her as the host and was not related to the pastors or Mr. Christopher S. She added that she would take full accountability and responsibility for the matter.</p> <p>Ms. Gracious also noted that if there were concerns during the event, they could have been raised directly with her or the sound team at the time, which could have allowed the issue to be addressed immediately. She further commented that such matters did not necessarily need to be raised at the AGM, as members could approach the Vicar or the relevant persons responsible.</p> <p>Mr. Gipson responded that the matter had already been raised on the same day with PCC members, including Ms. Princy. He also mentioned additional concerns, including the drinking water supply from the cooler being stopped.</p> <p>The Vicar responded that the concerns raised regarding the Food and Fun Fair had been reviewed by the organising committee. An evaluation meeting was held after the event, and the feedback received was discussed. He assured that the feedback had been duly noted by the committee and that improvements would be made for future events.</p>
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13.9	<p>Reflections on Pastoral Engagement and Leadership Presence</p> <p>We are grateful for the leadership of Rt. Revd Low Jee King, who served as Acting Vicar from July to November 2024, overseeing church activities and PCC meetings. His dedication to fulfilling administrative responsibilities during that period is sincerely appreciated.</p> <p>However, we observed that during his tenure, he neither conducted nor attended any congregational services. We understand from the PCC that his role was primarily administrative. This brings us to a sincere question:</p> <p>Is the primary role of a Vicar to lead the congregation spiritually, or solely to manage administrative functions? Were there specific challenges that may have prevented his participation in worship services?</p> <p>Additionally, we have noted that The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia, has not attended any of our services to date. Was a formal invitation extended to him during this time? If not, may we kindly understand the reason, especially since his presence would have been a great encouragement to the congregation?</p> <p>Please know that these questions are raised not in criticism, but in a spirit of humility, with the hope of fostering transparency, shared understanding, and unity within our church family</p> <p>Assistant Bishop’s Response</p> <p>When the Diocese approached me to serve as the Acting Vicar here, they were aware that I am already overseeing another parish and that I also need to conduct confirmation services in other churches. Because of these commitments, I did mention to the PCC that it would be difficult for me to spend more time attending the Sunday services at Christ Church.</p> <p>Another reason is that although Canon Steven was on sabbatical leave, Reverend Paul Xavier was here, together with the other pastoral staff. In addition, we have engaged Reverend Lawrence to assist from time to time. Therefore, there are sufficient pastors to attend to the needs of the congregation.</p> <p>That is the reason why I have not been present on Sundays during my term as Acting Vicar. If any of you feel that your Acting Vicar has not been around, I sincerely apologise. However, please bear in mind that you have other clergy, church leaders, and the PCC who are faithfully looking after the church. I believe there is sufficient manpower and pastoral care for the members of this parish. Regarding the second point about our Archbishop and the perception that he has not been here, I recall that he did visit last year for the Confirmation service.</p> <p>Let me also briefly explain how confirmation services are scheduled within the Diocese. Usually, towards the end of each year—around November or December—the Diocese sends an email to all parishes asking them to propose dates for confirmations in the following year. Christ Church also submits its preferred date.</p> <p>Once all the dates are collected, the Bishop’s Office compiles them and first submits the list to Bishop Titus. He will indicate the parishes where he will be able to conduct confirmations based on his schedule. After that, the remaining dates are passed to me to allocate the confirmations that I can conduct. Subsequently, the list is passed to Bishop John Chew or Bishop Rennis for them to indicate their availability.</p> <p>Last year, Bishop Titus was actually scheduled to come to Christ Church. However, please understand that the Archbishop’s schedule is extremely busy. After dates are fixed, sometimes unexpected matters arise within the Province or the wider Anglican Communion that require his presence. When that happens, he may need to reschedule or ask another bishop to conduct the service on his behalf.</p>
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	<p>So, while Christ Church was certainly in his plans and priorities, circumstances may have required him to make changes. Sometimes rescheduling is possible, but at other times the new date may clash with other commitments in different parishes. In such cases, another Bishop may need to step in.</p> <p>From what I have seen in this year's confirmation schedule, the Archbishop is expected to come to Christ Church. However, as you know, unforeseen matters may still arise. If that happens, please do not feel that the Archbishop does not care for you. He certainly does and Christ Church is very much in his heart. As a Diocese, we all understand that such arrangements sometimes require flexibility. So please be assured that you are not being neglected. The Archbishop cares deeply for the parish, and he looks forward to opportunities to come, fellowship with you, and conduct services here.</p>
13.10	<p>Question submitted by Mr Moses Abraham</p> <p>I am writing to raise concerns regarding the decision to assign an additional clergyman to the Parish of Christ Church (POCC), announced in June 2024, with the posting scheduled for January 2025. This matter is of significant importance, particularly in light of our church's ongoing financial commitments, including loans for the newly built church building.</p> <p>On 24th June 2024, I sent an email to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), addressed to the Chairman and the Exco team, inquiring about the necessity of a third clergyman for Christ Church. I also sought clarification on whether this posting was intended to alleviate financial pressures from another church, given our projected surplus under the new accounting requirements. Additionally, I asked how the church would manage the added financial burden of this appointment. Nearly a year later, I have yet to receive a response to these inquiries.</p> <p>During Canon Steven's 5-month sabbatical, Bishop Low served as the acting vicar of POCC. I would like to express my appreciation for Rev Paul, who, alongside parish workers Ps Theodore and Ps Moses, faithfully stepped up to meet the needs of the parish.</p> <p>Additionally, Ps Lawrence was engaged on an ad-hoc basis to assist with communion services. Under this interim arrangement, the church continued to function effectively. When Canon Steven resumed his duties in December 2024, things returned smoothly to normal.</p> <p>Given this context, it raises the question: why is there a need for another clergyman now, when the current team has demonstrated the capacity to manage well?</p> <p>As a member concerned for the sustainability of our church, I find it necessary to ask the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the PCC made any efforts to appeal to the Diocese for a reversal or withdrawal of this posting? If so, what was the outcome of this action? 2. Why is an additional clergyman required? Are the Vicar, Priest and 2 parish workers insufficient to meet the spiritual needs of our congregation? 3. What specific improvements in member care will an additional clergyman provide that are not already being addressed? <p>Assistant Bishop's Response – Clergy Posting</p> <p>This question is regarding the posting of another clergy to Christ Church. During my term as Acting Vicar here, the Diocese made the decision to post another clergy to Christ Church.</p> <p>We had several rounds of discussion on this matter during the PCC meetings. Frankly speaking, it was difficult for us to come to a clear conclusion. When we looked at the church's financial accounts and budget, we realised that bringing in another clergy would place additional financial strain on the church. It is not about the person himself—Reverend Thomas—and it has nothing to do with him personally. However, with another clergy posted here, the church would have to bear the additional cost, which could potentially push the church's finances into a deficit.</p>

From the Diocese's perspective, when clergy postings are considered, the decision is made by looking at the overall development of clergy and the wider ministry of the church. Historically, Christ Church has been central to the Tamil Anglican ministry in Singapore. Because of this important role, Christ Church carries a certain responsibility in helping to develop and equip clergy for the future of the Tamil work in Singapore and beyond.

Serving in Christ Church gives clergy the opportunity to gain experience in pastoral ministry and church leadership. This exposure helps them grow and be better prepared when they are later posted to serve in other parishes. When the Archbishop considers the future of the Tamil ministry in Singapore, he needs to make decisions that will help develop and strengthen the clergy for the wider mission of the church.

By posting another clergy to Christ Church, it may place some financial pressure on the parish in the short term. However, in the long run, it can be a blessing to the wider Tamil ministry in Singapore, as the clergy who serve here will be better equipped to serve other congregations in the future.

As mentioned earlier, the PCC discussed this matter extensively. The PCC also wrote a letter to the Archbishop to appeal for reconsideration, hoping that the decision might be reviewed. However, the decision remains for the new clergy to be posted here.

At the same time, the Diocese does understand the financial burden that this may place on Christ Church. Looking ahead, Christ Church should also be prepared that there may be clergy changes in the future.

At this moment, it is not appropriate to make any formal announcement because clergy postings usually involve several parties and discussions must take place with the various groups involved.

The Archbishop is aware of the financial implications for Christ Church, and this has been taken into consideration. There may be further adjustments or changes in the future as the Diocese continues to review the situation.

Regarding the question on what specific improvements in member care the additional clergy would provide, I believe this is something that the Vicar and the PCC will need to consider and plan for. Hopefully, the pastoral care team will be strengthened, and additional attention can be given to areas such as youth ministry and other aspects of church life, so that the church can continue to grow and care well for its members.

Mr. Moses enquired about the financial impact of appointing an additional clergy, noting that the percentage breakdown and related financial details had not been presented.

Mr. Rufus responded that the presentation covered only the first part of the discussion, and the financial details would be addressed in the second part.

Ms. Gloria Steven shared her views regarding the necessity of appointing an additional clergy. She acknowledged the Bishop's explanation on the matter but expressed the view that in a growing church, the appointment of an additional clergy should not be seen as an indulgence but rather as a necessity. She also highlighted the importance of considering the well-being of the pastors. Unlike many in corporate professions, pastors often do not enjoy the same level of work-life balance, as their responsibilities extend beyond Sunday services and include ongoing pastoral duties and care for the congregation. Speaking from her personal experience as the daughter of a pastor, Ms. Gloria Steven shared that her father's commitment to pastoral ministry often required significant sacrifices, including missing important family milestones. She emphasised that pastoral ministry is highly demanding and extends far beyond regular church services.

She further noted that during her father's sabbatical, she heard from pastors and church members about the need for deeper personal engagement and pastoral care. She remarked that the presence

	<p>of additional pastoral support, including the assistance of Reverend Lawrence, had been helpful in addressing these needs.</p> <p>Therefore, having an additional clergy can strengthen pastoral care and better support the growing needs of our church.</p> <p>Let us continue to support one another and remain united as we seek wisdom for the growth of Christ Church.</p>
13.11	<p>Based on the 2024 Financial report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Budget Proposal highlights a significant increase in projected income, from \$768,220 to \$936,859 (a rise of at least 21%) > Refer to Budget for Year 2025 Table • Fixed costs comprising quota, clergy, and staff expenses, are budgeted at \$680,222 this year, compared to \$522,412 in 2024 (a rise of at least 30%) > Refer to Budget for Year 2025 Table • 2025 Budget Proposal shows a net deficit of approximately \$26,329 as noted by our Treasurer, which is in comparison to the actual seen in Year 2024, reflecting a surplus of \$31,812. (This marks a negative financial swing of \$58,141 when compared to the actual surplus recorded in 2024) > Refer to Budget for Year 2025 Table <p>4. How will the church address the additional expenses associated with the additional clergyman</p> <p>5. How will this be achieved without overburdening our members with requests for increased offerings?</p> <p>Treasurer’s Explanation</p> <p>The Treasurer shared, based on his experience, that when he first assumed the role, the church had to close its operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the years that followed, the church faced several financial challenges, including increased operating costs.</p> <p>He cited a significant increase in electricity charges from PUB, noting that one monthly bill reached approximately \$7,000.</p> <p>Despite these challenges and limited activity during that period, the Treasurer acknowledged that the church experienced God’s provision and guidance over the years.</p> <p>He then highlighted the financial performance for the past few years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022: The projected deficit was \$77K, but the year ended with a surplus of \$31.9K. • 2023: A projected deficit of \$29K was initially expected. Although the accounts show a deficit in the explanatory notes due to a transfer of approximately \$100K from the General Fund to support the redevelopment project, the overall financial outcome was stronger than projected. • 2024: A projected deficit of \$23K was recorded, but the year ended with a surplus of \$31K. <p>The Treasurer also noted that over the past few years, pledges and tithes have declined by approximately 8–9%. As the church’s annual budget projections are largely based on members’ pledged contributions, he encouraged members to prayerfully continue supporting the church through their pledges and tithes.</p> <p>He concluded by acknowledging the financial realities faced by the church and thanked Mr. Moses for raising the question regarding the financial impact.</p> <p>Mr. Moses A raised concerns regarding the financial projections presented. He noted that the projected income reflects an increase of approximately 33%, while the projected expenses are also expected to increase significantly, nearing \$200,000. He questioned the basis on which the projected income figures were derived and expressed concern about how the church would generate sufficient funds to meet the increased expenses.</p>

He further commented that many of the projected expenses, such as salaries and operational costs, are largely fixed and cannot easily be reduced. In the absence of assured income to match these commitments, he cautioned that the church may face a financial deficit.

Mr. Moses A also referred to the Bishop's mention of clergy training, noting that such training could involve significant costs for the church. He questioned whether other churches typically maintain more than two clergy members.

While acknowledging the importance of pastoral care and recognising that clergy members require time for family and personal responsibilities, he expressed concern that having three clergy members could place a financial burden on the church if adequate income is not secured.

He also referred to the request for full-time pastoral support for the Malayalam service, stating that while having clergy support for different congregations is beneficial, financial decisions must ensure that income and expenses remain balanced. He emphasised the need to ensure that the church has sufficient funds before committing to additional financial obligations.

Mr. Moses A remarked that historically the church was served by a single vicar who managed multiple responsibilities, including travelling to places such as Jalan Kayu and overseeing the school, often using a bicycle to carry out his duties. He noted that while such dedication reflected the circumstances of the past, expectations today have shifted towards comfort and convenience in ministry operations. Such arrangements should not result in an excessive financial burden on the church members.

Response by the Assistant Bishop

The Assistant Bishop responded by explaining that clergy and pastoral workers do not operate within a fixed 44-hour work week. He noted that their ministry often requires them to respond to the needs of the congregation at any time, including late at night. In addition to pastoral care, they also devote significant time to prayer, sermon preparation, and other ministry responsibilities, which often results in long working hours.

Addressing the comparison with the past, where a single pastor managed many responsibilities, he noted that the church now operates within a very different social context, where families and society have different and often more complex needs. He expressed confidence that the clergy, pastoral workers, and church staff are committed to serving the Lord faithfully and to supporting the members of the parish.

With regard to concerns about increasing income, the Assistant Bishop encouraged members to remain faithful in their tithes and offerings, noting that faithful giving by the congregation would help address the church's financial needs.

He concluded by encouraging members not to assume that appointing an additional worker would necessarily lead to a financial crisis. Instead, he emphasised that if the church remains faithful to God, God will continue to honour and bless the church and its ministry.


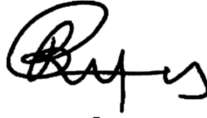
Vicar's Response

The Vicar acknowledged the concerns raised and assured members that the matter has been formally communicated to the Archbishop, and the parish is awaiting his reply. He requested members' understanding and noted that once a response is received, the parish will provide an update.

In the meantime, the Vicar emphasised the parish's commitment to being good stewards of church resources, ensuring that expenses are managed responsibly and not spent unnecessarily. He reassured members that there will be no pressure to contribute beyond what they are willing, highlighting that giving is a voluntary act of the heart.

	<p>Referring to the Bishop's earlier remarks, he encouraged faithful giving in accordance with God's guidance, noting that if members give faithfully, God will honour their obedience.</p> <p>The Vicar concluded the discussion by thanking everyone for their questions and participation.</p>
14.0	<p>Acceptance of Audit Report for 2024 by the members.</p> <p>Proposer: Mr Mani Selvam Seconder: Mr Gideon Manaseh</p>
15.0	<p>Acceptance of Budget for 2025 by the members.</p> <p>Proposer: Mr Vincent Samuel Seconder: Mr Daniel K Dharmaraj</p>
16.1	<p>Request by Mr. Moses Abaraham.</p> <p>Mr. Moses requested that for future AGMs, starting from next year, the election be held at the end of the AGM. He noted that currently, some members vote early and then leave, which may affect participation and engagement in the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the election is held earlier during the AGM because counting the votes takes a significant amount of time. If the election were conducted at the end of the AGM, it could extend the meeting by another hour. He requested members' understanding of the current arrangement and noted that Mr. Moses's suggestion will be discussed at the PCC for future consideration.</p>
16.2	<p>Acknowledgement by Mrs. Vimala Steven</p> <p>Mrs. Vimala Steven expressed her gratitude to the Assistant Bishop for serving as Acting Vicar and for his involvement in the Tamil parish. She also thanked all the clergy and the pastoral team for their dedicated service, as well as the PCC members for their commitment and participation in the ministry.</p> <p>She acknowledged their hard work and assured them that the parishioners of Christ Church deeply appreciate their efforts.</p>
17.0	<p>Chairman's Closing Remarks:</p> <p>The Vicar thanked all members for their patience and participation throughout the AGM. He congratulated those who had been elected to the PCC and expressed special appreciation for members who had served on last year's PCC, particularly Mr John Godwin and Mr Stanley Daniel Samson</p> <p>He also extended thanks to all who submitted reports and assisted in the conduct of the meeting, highlighting the contributions of Mr. Rufus for compiling the reports, Ms Kalarani, Mr Alex, and Mr Kingsly and Ms Princy for their dedicated support and many hours of service.</p> <p>The Vicar reminded members that questions and concerns need not be reserved for the AGM. In the Diocese of Singapore, members may raise concerns through the wardens. For Christ Church, the designated contacts are Mr Jose N, the Vicar's Warden, and Mr. Christopher Samuel, the People's Warden. Members are encouraged to approach the wardens with any issues, which will then be referred to the Vicar's office for appropriate attention.</p> <p>He emphasised that the AGM primarily addresses macro-level matters, while more detailed or individual concerns can be addressed outside the meeting. The Vicar encouraged members to actively participate in the life and ministry of the church rather than limiting involvement to Sunday attendance.</p>

	In conclusion, he reminded members that the PCC and pastoral team are committed to growing the church with God's guidance and encouraged the congregation to respond to God's call, living as a community of disciple-makers and surrendering themselves to Jesus Christ, the Master and Lord.
18.0	Closing Prayer: The meeting concluded at 4.15 pm with a prayer and benediction led by Asst Bishop Low Jee King.

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