

# DAAKHLATA



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### Holy Eucharist

**Hindi Service** 8:00 am  
**English Service** 10:00 am  
**Bilingual Evening Service** 6:00 pm

### Wednesday Prayer

**6:00 pm every Wednesday**  
 where we praise, worship,  
 testify and receive the word of  
 God.

### Sunday School

**Hindi Service** 8:30 am  
**English Service** 10:30 am

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.”

~ 1 Peter 2:9-10



# Pastor's Message

Welcome to Christ Church Noida!



Romans 15:7 says, "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

That's the kind of church we want to be...where we will not just greet a newcomer with a smile or a handshake, but make them feel seen, known, and loved. Because Jesus welcomed us with open arms, we want to do the same for others.

This intent was put into action and implemented by Rev Sandeep David on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2025. This comes as a welcome move for all the new visitors who are seeking information. Also, for sharing prayer requests, finding out about our fellowship activities or are just curious to know more.

The team consists of members who spend time after the Sunday morning service at the cheery welcome desk. The dedicated team includes Mrs Punam Runda, Mrs Margret Meshy, Mrs Shirley Ramsay, Mr Pushpender, Mr Lakhwinder Massih, Mr Karthik Joshua, Mrs Lydia Joshua, Mrs Vinita Caswell, Mrs Christy Franklin and Mrs Sheetal Rabindran among others. As part of this important ministry, they are taking it as an opportunity to joyfully serve, pray and also distribute tracts, the Gideon's Bible, issues of the Scroll and information about the church timings.

We pray that this ministry may bless and help every visitor to find what they seek, through the grace and love of Christ.



*Rev. Sandeep David*  
Presbyter-in-Charge



John 15:5 — “I am the vine; you are the branches.”

Daakhlata — the grapevine — is our small, living network: pages that bind us inside and tendrils that reach outward. Rooted in Christ, we draw nourishment from the Vine so that what begins in worship and prayer can extend into ordinary life. This is not an abstract ideal but a practical calling. True fruitfulness shows itself not in grand gestures but in sustained, humble service—the steady work of discipleship that reshapes neighbourhoods one quiet moment at a time.

Being a branch means dependence: we cannot produce life apart from the Vine. It also means responsibility: every word and every act either strengthens the root or starves it. This edition invites us to name and renew those habits that feed the Spirit—regular prayer, honest confession, deliberate forgiveness, and patient listening. These disciplines do not make us perfect; they make us available. They turn casual encounters into Gospel opportunities: a conversation that brings hope, a visit that eases loneliness, and a child taught to pray who carries faith into tomorrow.

Daakhlata exists to encourage both inward formation and outward reach. As you read, consider where your daily life intersects with the wider world. Where can a simple act of kindness bridge a distance? Where might prayer prepare a heart to receive the Kingdom? Our measure of success is not applause but transformation—lives made gentler, communities made more just, neighbours drawn nearer to Christ.

Let us remain joined to the Vine—humble, attentive, and expectant. May these pages spur concrete action: to serve without seeking credit, to pray without ceasing, and to bear fruit that endures. Together, rooted and reaching, we are the grapevine God uses to bring His Kingdom nearer.



*Margaret Meshy*

*From the Editor-in-Chief*

# God Looks at Your Balance Sheet- both Financial & Spiritual

~ Anand Peter

Finance management in a church is truly a God-given gift, one that calls for dedication, faith, and wise stewardship—especially in both prosperous and challenging times. Having devoted over twenty-one years to this sacred responsibility, it is humbling to reflect on how managing the church's finances is not just about numbers, but about trust in God's provision and generosity.

In times of plenty, it is easy to rejoice and see the fruits of faithful giving. The church flourishes, ministries expand, and hearts are lifted by the blessings God pours out. Yet, even then, wise management ensures that these blessings are used prudently and shared generously. The Old Testament offers timeless guidance, such as in Proverbs 3:9-10, where it is written, "Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." This reminds us that acknowledging God as the source of all abundance shapes responsible giving and stewardship.

When hardship strikes, financial stewardship within the church takes on a different, yet equally vital, role. Economic challenges or unexpected setbacks can test the patience and faith of the entire congregation. However, as Paul encourages in 2 Corinthians 8:12, "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have." This teaches us that generosity is not measured by wealth but by willingness and heart. During these times, prudent budgeting, thoughtful prioritising, and transparent communication with the congregation become essential. Each sacrificial gift, small or large, becomes the seed from which hope and renewal grow.

Looking back on these many years, the journey of managing church finances has been one of learning and grace. It is an ongoing dance between faith and responsibility, promises and practicalities. As Jesus reminds us in Luke 16:10, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much." Whether dealing with abundant resources or stretched budgets, faithfulness in stewardship continues to honour God and bless the community.

Indeed, the financial health of the church is not separate from its spiritual life—it is woven together through trust, generosity, and care. It is a blessing and a challenge, an opportunity to live out God's provision in tangible ways. May we continue to embrace this gift with joy, humility, and faithfulness, always seeking to be good stewards of what God entrusts to us.

Blessings to all, in every season!



# Women of Grace & Harmony | Celebrating Fellowship in Song & Spirit

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray...’  
Luke 11:1



## Women's Retreat — Discipleship

The Women's Fellowship held an intra-church retreat on Discipleship. Mrs. Lydia Joshua addressed practical aspects of following Jesus and leading others to do the same. Key points from the message:

- **Discipleship:** Discipleship begins with personal commitment to Christ; only then can we effectively encourage others.
- **Obey:** The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer. We were asked to examine daily choices: are we cultivating the Spirit's work or feeding the sin that remains in us? (Clarifying question posed: Whom do we feed more?)
- **Forgive:** The Lord's Prayer was presented as the model for sincere repentance and forgiveness. Emphasis was placed on the word “as” — our request for forgiveness is linked to our willingness to forgive others. Attendees were encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer with renewed sincerity and to practice forgiveness in daily relationships.

### Action points / follow-up:

- We should pray in groups for all those in need and for ourselves as well.
- Personal reflection prompts for members: examine habits that strengthen the Spirit; identify one relationship for intentional forgiveness or reconciliation.

## Date & Attendance:

- 20 July 2025
- 40+ women

## Speaker

- Mrs. Lydia Joshua



“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”  
~ Psalm 100:1–2

## Date & Attendance:

- 8 August 2025 —  
St. Thomas Church,  
New Delhi

## Participants:

- Mrs. Veena W.
- Mrs. Sheetal R.
- Mrs. Rosy T.
- Mrs. Vinita C.
- Mrs. Punam R.
- Mrs. Christy F.
- Mrs. Lydia J.
- Mrs. Lucky C.
- Mrs. Preeti J.

## WFCS at MIRIAM Diocesan Singing Competition

WFCS participated in the MIRIAM diocesan group singing competition. The fellowship was represented by nine participants and performed in the group category.

- Result: WFCS was awarded Second Prize in the group competition.
- Individual: Mrs. Lydia Joshua received Third Prize in the solo category.



# Vacation Bible School (VBS)

## “THY KINGDOM COME” (Matthew 6:10)

VBS commenced this summer as a 7-day programme teaching children through Bible stories, singing, and drama, with the final day (Day 7) dedicated to enactments. Starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, the VBS went on till the 22<sup>nd</sup>. By God's grace, the programme began with a strong turnout and smooth operations.

### Attendance & Staffing

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>Children:</b>   | 204 (from multiple churches)               |
| <b>Teachers:</b>   | 15   |
| <b>Music Team:</b> | 14 Youth Members                           |
| <b>Volunteers:</b> | 20 (From CCN and Other Churches)           |
| <b>Transport:</b>  | Buses from Somerville International School |

### Programme of the Days

- Opening prayers: Done by the seniors members of the VBS.
- Praise & Worship: Conducted by the Youth Fellowship music team; children participated enthusiastically.
- Children move to their classes.
- Refreshments: Snacks and juices distributed at 11:00 AM in their classes.
- Praise & Worship: Songs are sung enthusiastically before lunch
- Lunch: Served at 1:00 PM.
- Children are escorted to their respective buses after the lunch is over.





# Youth Fellowship & Sunday School

## Win Youth For Christ Bible Quiz Trophy

### When did it happen?

- 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Event:

- Youth for Christ Bible Quiz Competition

Our Youth Fellowship and Sunday School teams brought honor to Christ Church Noida by winning the YFC Bible Quiz Trophy this year.

- **Youth Fellowship representatives: Jason & Jaswita**
- **Sunday School representatives: Lael & Shana**

The teams displayed excellent preparation and teamwork throughout the competition, answering with clarity and confidence. Their achievement reflects not only knowledge of the Scriptures but also the dedication of our youth and children to God's Word.

Congratulations to Jason, Jaswita, Lael, and Shana on this commendable accomplishment. The church family is proud of their efforts and prays that they continue to grow in wisdom and in the knowledge of the Lord.





# Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Christ Church Noida was held on 25th May 2025 with encouraging participation from members. The meeting included reports and discussions from the different groups of the church including Pastor's report, Accounts, Women Fellowship, Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, and Senior Member Fellowship, followed by the election of new Pastoral Committee (PC) Members.

## When did it happen?

- 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Attendance:

- 86 members

## Seats available

- 3 seats for men
- 2 seats for women

## Candidates for Men's Seats:

- Mr. Madhukar Dayal
- Adv. P. P. Nayak
- Mr. Victor Franklin

## Candidates for Women's Seats:

- Mrs. Lydia Joshua
- Mrs. Sheetal Rabindran
- Mrs. Preeti Joseph

# Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Mrs. Preeti Joseph

Mrs. Sheetal Rabindran

Mr. Madhukar Dayal

Adv. P. P. Nayak

Mr. Victor Franklin



# Confirmation Sunday

## When did it happen?

- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Attendance:

- 11 members who got confirmed.
- The congregation

On Sunday, Christ Church Noida gathered in joy and reverence as eleven young members of our congregation were confirmed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Delhi, Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swaroop. It was a sacred milestone for the candidates and a moment of reflection for the entire church family. In his sermon, Bishop Paul spoke on the theme "A New Heart, A New Start." Drawing from Ezekiel 36:26-28, he reminded us that Confirmation is far more than a ritual. It is God's promise of transformation—replacing a heart of stone with a heart of flesh, and filling believers with His Spirit to live renewed lives.

The Bishop emphasized three truths: a new heart and spirit that come from Christ, the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit who guides and strengthens us, and a new relationship with God that makes us His own people. With hands laid in prayer and blessing, each candidate affirmed their decision to follow Christ faithfully.

For the congregation, the service was not only about the candidates' step of faith, but also a call to remember our own journey of renewal. Confirmation Sunday became a reminder that we are all invited daily to live as God's transformed people—rooted in Christ, strengthened by His Spirit, and bearing witness to His Kingdom.



## Candidates Confirmed

Hannah Joseph  
Himashu Aggarwal  
Rekha Devi  
Shanna Joseph  
Tannu Kumari  
Shubham Kumar  
Surbhi Kumari  
Shalini Toppo  
Jaden Sareen  
Liyana Sareen  
Pinki Kumari



# Birthdays in September

|                           |        |  |                             |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--|-----------------------------|--------|
| Mr. Shibu K. George       | 01-Sep |  | Baby. Vanya Thapliyal       | 16-Sep |
| Mrs. M. Chitra John       | 01-Sep |  | Mrs. Ruby Anuradha Patro    | 17-Sep |
| Mrs. Sheba Mall           | 01-Sep |  | Mrs. Ruby Sadiq             | 17-Sep |
| Rev. Sandeep David        | 02-Sep |  | Mr. Rahul Dean              | 18-Sep |
| Mr. Nipun Topno           | 3-Sep  |  | Dr. Ms. Chitralekha Massey  | 18-Sep |
| Mr. Ashok Kumar           | 4-Sep  |  | Mrs. Shivani Gill           | 19-Sep |
| Mrs. Shalini Michael      | 4-Sep  |  | Mrs. S.N.J. Peter           | 19-Sep |
| Mr. Jitendra Kumar        | 5-Sep  |  | Rear Adml. Sushil Ramsay    | 19-Sep |
| Mrs. Martha Anand         | 7-Sep  |  | Mr. Gaurav Vij Chauhan      | 19-Sep |
| Mr. Brijesh Kumar         | 7-Sep  |  | Mr. Richard S.V. Muthumani  | 20-Sep |
| Baby. Naira Kumar         | 8-Sep  |  | Mr. Ashish Masih            | 21-Sep |
| Baby. Angel Petes         | 8-Sep  |  | Mr. Johan Topno             | 21-Sep |
| Master C. Shawn Robinson  | 8-Sep  |  | Ms. Golda Malhotra          | 22-Sep |
| Baby. Ananya Kumar        | 9-Sep  |  | Ms. Nikkita Patro           | 22-Sep |
| Mr. Vivek Kumar           | 9-Sep  |  | Mr. Anupam Dan              | 23-Sep |
| Mr. Vineet Anand          | 10-Sep |  | Mr. Ashmit Dyes             | 23-Sep |
| Mr. Kevin Franklin        | 10-Sep |  | Mr. Devesh Gupta            | 23-Sep |
| Mr. Jaswant Kumar Higgins | 10-Sep |  | Mr. Anuj Nelson Franklin    | 24-Sep |
| Mr. Felix N. John         | 11-Sep |  | Mrs. Anita Wilson           | 24-Sep |
| Mr. Rehand Rounak Kachhap | 11-Sep |  | Mrs. Millicent Mukha        | 25-Sep |
| Baby. Adrian Zayn Kumar   | 12-Sep |  | Ms. Rebecca Abigail Ryder   | 25-Sep |
| Mr. Divyansh Lahiri       | 12-Sep |  | Mr. Pullock Daffader        | 26-Sep |
| Mrs. Kajal Petes          | 12-Sep |  | Mr. Ashishikt Edward Peters | 26-Sep |
| Mr. Charles Thomas        | 13-Sep |  | Mr. Ronald Das              | 27-Sep |
| Miss. Astha MacCune       | 14-Sep |  | Col. John Michael           | 27-Sep |
| Mr. Jacob Pete            | 14-Sep |  | Mrs. Minhael Johanna Frank  | 28-Sep |
| Mrs. Sunita Toppo         | 14-Sep |  | Ms. Ayana Zoe Kumar         | 28-Sep |
| Mrs. Joya Abraham         | 15-Sep |  | Mr. Rahul Peters            | 28-Sep |
| Mrs. Richa Daniel         | 15-Sep |  | Mrs. Veena Wesley           | 29-Sep |
| Ms. Hannah Joseph Emmanu  | 15-Sep |  | Mrs. Sonia Stephen          | 30-Sep |
| Mr. Abhishikt Massey      | 16-Sep |  |                             |        |

# Anniversaries in September

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Mrs. &amp; Mr. Samson John</b>    | <b>7-Sep</b>  |
| <b>Mrs. &amp; Mr. Rahul Petes</b>    | <b>9-Sep</b>  |
| <b>Mrs. &amp; Mr. Nelson Solomon</b> | <b>21-Sep</b> |
| <b>Mrs. &amp; Mr. Karthik Joshua</b> | <b>25-Sep</b> |



# Upcoming Activities

| Date         | Event                                 | Details   |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Aug 23, 2025 | Diocesan Churches – Youth Mahasangati | Hosted by Youth Fellowship, Christ Church Noida. 23 churches registered; ~275 youth members expected. |
| Aug 31, 2025 | One Point AGM                         | One point discussions with congregation members.  |
| Aug 31, 2025 | Youth Sunday                          | Special service led by Youth Fellowship.  |
| Dec 7, 2025  | Christ Church Noida Garden Fete       | Annual church fete; a day of fellowship, food, music, and community gathering.                        |

## Members who need our Prayers

Mrs. Rajni Shibu  
 Col. Thapliyal  
 Mrs. Bhawna Singh  
 Mrs. Chermilin Hitter  
 Mr. S. S. Lal  
 Mrs. Kanak Peters  
 Mrs. Sushila Ramchandran  
 Mrs. Usha Dyes & Mr.  
 Samson Gill  
 Mrs. Martha Rai

Mr. Frank Agarwal  
 Mrs. Kainaz Cowasjee  
 Baby Rinaya  
 Mrs. Shalini Michael  
 Mrs. Mercy Raja  
 Mrs. Riya Daniel  
 Mr. Sewak  
 Mrs. Indu George & Rev.  
 Dn. Rajesh Konai  
 Mstr. Aarush Barnett

“You brought a vine out of Egypt... planted it... and it took deep root... the vine which your right hand  
 planted... the branch that you strengthen for yourself.”  
 ~ Psalm 80:8,16



Rev. Sandeep David

**Presbyter-in-charge**



Mr. Victor Franklin

**Church Secretary**



Mr. Anand Peter

**Treasurer**



Mrs. Christy Franklin

**Church Administrator**