



CHRISTWAYCHURCH



## LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

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Dear my sheep,

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. *(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 )*

As I write to you, to present the Annual Report for Christway Church Basildon for this past 2021-22 Fiscal Year, I once again marvel at the generosity of God and the blessings he has bestowed upon our parish.

As the church new year dawns upon us, let us be assured of God's continued presence in our lives, amidst all the challenges facing us at this time: War in Ukraine, high cost of living, continued presence of the COVID virus, Strep A, Monkey pox, Global warming, Political upheavals, to mention only a few.

First, and most important, we who follow Jesus Christ in faith should be joyful in the knowledge of our salvation. We should be joyful in the confident hope we have that one day our Savior will make all things new, that He will one day restore and renew this sin-broken earth, redeeming it from the curse that we, in our rebellion against God, brought upon what He made good. We should rejoice in our own redemption through the blood of Christ, shed on that cross at Calvary, and in the hope of resurrection that we have through His own resurrection on the third day.

I rejoice, and I hope you do, too, in a new sense of unity within our church. As we have worked together to overcome the obstacles of 2022, I have sensed a spirit of unity and love within Christway Church that I have never seen here before.

We saw new faces at the Sunday services; we saw new faces at the Cottage meeting prayer services; we have seen new faces on our livestream services; and we are seeing new faces as we have taken our services on to the streets. We indeed are a new creation! And there is more to come!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who have been faithful in serving God and his church through the year that is past, in whatever office or capacity of the church's life, we have served. God values your commitment to his church and honours your service to him.



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I close, we are in the season of drastic climate change. Let us then take all the necessary precautions to protect against life and property and continually seek the favor of God upon us and all people everywhere.

And most important, I challenge you to extend Christway; from the pulpit to the Hospital rooms, from wedding altars to funeral home, from the capitol to our prisons, from the carpets to the streets, we are called to serve Jesus Christ in every area of life.

This annual report reflects this past fiscal year's efforts, activities, initiatives and many more, together with the financial report for our Church, but again, it can only describe a fraction of the wonderful work God does through you at Christway.

I am so glad to be your pastor, and I look forward to serve Jesus Christ during 2023.

Yours in our Master's Service

Pastor Jain Thomas