



ST. PAULS CSI CONGREGATION CHOIR
AHMADI – KUWAIT

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



It is with gratitude and pleasure I present our annual report on the choir activities for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Choir being an integral part of CSI worships, last year too, we were able to grace the church services with our music ministry.

St. Paul's Anglican Congregation invited our Choir to join them on 19th May 2023 for the Farewell service for Archbishop Rev. Micheal Lewis, Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and Middle East and Bishop in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Along with the Anglican choir, our choir also willingly joined their service and had a blessed time.

1st September 2023 was observed as Choir Day. Choir members shared the responsibilities of the church service. Word of God for the day was shared by St. Peter's CSI congregation member Mrs. Jisha Aju John. The re-dedication of all choir members was held during the service.

The most awaited event for the choristers is Christmas Carols Eve. All the choristers cheer up and come together in fellowship for the Christmas Carol practice sessions. We started our Christmas Carol 2023 practice sessions on 02nd September 2023, with a pattern following Wednesdays with Male voice practice & Saturdays full choir practice sessions. Though it's a challenge to keep the choir members high on involvement and participation, appreciate Mr. Giby Sanjeevi George who has been fully committed and dedicated to his service. The complete carol song selection and training was done by Mr. Giby Sanjeevi George.

Church celebrated Onam-2023 on 22nd September 2023 at Kala Auditorium. Choir members active participation with solo/ duet performances were appreciable. A medley was performed by the choir.

A new addition as an organist to the choir family. During the Church service on 24th November 2023, Master Moses Johnson was dedicated as choir organist. Choir wishes Master Moses all the best to utilize his talent for God's glory.

A chain prayer within the choir family was planned from 6:30AM to 6:30PM on 9th December 2023 and all the choristers including kids had been part of the chain prayer. The practice sessions for Christmas carol-2023 titled '*For Unto Us A Child Is Born*' concluded on 10th December 2023 at parsonage.

All the choristers had put their time & effort to get trained for the Carol Service. We appreciate each chorister who contributed in providing refreshments for the practice sessions and supported for the transportation as well.

Much awaited day for the choristers, Christmas Carol 2023- '*For Unto Us A Child Is Born*' was successfully held on 12th December 2023 @ 7:00 PM in St. Paul's CSI church Ahmadi. The message for the eve was delivered by Rev. N.M. James, vicar of St. Thomas Evangelical Church. Our vicar, Rev. Binoy P Chacko led the carol service. Mrs. Suzanne Cherian well supported the choir with her compering skills. With the senior choir, the Sunday school choir performed 2 beautiful Christmas carols, as well.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Jolly Joseph, Mr. Jomon Mathew and Mr. Abhilash George for the coordination and involvement.

In the month of December 2023, we got invitation to partake in two more carol events. On 29th December 2023 at 6 PM, KECF Christmas Carol Event which was held at NECK, our choir sang '*Vinnil minnidum tharagangalum*'. On the same day, GCC Online Carol Service THE HOPE OF CHRISTMAS ESPERANZA-2023 along with other CSI choirs from Middle East was telecasted. The song '*The Coming Of The Lord*' recorded on Carol event was extracted and streamed live on 29th December 2023.

Confirmation Service was held in our church on 2nd February 2024, the below choristers were confirmed during the ceremony.

- Alfin Lijo Abraham
- Faith Ida Dolton
- Joe Kurien
- Lavinta Rona
- Milan Iype Joji

We extend our prayers and wishes to all the mentioned children.

Choir get together is normally scheduled after Christmas Carols in the month of December/January. Considering students' Board exams & a few members on vacation, this time too it got delayed. Hence, choir get together for the year 2023 was held on

13th April 2024 from 6:30 PM at Memories Hall, Mangaf. We had a very dynamic choir get together. The eve was filled with fun, games & music, entirely organized and well executed by the choir master Mr. Giby Sanjeevi George. Supper was served to all.

As a team, as a family, we are grateful for all the support we receive from the church committee, choir members and the congregation. Special mention to Mr. Jerry George and Mr. Sharon Philip Baklin for their support.

Aiming to evolve as a better music ministry, the choir master does not restrict the practice sessions to Christmas Carols. In view to meet a target of learning new Hymns & Lyrics, the choir continues with the practice sessions on a regular mode. We look forward to a time, where we can regularly and whole heartedly proceed with our choir rehearsals and lift our voices together to praise His Glory. Thank you.

Submitted By,

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Approved By,

Rev. Binoy P Joseph
President