

KCS announces the annual theme for 2021 “2021 - The year of the youth”

From the desk of KCS President

Dear Friends,

As we turn the page of 2020, it is a pleasure to welcome the new year, the 25th year of our operation as an organisation. Our happiness is enhanced as we see light at the end of an unhappy period when normal life was rendered difficult with covid lockdowns and the resultant paranoia created by the worldwide disruption of normal activities. It is a matter of regret that we could not convene any meetings almost for a year. All of us, personally as well as families, were adversely affected in one way or other. Hopefully, the new year will be a happy one with sign of a vaccine appearing on the horizon.

The empowered committee report which is a humble attempt to revive our activities is already in your hands. Your support as suggestions is earnestly awaited by the 7th of January 2021. Thereafter an Extraordinary General Meeting must be convened to approve the recommendations of the committee. We expect a full quorum of members to be present for this important meeting as the recommendations aim at substantial changes to the structure of our organisation. The calendar of programmes from April 1, 2021 will be based on the approved changes.

Our team is working on a website. We will also look for having the revised KCS directory on the web.

It is a matter of gratification and encouragement that KCS News was welcomed by many members. We plan to forward the monthly newsletter to the NRI children to give them some ideas how their parents are active in KCS and encourage them to join as KCS members abroad. Thanks are due to those who responded with their encouraging words. Some of the comments we received, are shared in this newsletter.



The members of GC and I wish all KCS families a healthy, peaceful, and happy New Year

E C Thomas

KCS VISION STATEMENT

KCS shall evolve into a premier organisation

1. By instilling a sense of pride in being associated with it and thereby motivating the young and the old of the Kerala Catholic families to join the society wholeheartedly.
2. By creating an image in the city of Chennai and elsewhere by initiating special projects for the community, working in tandem with similar organisations, if necessary.
3. By utilising the inherent talents and strengths of all its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship.
4. By creating an atmosphere for constant, innovative, and timely improvements in the organisation and its structure.

From the desk of KCS Secretary

Dear Friends,

GC members expressed the view that the decisions of the GC should be circulated to all for transparency. GC considered the suggestion in the meeting of 5th December, 2020 and it was decided to include a summary of GC deliberations in the newsletter.

Summary of GC discussions

The pace of collection of subscriptions was discussed. It was pointed out that only 67 members paid the subscriptions as on date. President was asked to write explaining the dire financial situation of KCS to members, particularly about the high demand notice for water and sewage taxes. KCS has paid under protest Rs.97,440/- as property tax for the period up to March 2021, retrospectively charged from 2011 as demanded by the Govt. authorities under threat of sealing KCS house. Water & Sewage tax of 76,114 is pending to be paid.

Report of the team who visited Elavur property was presented. We receive several enquiries. Office Manager was asked to visit the property with prospective agents and buyers.

President informed that the recommendations of Empowered Committee were already circulated to the members. On getting their response by 7th January, 2021, EGM notice will be sent with 21 days' notice.

It was decided all statutory payments must be paid promptly as also filing of society registration and income tax returns before due dates to avoid litigation from regulatory and revenue authorities.

Received only 18 applications for the scholarship/ medical assistance this year. Since this is within the total allowed limit, it is decided to give Scholarship to all the applicants.

KCS Secretary will seek a meeting with the Auditor to ensure statutory requirements with various Govt offices viz: remittance of payments / Filing of Returns / Submission of reply to queries/duration of keeping of records etc.

Month wise checklist of events (yearly calendar) is to be prepared with details of KCS programs to help members for better planning of their personal planning and schedules. It was also decided that a user friendly KCS Web site would be installed including the revised KCS directory.

M S Abraham



Thank you, Mr. President for the newsletter. Yes, it is a good to revive a good practice. Communication among members has come to rock bottom.

- PC Joseph

Very nice! Also, nice to see that the Vice President and Treasurer are young people.

- Rajesh Thomas, NRI, US

Congratulations on a very refreshing newsletter, keep up the good work.

- Kurien Manavalan

Good to see the new newsletter, the last one was discontinued in 2016.

- Paul Panangat

Congrats on bringing out the newsletter in electronic form despite covid challenges.

- George Samuel

KCS Elavur Project - Site visit on 29/11/2020

Augustine checking our KCS site and its fencing ...



Several enquiries are received about the Elavur land from brokers, NGOs, and friends. Vice President Oommen Abraham, Treasurer Alfred Michael and Office Manager, Augustine Joseph visited the property and made an exhaustive report that throws some light on market conditions of the land. We are actively engaged in the sale of the property along with the KCS member owners who agreed to sell their parcel of the land. Please see the photos of the visit by our team.



Road side view, there is a tar road available, property is fenced and KCS name is there on the poles.

Around 500 meters away from KCS property towards Sunnambu Kulam, this board is there.



“2021 The year of the youth”**An interview with Cicily Itty w/of Itty George KCF 227****1) Congratulations to you for the latest Christmas album. Could you please tell more about the album?**

This beautiful Christmas album was by music director Shibu Wilfred. He contacted me for this devotional song “Rareeram Raarooo”. He sang the tune and it really impressed me. It was a beautiful melody and lyrics was also very good. After I sang the song, I could feel a connect and felt it was one of my best. Some songs we just sing and leave it but this just stayed in me. All praise to Jesus for this opportunity.

2) What is your Passion and Ambition in life?

Music was always my passion, but didn’t think I will become a professional singer one day. As a child my parents encouraged me to take classes in carnatic music, which helped me to develop a strong base in my singing career.

I was not very ambitious from childhood so professional singing was never an option. My focus was always on academics and learning music.

I was a regular member in church choirs. I enjoyed choir singing and that was my world. I was regularly singing in” Lourde Church, Kottayam”.

Even after marriage and coming to Chennai, I had the opportunity to sing in church choir. Initially I was worried because of language problem. But my Parish Priest **Fr. Lawrence** (St.Teresa Church) was very supportive and told me that **music has no language**. Anyone who listens to good music will enjoy it irrespective of language and Praise the Lord. So for the past 10 years I am singing a Malayalam song for the 12 noon Sunday Mass.

My other passion is my online boutique “Lily Buds”. We cater to baby dresses and now into ladies wear also.

3) Can you tell about your Career journey and fond memories?

It was our family friend, producer Siyad Koker who gave me a break into films. He often make me sing and once when Music Director Vidyasagar came visiting, I sang his compositions. Years passed by and I had recorded a few devotional songs by then.



While doing my graduation I got a call from Vidyasagar's studio in Chennai for a voice test. I was surprised that Vidyasagar remembered me. Thus I debuted under him, in Tamil (‘Ponniyin Selvan’), Malayalam (‘Alice in Wonderland’) and Telugu.

Kattadithanalum...! (‘Classmates’) is definitely one of my most favourite. ‘Chirakarna Mounam’ (‘Calendar’), which I sang with Yesudas sir [K.J. Yesudas], is special since he himself considers it one of his favourite songs. What is interesting is that I had a duet (‘Punarum Puthu Manam’) with his son Vijay in the same movie

4) Can you share your association with KCS and some memorable moments?

My in-laws family is settled in Chennai and so it was my father-in-law (Late.Mr. Sojan) who introduced me to KCS. He always used to say it’s our own family. Whatever the situation is, KCS family is always there.

It’s nice to meet people and share our bond. We can renew our friendship, share our love and have get-togethers.

I have lot of wonderful moments with KCS.I have sung for our association functions and meetings. As part of our ladies wing, I have also participated in exhibitions and sales.

5) What would be your advice or suggestions to KCS to energise young talents and make them more active?

We are all doing well that's what I feel. Just that I think we need to meet up more frequently and exhibit our talents. Youth activities are less and so someone should take up initiative and bring together all our youth members in our club. There should be more activities and involvement among the youth

6) KCS is planning to announce the year 2021 as "the KCS year of the youth". You being active in church choirs and youth activities, your advice to KCS youth and how do you think that you can contribute to KCS family?

This is a good initiative. We should always be involved in something. If there is a long break after each functions or meetings, we get scattered. So frequent meet ups are required to keep our bond strong. Once the connections goes off its difficult to get back.

First of all we should take the effort to initiate and bring all youngsters together to keep them active and engaged. We should plan activities on a constant basis.

I can give my support and help whenever required. It will be my pleasure to be part of our youth group.

7) What do you do for Christmas and New Year?

It depends, sometimes in Chennai or Kerala. As we are a big family and lots of cousins are there, some or the other functions come up. There is never a compromise for any celebrations.

If I am in Chennai I would love to relish on my amma's food (Mrs. Mercy George). Amma is the best cook in the world. She makes such delicious food and that's the main attraction during our celebrations. We go to Church, meet up with friends and relatives and have a great time

Mino Alfred w/o Alfred Michael KCF No.244 on behalf of KCS congratulated Cicily for her new Christmas devotional song "Rareeram Raarooo" with music director Shibu Wilfred. Mino had an interesting chat with this highly talented, soft-spoken playback singer Cicily Itty. Cicily has more than 2000 songs to her credit which includes devotional, cinema and non-film numbers. The above interview was conducted by Mino Alfred.



Cicily with Itty George KCF 227

8) Brief background of Cicily family, occupation, qualifications, parents and in-laws names, husband name and occupation.

Born and brought up in Kerala. My parents are K.K Abraham (Kadamapuzha family) and Marina Abraham (Pallickaparambil). I have a younger brother Antony, currently working in Pune.

I completed my B.Com from B.C.M College, Kottayam.

I am happily married to Itty George son of Late Sojan (Kezhakethalackal) and Mercy George (Kadicheeni). All blessings from Jesus that I have a very supportive family who stands by me and encourages everything I do

Click here to listen to her latest song
<https://youtu.be/zECIRA9Qby4>

Mino Alfred
KCF 244



Congratulations to you, Cicily! May God bless you
Thanks to Cicily and Mino for your wonderful sharing.



KCS Scholarship is given every year towards medical assistance and education purposes.

This year on Christmas eve (24/12/2020) Medical Assistance was given to two candidates @ Rs.6000/- each and Scholarship cheque was given to 17 students @ Rs. 3000/- each totalling Rs. 63,000/-. Out of this Rs.38,000/- was paid from KCS fund and the balance Rs. 25,000/- was sponsored by KCS members. Thanks to all the sponsors - Zacharia George, Mini Jose, CD Jose, Terry Thomas, Mary NL, Dr. Joy Thomas, Jose Thomas, EC Thomas, Malcom Joseph, Sheen Sunny, Joshy Joseph, Augustine Joseph, Alfred Michael, Binny Lawrence



January Born KCS members

- 1- Delphina Franco
- 3- Aniritta George
- 3- Bindu Sheen
- 3- Ranjith Dominic
- 4- Abraham Vadakkal
- 5- V Joseph George
- 6- Rachael Michael
- 6- Joy M Thomas
- 7- Solly Soy
- 7- Siby Joseph
- 7- Asha Jose
- 14- MJ Joseph
- 18- PT Mathai
- 18- Johnson Pattery
- 20- Vinod Alex Kadavan
- 20- O.Varghese
- 22- Deena George
- 26- Tresa Jose
- 27- Kurien Manavalan
- 30- Paul Panangat
- 31- Shini George

January - Wedding anniversaries

Best wishes to all the couples celebrating wedding anniversary in January

- 7- Regi Mathew & Suby Regi
- 8- Tommy John & Silvi
- 9- Franco Louis & Delphina
- 9- Paul Sebastian & Geetha Paul
- 9- Itty George & Cicily
- 10- Paul Panangat & Alphonsa
- 12- Joseph Iittiachen & Deepa Joseph
- 16- Alappat Kurian Joseph & Rekha Kurian
- 16- C. Franco Louis & Tresa Louis
- 21- Ronnie Jacob & Amala George
- 22- Saju Chacko & Susha Saju
- 25- SJ Michael & Rachael
- 25- S. Alfred Michael & Mino
- 30- Regy Thomas & Marie Teresa

