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WARMTH & THANKSGIVING



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WELCOME BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Welcome to the November 2026 edition of CCM Highlights. This issue invites us to pause and reflect on two deeply intertwined themes: **faithfulness** over time and **warmth** around the table.

We celebrate with thanksgiving the **Golden Jubilee of the Tamil Annual Conference (TAC)** (1976–2026). Fifty years ago, a small group knelt in prayer on the shores of Port Dickson, entrusting an uncertain future into God's hands. Today, we stand alongside them in gratitude, declaring with Samuel, **"Thus far the LORD has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12)** as we honour generations of faithful servants who have carried the Gospel forward across Malaysia.

Within our own CCM Ecumenical Centre, we also shine a spotlight on **Cafe Madeleine PJ** and its founder, Alina Hew. Her story reminds us that simple, honest hospitality such as sharing a meal or a cup of coffee, can become a quiet sanctuary where weary hearts find rest, warmth, and meaningful connection.

Finally, as we look ahead to the Advent season, CCM warmly invites you and your families to join us on 6 December 2026 for **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,** presented by Cantus Musicus, as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ-child.

In His Service As Always,

Rev. Philip Lok
Council of Churches of Malaysia

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SPOTLIGHT



IN HER WORDS: CAFE MADELEINE PJ

In this edition of CCM Highlights, we speak with Alina Hew, founder of Cafe Madeleine at the CCM Ecumenical Centre, about hospitality, comfort food, and creating meaningful connections around the table.

Every great cafe starts with a feeling or a memory. What is the story behind the name 'Madeleine', and what first sparked your love for food and hospitality?

The name "**Madeleine**" was chosen because it carries a sense of warmth, elegance, and timeless charm. Much like the classic French madeleine cake, it is a small buttery cake with no icing and yet delicious and comforting to eat.

I wanted a name that felt personal rather than commercial, something that people could connect with and remember. Serving no “frills” cuisine yet delicious.

Hospitality, to me, has never been just about serving food and drinks. It's about making people feel seen, welcomed, and cared for. Whether it's a regular customer who stops by every morning or someone visiting for the first time, the goal is always the same: to create an experience that leaves them feeling a little happier when they walk out than when they walked in.

If you had to describe the personality of Cafe Madeleine in three ingredients, what would they be?

Madeleine is a blend of Warmth, Heart, and Craftsmanship, served with the belief that the best moments in life happen around good food and meaningful connections.

Warmth

The feeling that everyone is welcome. Like the first sip of a perfectly made coffee, Madeleine should feel comforting, familiar, and genuine.

Heart

Not just passion for food and coffee, but care for people, community, and the little details that make guests feel valued. This is what turns customers into regulars and regulars into friends.

Craftsmanship

A commitment to doing simple things exceptionally well. From the quality of the coffee and food to the service and atmosphere, every detail is intentional.

SPOTLIGHT

ABOUT ALINA HEW

FOUNDER, CAFE MADELEINE PJ

After a decade in the IT industry, Alina Hew embarked on a prestigious classic cycle programme offered by Le Cordon Bleu and spent a year in earning her blue ribbon in Bangkok.

She went on to serve as brand ambassador for Bosch Home Appliances, teaching baking at their Kuala Lumpur showroom.

Alina founded Madeleine Patisserie and now operates Cafe Madeleine and Cake Crisis Central. Her passion-made cakes have graced the tables of many, at weddings, birthday parties and corporate events.



Chicken Bravo and Chocolate Royale

What has been the most unexpectedly joyful moment or the funniest learning curve you've experienced since starting your business journey?

In the beginning, I thought running a café was mostly about great food and great coffee.

It turns out it's also about plumbing, air conditioners, delivery delays, staffing schedules, inventory counts, leaky taps, faulty refrigerators, and solving ten unexpected problems before breakfast.

The greatest joy has been watching strangers become regulars and regulars become friends. The funniest part has been realizing that running a café is only about 20% coffee and 80% learning how to solve problems you never knew existed.

For someone stepping into Cafe Madeleine for the very first time, what is the absolute 'must-try' signature pastry or dish that defines who you are?

If it's your first time at Madeleine, you must try our Signature Chicken Bravo and save room for a slice of our award-winning Chocolate Royale.

-The Chicken Bravo is probably the best reflection of who we are as a café. It's a whole grilled chicken leg marinated with Cajun spices and our own blend of 12 herbs and spices, then roasted and grilled in a combi oven. This allows us to achieve great flavour while using less oil, making it a healthier choice without compromising taste.

To finish, we always recommend our award-winning Chocolate Royale. Rich, indulgent, and beautifully balanced, it's the cake that has converted countless first-time guests into regular customers.

What kind of environment or 'feeling' are you hoping people carry away with them when they step out of Madeleine?

Life can be busy, stressful, and overwhelming at times. We can't solve all of life's problems, but for an hour, we can offer a space where people can slow down, enjoy a good meal, share a conversation, or simply have a quiet moment to themselves. If our guests leave feeling cared for, connected, and comforted, then we've done our job. ☺

THE TAC GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION 1976–2026

FROM KNEELING IN PRAYER TO STANDING IN THANKSGIVING



TAC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Imagine kneeling in prayer, not knowing what tomorrow holds, but trusting the One who holds tomorrow. That was how part of the journey of the Tamil Annual Conference (TAC) began.

In 1968, approximately fifty Tamil Methodist delegates gathered at Port Dickson beach, not for a grand celebration but with a burden for the future of Tamil Methodist work. Together, they knelt in prayer, placing their uncertain future in God's hands. Eight years later, on 2 December 1976, TAC was officially formed.

Fifty years have passed since that humble beginning.

But what does this Golden Jubilee represent? Simply fifty years of existence? The growth of churches? The milestones achieved? Certainly, those are worth remembering. Yet behind every milestone lies something greater: God's faithfulness.

TAC's journey has never been without challenges. From limited resources, a shortage of pastors to many uncertainties. Yet God continued to provide, guide and raise people to serve Him. Through countless prayers, sacrifices and acts of service, His work continued across generations. TAC's history is not merely a record of human achievements, but a testimony of what God has done through His people.

On Saturday, 31st October 2026, approximately 1,200 people gathered at Wyndham Acmar Klang for the TAC Golden Jubilee Celebration.

The day began with a Thanksgiving Service, followed by a celebration dinner. Worship, prayer and a sermon by Bishop Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar set the tone for the occasion. District processions and presentations brought together different parts of the Conference, while the historical video titled "Our Journey" reminded those present of the journey behind them.

Choir performances and the presentation of souvenirs added to the celebration. The evening concluded with the congregation singing the hymn, "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done."



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TAMIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- **Leadership: The TAC is led by its President, Rev. Dr Dennis Raj.**
- **Headquarters: Wisma TAC, 1, Jalan 5/39, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.**
- **Core Mission: Spreading the Gospel, Establishing churches, Organizing Community and Benevolence Ministries across Malaysia.**



TAC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The gathering united generations, churches and districts, reminding everyone that without God's guidance and provision, TAC's journey would not have been possible.

The Golden Jubilee also served as a reminder that the story of TAC is not written by any one generation. It is a story God has been writing through generations of faithful servants. Those who came before prayed, sacrificed and persevered. Today, the responsibility to continue His work rests with the present generation.

Fifty years have passed, but the story is not over. As TAC looks Beyond 50, may we never forget the One who brought us this far. May future generations also look back and declare:



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"Thus far the LORD has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12)



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To God Alone Be The Glory!

Article by : Bro. Alfred Samuel Augustine

HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING



AT A GLANCE

Date: 6 December 2026 (Sunday)

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: CCM

Multipurpose Hall (Level 3), 26, Jalan Prof. Diraja Ungku Aziz (Jalan Universiti), Petaling Jaya

Admission: Free

We are delighted to have #CantusMusicus at CCM for a beautiful evening of music and reflection this Advent season!

Come celebrate the birth of the Christ-child with us as they present **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.** Accompanied by The String Ensemble and YS Tang on the lute, it promises to be a wonderful evening of traditional carols and moving readings.

Bring your family and friends along to share in the joy of the season. We look forward to welcoming you all!



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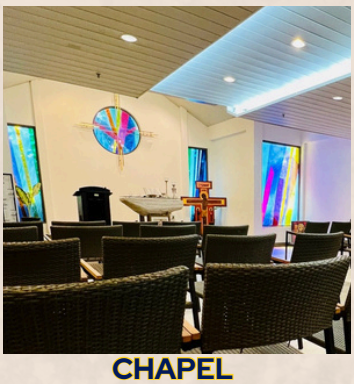
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PUBLIC PARKING



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Our facilities are made available to all.

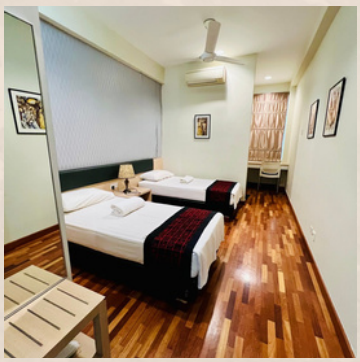
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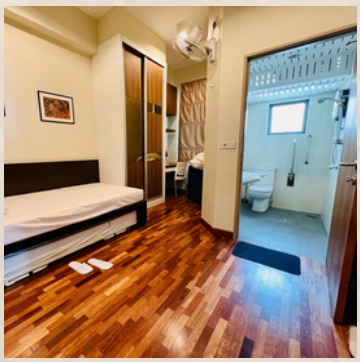
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