



CELEBRATING  
70 YEARS  
OF GOD'S  
GOODNESS  
AND BEYOND

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

AND NOW  
THESE THREE REMAIN:  
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.  
BUT THE GREATEST OF  
THESE IS LOVE.  
1 COR 13:13



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: we beseech You, leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**31 Jul 2022**

**7th Sunday after Trinity**

**8am and 10:30am**

**Preacher:**

Revd Stephen Lim

**Sermon:**

"Be Fathers in The Faith"

**Bible Reading**

1 Cor 4; Luke 12:13-21

## UPCOMING

**6 Aug  
(Sat)  
9-11am**

**70th Anniversary Prayer Walk**  
Meet: COA  
Prayer Route: Potong Pasir,  
Bidadari

**7 Aug  
(Sun)  
8am &  
10:30am**

**Trinity 8**  
Be Rid Of The Yeast  
1 Cor 5; Mt 18:7-20  
Ps Barnabas Sim

**11 Aug  
(Thur)  
9:45am -  
11:30am**

**Comlink**  
"What's A Cooking" -  
Teochew Kueh  
LKC Hall, COA

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE 31 JULY '22

Dear COA Family,

How would you prepare for a war as a general? Chances are you would want to have a larger and more equipped army than your enemy so that you would have a greater chance of success.

This was exactly what happened with the Russian-Ukraine war. According to the Global Firepower Index, Russia has the second most powerful military in the world.<sup>1</sup> With its overwhelming superiority, it invaded Ukraine on 24 February 2022 expecting a swift victory within a few weeks. However, things did not pan out as it had hoped. The war has dragged on for months with neither side looking likely to emerge victorious.

Yet this quest for military superiority, which is common-sense to the world, is not how God works or thinks.

In Judges 7, God made an astounding statement to Gideon, who was a rookie general leading the Israelites into a war for freedom against a far superior military power. He said, *"You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.'"* (Judges 7:2)

So, the Lord commanded the Israelites to "volunteer" for the war by allowing those who were afraid of fighting to return home. Twenty-two thousand troops (or close to 70% of army) deserted the army immediately.

Yet the Lord was not done. He directed the men to go to the nearby river to drink. Those who lapped at the water, instead of cupping the water with their hands and drinking from them, were chosen to fight.

Now think with me, who in their right mind drinks water by lapping with their tongues? Only dogs (or animals) do that. And therefore, only people who are not smart will drink water in this manner!

And these were precisely the people whom God has chosen – all 300 of them. The vast majority had drunk water like normal people, cupping the water in their hands to drink. In the end, God brought about an overwhelming victory for the Israelites through these 300 men.

This biblical account tells us that God is our ultimate deliverer, whether through many or few. In fact, it is his practice to deliver through less in order to show his power and might. He fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish. He established his kingdom through 12 unremarkable men. He can do the same through you and me.

May we all continue to put our trust not in our own intelligence or strength but in the greatness and wisdom of God working through us!

Revd Ian

<sup>1</sup><https://www.globalfirepower.com/countries-listing.php>



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

We warmly welcome you to worship with us at our Sunday Services.

The Church Office is open daily from Tuesday to Saturday (9am to 5.30pm), except for public holidays. Office Phone: 62833988  
Emergency contact: 81002203

Sunday Service	Time	Venue
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	2:00pm	Sanctuary (Level 2)

### NEW TO COA?

Whether you have joined our service today, onsite or online, or found us on the web, we are glad you have! Do let us know if you would like more information or prayer, or to just give us some feedback. Please contact us at [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

## COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

Our Sunday School Ministry has resumed on-site classes. The classes will be held from 10.30am to 11.30am. The children will be dismissed after 10.30am English Service has ended.

Enquiries: [Revd Hambali Leonardi](#)



## ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY

### INTERNET BANKING (BANK TRANSFER)

Account Name: Church of The Ascension  
Bank Name: OCBC  
Account Number: 511010332001  
Reference: Tithing number (if any), and any other description e.g. month of contribution etc.

### PAYNOW VIA UEN

Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account  
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



## OFFICE CLOSED 10 AUG 2022

The church office will be closed on 10 Aug 2022 in lieu of Hari Raya Haji public holiday on Monday (11 July 2022).

## LOVESINGAPORE 40.DAY PRAYER GUIDE

2022 marks the 26th year of LoveSingapore's 40.Day prayer. To Live is Christ is our theme and we will embark on this journey through the Book of Philipians.

Website: <https://lovesingapore.org.sg/40day/2022>

## NATIONAL DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2022

The National Council of Churches Singapore will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 57th National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service.

We invite you to join other Christians in this nation at this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we seek the Lord together for Singapore. **You need not register to attend the NDTs.**

Date: Thursday 18 August 2022, 7:45pm to 8:45pm

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral

Speaker: Bishop Dr Gordon Wong, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore & Vice-President of the National Council of Churches of Singapore

Message: "Peaceful Peacemakers" based on James 3:13-18

We look forward to seeing you there.

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St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary  
Message by Bishop Dr Gordon Wong  
"Peaceful Peacemakers"

No registration is required.



## VACANCIES FOR COA STAFF POSITIONS

We are looking for suitable candidates to fill the following positions:

1. Seniors Ministry and Counseling pastoral staff
2. Chinese Ministry pastoral staff
3. Children's Ministry pastoral staff

If you are interested to apply for any of these positions, please send your resume to [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg).

## DIOCESAN DIGEST July 2022

The latest issue of the Diocesan Digest is out! Find out the latest news and developments within the diocese. Download your copy at <http://anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/>.

# Church of the Ascension

## Job Description Form

Name	
Job Title	Pastoral Staff to Seniors and Counseling Ministry
Reporting Officer	Vicar

### General Description:

#### Pastoral Care to the senior members:

- 1) Responsible for the pastoral care of church members who are 55 years and above. Such care includes befriending, teaching, counseling, visiting and organizing activities that promote their well-being and spiritual growth. This includes coordinating visits to the elderly for administering Holy Communion, counseling, prayer for the sick and dying and the coordination of wakes and funerals.
- 2) Chair or advise committees or sub-groups that are related to the senior members' ministry such as the Elder Fellowship Committee and ComLink, or any such committees that may be necessary from time to time.
- 3) Help to grow the ministry to the senior members by developing a comprehensive teaching curriculum that includes the spiritual, medical and social needs of the seniors. This growth may include extending the ministry to provide for the practical needs of seniors such as senior day-care activities in church or in the community.

#### Counseling Support to Chaplaincy Ministry

- 1) Provide counseling support for families of at-risk students in SAJS, AK or LSP or families of students who may be in need
- 2) Lead or coordinate ministry to develop a counseling arm of the church by involving help from other qualified counselors who are also members of the church



# What's a Cooking?

## *Teochew Kueh*

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (Thurs)

**Time:** 9.45 am to 11.30 am

**Cost:** \$5 per person

**Venue:** LKC Hall,  
Church of the Ascension

**Register by:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 22



**To register please call the Church of the Ascension at 6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday).**

The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event should unforeseen circumstances occur.

## COA MARRIAGE RETREAT 28-29 OCT 2022



**COA MARRIAGE  
RETREAT 2022**  
Changi Cove Hotel  
28-29 Oct (Fri-Sat, Full Days)  
**RATE: \$479/couple**

*Cost includes hotel room, function rooms, sessions, both day lunches, breakfast, course materials and much more!*

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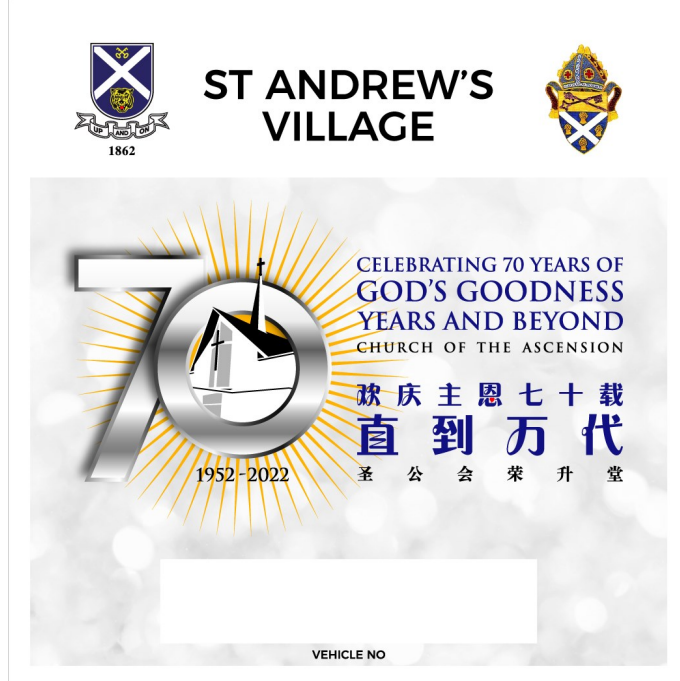
[www.tinyurl.com/AOMCOA](http://www.tinyurl.com/AOMCOA)

Price from **6 June** onwards is **\$479** per couple. **PAYNOW** to COA's UEN at **T08CC4066A** and use **AOMCOA22** as your transaction reference.

## COA NEW CAR DECAL

In conjunction with COA's 70th Anniversary celebration, we are proud to present members with a new car decal! (See image.) Please take note of the following:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9> (Please contact the church if you cannot access the online form.)
- If you have an existing decal, please bring it to exchange for the new one on Sundays after service, at the Church office (after you have completed the registration).
- Period for registration and exchange:  
**Aug - Dec 2022.**
- We encourage everyone to register for the new decal to enter St Andrew's Village. The SAV guards have the authority to deny entry to vehicle without proper identification.
- Parking in the school compound is allowed on Sundays **only**.



## MARRIAGE COURSE AUG-SEP 2022

Thinking of marriage? What is the biblical definition of marriage? How can we prepare ourselves for marriage? Join the Marriage Course starting on 16 Aug 2022.

**Dates:** 16 Aug - 20 Sep 2022 (Every Tuesday)

**Time:** 8pm

**Venue:** Zoom and On-site

**Instructors:** Revd Ian Chew & Mrs Esther Chew

This course is a pre-requisite for members planning to get married at Church of the Ascension.

To register, please email [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)



## ALPHA COURSE JUL-SEP 2022

### What is Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. Explore faith and ask any question in a safe and friendly environment.

### Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

1. Those who are searching for the meaning of life
2. Those who are exploring Christianity and the Church
3. New Christians or Newcomers to Church

**Dates:** Every Thursday evening (7.30pm to 9.30pm),  
14 July–15 Sep 2022

**Venue:** Youth Room, #01-06, Diocesan Centre (1 Francis Thomas Drive, Singapore 359340)

### Schedule (Every Thursday evening):

7:30pm 4/8/2022 How can we have faith?

7:30pm 11/8/2022 Why & how do I pray?

7:30pm 18/8/2022 Why and how should I read the Bible?

7:30pm 25/8/2022 How does God guide us?

9am-5pm 3/9/2022 (Sat) Alpha Weekend

– Who is the Holy Spirit?

– What does the Holy Spirit do?

– How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

– How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

7:30pm 15/9/2022 What about the Church?

**Cost:** It's free!

**Register online:** [Click here](#)

**Enquiries:** [hambali.leonardi@ascension.org.sg](mailto:hambali.leonardi@ascension.org.sg)





## CONFIRMATION COURSE

### Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2022)

Date: 18 Sep - 22 Oct 2022,

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension



Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming Bishop.

The Confirmation Course is for:

1. Those seeking confirmation / membership in Church of the Ascension (COA).
2. Those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at COA.

#### Schedule for Confirmation Class

Sunday 18 Sep The Ten Commandments (1-4)

Sunday 25 Sep The Ten Commandments (5-10)

Sunday 2 Oct The Work of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 9 Oct The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 16 Oct Anglicanism & Church History

Saturday 22 Oct (10am-12pm) Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Service: Sunday 30 Oct 2022, 9am

Register for Baptism-Confirmation Course: <http://tinyurl.com/COAbaptismcourse>

## COA ANNIVERSARY DINNER - 23 OCT 2022

*you're invited!*  
23 October 2022

COA

ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER

service • 5pm - 6pm  
dinner • 6pm - 9pm

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TICKET SALES AT LKC  
STARTING 7 AUGUST 2022  
\$5 PER TICKET

# THE STUDY OF FIRST CORINTHIANS

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10 Jul	1 Cor 1	Living God's Way	Revd Ian Chew
17 Jul	1 Cor 2	Life in the Spirit	Revd Hambali
24 Jul	1 Cor 3	Work That Lasts	Revd Ian Chew
31 Jul	1 Cor 4	Be Fathers In The Faith	Revd Stephen Lim
7 Aug	1 Cor 5	Get Rid Of The Yeast	Ps Barnabas Sim
14 Aug	1 Cor 6	Flee Sexual Temptations	Revd Hambali
21 Aug	1 Cor 7	The Permanence of Marriage	Revd Ian Chew
28 Aug	1 Cor 8	The Higher Principle	Revd Hambali
4 Sept	1 Cor 9	For the Sake of the Gospel	Revd Ian Chew
11 Sept	1 Cor 10	Freedom Does Not Equal License	Revd Stephen Lim
18 Sept	1 Cor 11	The Lord's Supper	Revd Ian Chew
25 Sept	1 Cor 12	Spiritual Gifts	Revd Hambali
2 Oct	1 Cor 13	What True Love Is	Ps Barnabas Sim
23 Oct	1 Cor 14	Order In Worship	Revd Ian Chew
6 Nov	1 Cor 15	The Resurrection Body	Revd Ian Chew
13 Nov	1 Cor 16	Worship Through Giving	Revd Ian Chew



COA 70 National Day

# prayer walk



/saturday/ • 06 aug 22

**9am - 11am** • time

**COA** • meeting point

**Potong Pasir, Bidadari** • prayer route



Check out courses  
and activities organised by  
**Diocese of Singapore**

## ANGLICAN LAY TRAINING

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

JAN - DEC 2022

[Registration details available here](#)

## DIOCESE CERTIFICATE OF **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

Online

Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm

REGISTER AT  
[cathedral.org.sg/dcbs](https://cathedral.org.sg/dcbs)

## CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

[Access here](#)

## Job Opportunities

For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please go to [anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment](https://anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment)

CONTACT THE DIOCESE AT



[anglican.org.sg](https://anglican.org.sg)



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*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## **PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 31 JUL - 6 AUG 2022**

### **1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:**

#### **Churches of the Singapore Anglican Indian Board**

- Growth in spiritual maturity and in numbers
- Discipleship to take place in all aspects of Church life
- The Younger Generation to seek God sincerely and serve God fervently

#### **Lambeth Conference (26 Jul – 8 Aug 2022)**

- Faithfulness to the proclamation of God's truth
- Empowerment for Archbishop Melter J. Tais and Bishop Titus Chung as they attend the Conference

### **2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:**

- Singapore
- Japan

### **3) PARISH:**

- Cell group leaders and members – deepening of faith and wisdom as they study 1 Corinthians together
- COA Prayer Walk - 6 Aug'22

### **4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:**

#### **For health and recovery**

Doris Chew, Evelyn Tan, Jenny Ng, Joanne Lau, Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin, Wong Wah Kum, Yee Teck Peng, Zephan Heng

#### **Relatives and Friends of COA members**

Benjamin (Lesley Ho's nephew) - Hepatitis B  
David Yeong (Margaret Onn's husband) – cancer

Sng Hock Meng - healing of the mind

Soo Ngook Khinn (Sien Yee's father) - salvation

Ong Chwee Hock (Ong Siew Chin's brother) - physiotherapy and lymphoma

#### **For healing**

Annie Huan - strength for her legs

Conelius Loo - sleep apnea

Joseph Phua - muscular degeneration

Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

Padma Stephens - water retention

***“For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.”***

**1 Corinthians 4:20**