



CELEBRATING
70 YEARS
OF GOD'S
GOODNESS
AND BEYOND

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

27 Nov 2022

1st Sunday of Advent/Advent 1

8am and 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Philip Huan

Sermon: "A Biblically
Functioning
Community"

Bible Reading: Acts 2:42-47,
John 17:6-18

Connect with the Ascension Family



13 Francis Thomas Drive S(359339)
T(65) 6283 3988 F: (65) 6283 3220

Email: admin@ascension.org.sg
Website: www.ascension.org.sg

UPCOMING

2 Dec (Fri) 8pm **Advent Carol Service**
Sanctuary
Revd Ian Chew

4 Dec (Sun) 8am & 10:30am **2nd Sunday of Advent/ Advent 2**
"Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Matthew 3:1-12
Revd Stephen Lim

ADVENT SUNDAY LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Say to them that are of a fearful
heart.
Be strong, fear not.

Behold your God will come.
And save you.

VICAR'S MESSAGE 4 DEC 2022

Dear COA family,

One of the most fascinating miracles of Jesus is the feeding of the crowd of 5000. This miracle is so significant that it is recorded in all four gospels – This is one of the few accounts to ever be so recorded!

In this miracle, Jesus actually commands his disciples to feed the multitude when they brought up the (valid) point that it was late in the day and they were hungry (Mark 6:37).

But he was doing this to test them, since he had already had in mind what he wanted to do (John 6:6). He was going to feed the multitude from a boy's offering of five small barley loaves and two small fishes!

I believe the significance of this miracle is to illustrate the Lord's care for us. Not only is he concerned about saving us and growing our faith, he cares for our physical needs as well. He commands his disciples to look out for the welfare of the crowd of followers as well as providing them with food.

How often are we like the crowd or even the disciples? We are worried about meeting our physical needs especially if we have exhausted all possible human solutions. Here the Lord demonstrates that the presence of physical barriers or deficiencies is not an issue for him. He can work a miracle through the most insignificant things in our lives!

And even more than meeting our needs – the provision of God is plenteous for us! Twelve baskets of the leftovers were collected after the people had eaten to their fill. All that a boy's small packed dinner! The Lord is telling us something – he provides to the full!

Let us therefore not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:31-33)

May we continue to walk in trust and faith in him... and cease from worrying!

Revd Ian



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
English Traditional Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
English Contemporary Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
Mandarin Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd 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

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: [Angelina Lim](mailto:Angelina.Lim)



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



HELPING OUT AT CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (CBC) 17 DEC 2022

It's that time of the year again where we need your help to make this year's CBC a stunning reality! CBC will be held on Saturday 17 Dec 2022 at Church of the Ascension.

Programme (more details will follow in the coming weeks):

6pm Christmas Market
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Journey of Christmas Delight
8:30pm Finale (Message by Vicar)
9pm End

If you are interested in any of the following roles, please contact Pastor Hali, Shaun Foo, Eliza Phua or Aaron Cheang:

1. Performers (30 members)

- We are looking for 30 performers to join us, with a minimal number of scheduled rehearsals and just some 5-minute scenes to commit to your memory.

Scheduled dates for rehearsals:

3 Dec 2022 (Sunday afternoons)

2. Guides (25 members)

- You will be a group leader of sorts, to be in charge of the schedule and not leave anyone in your group behind in the event.

Enquiries: hambali.leonardi@ascension.org.sg



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$10 apiece

Scan to sign up or go to

<https://tinyurl.com/COACBC2022>.

Collection @ the LKC Hall after Service



LATEST COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) has announced the lifting of Vaccination-Differentiated safe management measures (VDS) from 10 October 2022. As VDS have been lifted fully, they will no longer be required for services involving more than 500 persons.

Whilst wearing of masks is no longer mandatory in our church services and meetings, we encourage everyone to continue committing to worshipping together as God's community of people in a safe manner. So, we seek your cooperation in continuing to exercise responsibility and caution, such as

- wearing masks when in crowded places,
- wearing masks when interacting with vulnerable persons, and
- not attending services or events if you feel unwell.

VACANCIES FOR COA STAFF POSITION

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

- Chinese Ministry pastoral staff. Interested applicants, please click on the below URL <https://ascension.org.sg/pastoral-worker-chinese-ministry/>
- SAJS Chaplaincy worker. Interested applicants, please click on the below URL <https://ascension.org.sg/chaplaincy-staff>
- If you are interested to apply for the above position, please send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg.

SYNOD PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

12 NOVEMBER 2022



Synod Presidential Address

Renewal of hearts, Revival in Church

Bishop Titus' Synod Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season! We encourage you to share his Presidential Address with your parishioners. Download a copy from the diocesan website at anglican.org.sg

THANKSGIVING FOR PSLE RESULTS

Thank you for praying for the SAJS Primary 6 boys for the PSLE examinations. We thank God for seeing the boys through. More than 99% qualified for Secondary School. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance in their choosing of their secondary schools.

CONDOLENCES & THANKSGIVING

Our deepest condolences to Doris Sim and her family on the passing of Mr Victor Sim, who went home to the Lord on 23 Nov 2022. Please continue to uphold Doris, Jonathan, Joni and their family in our prayers.

Doris and family wished to thank the Ascension family for their encouragement and prayer support throughout Victor's hospitalisation.

RECRUITMENT OF HOST PARENTS FOR SA HALL FOREIGN

Host parents are needed for a new batch of foreign scholars ranging from 13-16 years of age who are now residing in St Andrew's Hall. If you are interested in caring for and reaching out to these students, please contact Clare Ng at clare.ng@ascension.org.sg or 62833988.

COA BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Resumes on 27 November!

By the grace of God, breakfast will resume on Advent Sunday, starting 27 November, after the 8 am service.

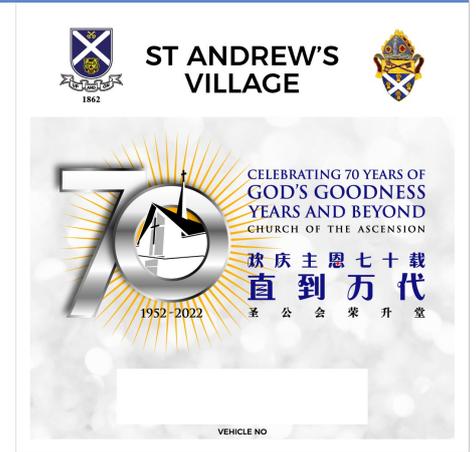
We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers. Please email admin@ascension.org.sg or call the church office if you wish to serve in this area. Come serve with us!

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**.



SERVE PROGRAMME (COA INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME)

Waiting for further studies or enlistment? Thinking of offering a season to serve God in COA? Consider signing up as our church interns under the Serve Programme and experience a meaningful time of spiritual formation, self-discovery and service to God.

Additionally, registration for **SERVE Academy 2023** is open!

This is a 5D4N residential programme from **9th-13th January 2023**, to equip and train young leaders, aged 35 and below. With the focus on encountering God and fanning their passion for God into flames, the programme aims to excite participants to SERVE and not to be served.

For more details of both programmes, please contact Angelina Lim at 81390411 or angelina.lim@ascension.org.sg
Registration for SERVE Academy closes on 16 Dec 2022.

COA - TELEGRAM

We are on Telegram!

Subscribe to Church of The Ascension to receive updates on our latest announcements, events, programmes and more. Click on the link or scan the QR code to subscribe

<https://t.me/Ascensionaires>

Follow us and stay in touch!



@ASCENSIONAIRES

Download Telegram:

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.telegram.messenger&hl=en_SG&gl=US

Apple/iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>

FAREWELL MESSAGES FOR REVD HAMBALI

<https://padlet.com/mediacoasg/thankyourevdhali>

Hello everyone,

As you are aware, Reverend Hambali will be leaving COA to serve in St James in January 2023. Praise God for his contributions to the work of Chaplaincy and the various ministries in our church!

To show our appreciation, let's pen some thank-you messages to Revd Hali on our on-line billboard (please use the link above).

May God bless him in his future endeavors!

Reminder:

Do remember to sign off your message; otherwise, it will appear as anonymous.



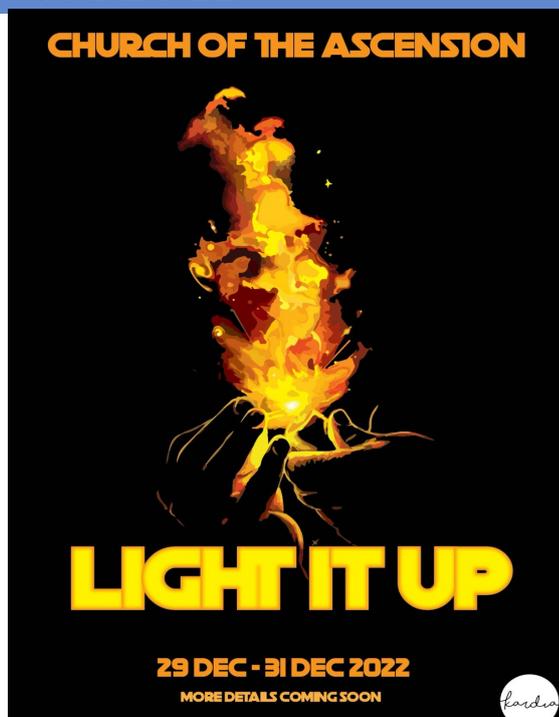
KARDIA YOUTH CAMP: 29 - 31 DEC 22

Theme: Light It Up

Date: 29 - 31 Dec (Save the date!)

Open to all *P6s and Kardia members*, friends are most welEvent Calendar 2023 come as well!

Registration closes **Today**. Please contact Nigel (97538140) or Jadyn (81731212) for more information. In the meantime, follow @kardia_coa on Instagram for more updates!



EVENT CALENDAR 2023

The COA 2023 Event calendar is available for download. Please use the below link for the event calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>



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

MORE DETAILS AT

<https://sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies/>

CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

DIOCESAN
DIGEST



DIOCESAN DIGEST

July 2022 <https://anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/>



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese,
please visit anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/

CONTACT THE DIOCESE AT

 anglican.org.sg

 admin@anglican.org.sg



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 20 - 26 NOV 2022

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Vicar:

English & Mandarin Congregations:

Kiddy Ark Childcare & Development Center:

Revd Lim Kek Wah

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Supervisor and staff

Anglican High School:

Principal and staff

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore
- Indonesia - an earthquake in Cianjur, West Java, Nov 21. 252 people had been killed and 377 were injured. Search for survivors continues.

3) PARISH:

- Advent Carol Service 2 Dec 2022
- A communal sense of renewal, unity and hope during the season of Advent

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, 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

Felicia Koh - protection against stroke in future

Yee Teck Peng - general health to improve

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. praising God and having favor with all the people. ‘And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.’”

Acts 2:42; 47