

*The Word became flesh
and dwelt among us*

John 1:14



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, You have given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

25 Dec 2022

Christmas Day/Evangelistic Service

8am and 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Reality of Our Faith"

Bible Reading: John 1:1-14



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UPCOMING

30 Dec (Fri)
10:30am - 12:30pm
Elder Fellowship Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service
Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

1 Jan (Sun)
8am and 10:30am
2nd Sunday of Christmas/ Covenant Service
"Growing Deeper"
Hebrews 6:1-12,
John 3:25-36
Revd Ian Chew

7 Jan 23 (Sat)
7:30am - 9am
Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting
Ascension Hall

The Vicar and staff would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

VICAR'S MESSAGE 25 DEC 2022

Dear COA family,

Blessed Christmas to you and your family and loved ones!

With the coming of Christmas, let's remember that it is a season of both thanksgiving and sharing of all that is good with others. This year is a particularly opportune time for celebration as we emerge from the pandemic to be able to celebrate it without restrictions for the first time in three years!

As we gather around the Christmas table this year, let's spend time for everyone to give thanks for at least **three blessings** for the year that has passed – one for the past week, another for the past month and finally one for the past year. Not only will this be the most meaningful activity you can engage in, it will also serve to strengthen your faith and trust in God. As the hymn goes, "Count your blessings – name them one by one, and it will surprise you to see what the Lord has done!"

Good and meaningful as Christmas is, there have been concerted efforts to minimise or even hinder the celebration of Christmas.

I have been told that workplaces and offices have seen Christmas greetings being replaced by Happy Holidays or Season's Greetings instead. There seems to be a certain aversion towards the remembrance or even mention of Christ!

Not only that, I have learnt that there are even churches who do not celebrate Christmas, claiming that this holiday is derived from a pagan tradition. Therefore, life proceeds as usual for them in the season of Christmas.

My only response is that in the grand perspective of things, let's be fully thankful in our hearts together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, for the coming of the Saviour into the world. She says these words which we now recite or sing regularly in our prayers:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked upon the humble estate of his servant" Luke 1:46-48.

The true reason for celebrating Christmas is the amazing goodness and mercy that God has shown us through the birth of his Son. This is worth celebrating and sharing about with others and should not be kept hidden or forgotten, especially by us who are God's recipients of grace!

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)

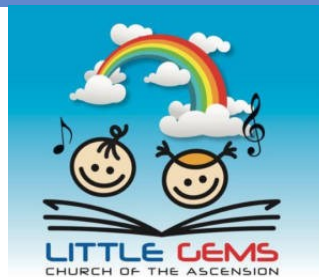
NEW TO COA?

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

KFC and Little Gems are on recess for the month of December. They will resume classes on January. However, there will be a **Christmas party for Little Gems today** at Sunday room at 10:30am.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



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
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VACANCIES FOR COA STAFF POSITION

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

- 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 positions, please send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

COA CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

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Interested in investing in the lives of Children
and serving God?

We are looking for volunteers to serve in our Sunday School.



Contact Shirley at 97667304 or email to
shirley.kwek@ascension.org.sg

MEN'S NETWORK MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING - 7 JAN 23

Church of the Ascension

Men's Network
MONTHLY
Prayer
Meeting

Saturday 7 Jan 2023
7.30am | Ascension Hall

— All are welcome —



COA BREAKFAST CLUB

By the grace of God, we can now serve breakfast in church.

We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers.

Please email Clare at admin@ascension.org.sg or call the Church Office if you wish to serve in this area.

Come serve with us!



INFANT BAPTISM AT CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

We rejoice with the infants who will be getting baptised at the 10.30am Service **Today**.

Please keep them in prayer:

- 1) Grace Cheong Chi Yau
- 2) Daedalus Toh Rui Yang
- 3) Kalista Toh Rui Xue
- 4) Ee Zhu En Isaac
- 5) Ee Qi En Hannah
- 6) Goh Yong En Matthew
- 7) Hasadiah Sim
- 8) Lai Song En Joshua

ELDER FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 30 DEC 2022

Date: Friday, 30 December 2022

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

Theme: "What Heaven is Like"

Speaker: Revd Ian Chew

Do join us if you are 60 years and above, and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship. Please contact the Church Office for

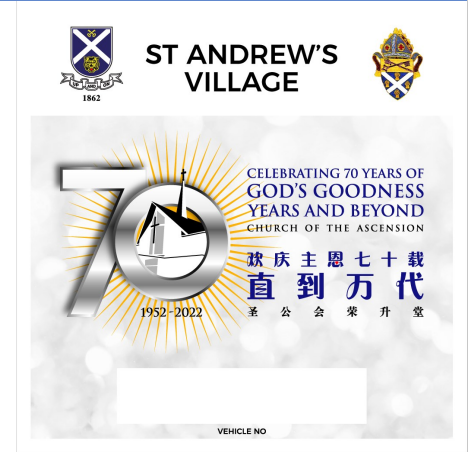


COA NEW CAR DECAL

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**.



COA - TELEGRAM

We are on Telegram!

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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>

RECRUITMENT OF HOST PARENTS FOR SA HALL FOREIGN STUDENTS

Host parents are needed for a new batch of foreign scholars aged 13-16 years of age and 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.

ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) TERM 1

Online Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies (DCBS) - Term 1

Registration for online DCBS Term 1 is open! DCBS aims to bring Bible literacy to participants, helping them to know and apply God's Word to life. Interested participants may sign up for an OT or NT module each term. All first-time participants are recommended to attend Module 1A or 1B to receive background overview of the Bible.

Title: Module 1A - Overview of the Old Testament

Instructor: Ms Vivien Chen

Date: 5th Jan 2023

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: Free

Title: Module 2A - The Pentateuch (1): Genesis & Exodus

Instructors: Ms Vivien Chen, Mr Kwan Fook Seng, Mr James Tan

Dates: 12th January – 16th March 2023

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: \$10

Title: Module 1B - Overview of the New Testament

Instructor: Mr Keith Leong

Date: 5th Jan 2023

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: Free

Title: Module 8A - The Gospels (1): Mark & Luke

Instructors: Revd Aaron Cheng, Mr Alfred Chan

Dates: 12th January – 16th March 2023

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

Cost: \$10

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. Registration details can be found on the Diocesan website at www.anglican.org.sg.



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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

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



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Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 25 - 31 DEC 2022

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

Vicar:

English and Chinese congregation:

Extension Centres:

Revd David Lee

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Century Christian Fellowship

Goodnews Community Service Centre

Pasir Ris Family Service Centre

Sonshine Childcare Centre

St Andrew's Junior College:

Principal, staff and students

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore
- Sinking of Thai navy vessel
- Safety and protection for Christmas worshippers in restive and oppressive nations

3) PARISH:

- Kardia Camp 29-31 Dec 2022. Revd Ian (Camp Speaker), Revd Hambali and Angelina
- Christmas Day and Evangelistic Service **Today**
- Infants who are getting baptised **Today**
- Teachers, parents and students as they prepare for the new school year

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

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:12-14