



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; 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.

26 Feb 2023
Lent 1

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Origin of Brokenness"

Bible Reading: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7;
Rom 5:12-19;
Matt 4:1-11

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UPCOMING

4 Mar
(Sat)

7:30am

Men's Network Monthly
Prayer Meeting

"Walking into Our Destiny in God"

Ascension Hall
Ps Edward Zaccheus

5 Mar
(Sun)

8am &
10:30am

Lent 2

"The Beauty of Brokenness"

Isa 61:1-4; Mk 4:3-9
Esther Wong

8 Mar
(Wed)

8 pm

Hour of Power

Via Zoom

9 Mar
(Thur)

9:30am -
10:45am

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"Line Dancing"
LKC Hall

11 Mar
(Sat)

2pm -
4.30pm

AWM Fellowship 1 –
Dancing Through the
Seasons

VICAR'S MESSAGE 26 FEB 2023

Dear COA Family,

As we enter into a season of Lent, let us consider the main purpose of this season and why we should observe it so intentionally. It boils down to a particular **heart attitude** we should all aspire to cultivate.

Psalm 51:17 tells us:

*"The sacrifices of God are a **broken spirit**; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."*

A broken spirit is one which has painfully realised its own inadequacies and incapacities. As a result, it has come to the end of itself. A broken spirit does not hold out any hope for itself based on its own strength or wisdom. It is completely surrendered to another.

How do we arrive at such a stage? **It is a combination of the Holy Spirit's revelation of God's truths about us and a realisation from our own experiences.** We begin to understand on a deep level the utter powerlessness within ourselves to do anything effectual for ourselves. We need to and can only depend on God.

And God is **pleased** with such a heart attitude of brokenness and surrender.

Earlier in the psalm, David perceived that God was not pleased with ritualistic sacrifices, even though they were commanded by Moses for the Israelites to obey. This was because the Israelites could offer such sacrifices without any sincerity of heart. David would have offered such sacrifices gladly if he knew that God would be pleased with them!

However, since he was aware of that, he went on to highlight the only sacrifice acceptable to God was a broken spirit and a contrite heart. It is a heart that is fully aware of its own depravity and sin and willing to fully to fling itself in the merciful hand of God. God is pleased with such a heart!

Such a heart does **not** come naturally to us because we are all prone to pride and self-determination. We turn to God only as a last resort after all other methods have failed. Even then, we may mask our own desperation by seeking other pursuits like hobbies or entertainment to distract ourselves of our deep need.

Yet we are reminded that a broken spirit is a sacrifice. It is a difficult but a necessary process. We are to break up our hearts daily by the Spirit's empowerment in order to arrive at a broken spirit. It comes with a sustained period of effort with prayer.

That is why we all need this season of Lent. Lent, contrary to it just being a season of our offering of focus on Christ, is actually God's grace for him to reveal to us once again our hard heartedness and sin. It is a time and space created by God for him to work his grace in our lives.

Lent is God's **gift** to his people to be transformed by him. May we be blessed in observing this Lent with our whole heart.

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 |
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| 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) |

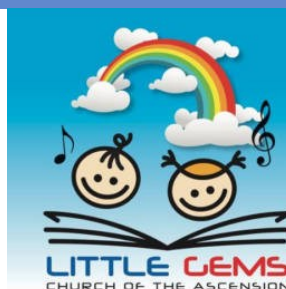
NEW TO COA?

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

Sunday School classes start at 10.30 am.
The children will be dismissed after 10.30am English Service.

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
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



COA LITTLE GEMS CAMP (17-19 MAR 2023)

POWER UP

RAISE YOUR GAME

COA  LITTLE GEMS CAMP
(4 to 6 years old)

17 (Fri) to 19 (Sun) March 2023
9am to 12pm • AH / LKC Hall

\$20 PER CHILD

*God's power has given us
everything we need for a godly life.*
2 Peter 1:3a

SCAN TO SIGN UP



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY @ 9766 7304

We are having our Little Gems camp for 4 to 6 years old. Registration is still **opened**. All are welcome!

LITTLE GEMS CAMP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with Little Gems Power Up Day Camp from 17th to 19th March 2023. Interested in joining us? Please scan the QR code to sign up.

The Volunteers/helpers Briefing on 26 Feb 23 is postponed to 12 Mar 23, 12pm at Little Gems room.



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!



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

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>

HOUR OF POWER ONLINE 8 MAR 2023

Date: Wed 8 Mar 2023

Time: 8 pm

Join us as one Ascension family to pray and seek the Lord. The online Prayer Meeting will be conducted via Zoom: (Click [here](#) for the link.)

Meeting ID: 822 3756 7980

Passcode: matt1820



A stylized illustration featuring a black cross standing on a brown, scribbled mound. Behind the cross is a large, light-colored circle with a textured, fibrous appearance. To the right of the circle is a large, orange, abstract shape resembling a stylized flower or a flame. The entire scene is set against a dark grey background.

BROKEN NESS

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

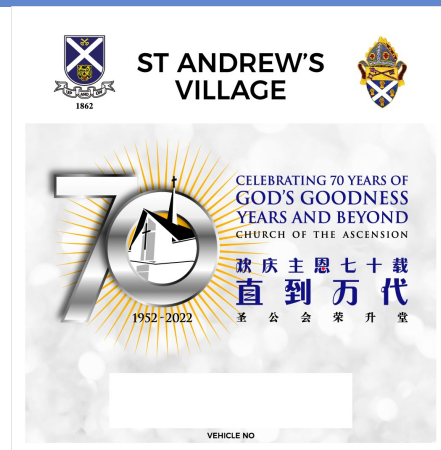
The COA Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) starts on 15 Aug for 6 Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm, led by the Vicar and his wife. This course is meant for those who are exploring or preparing for marriage. Interested participants can sign up with the Church Office or click [here](#) to sign up.

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:
Jan - Mar 2023.
- 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**.



AWM FELLOWSHIP & UPCOMING EVENTS

AWM Fellowship 1 – Dancing Through the Seasons

Date : 11 Mar 2023

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall

Time: 2-00 to 4.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Mrs Leow Kim Kin

Register with Jenny Ho (97730110)

Up & coming Easter Activities:

Making of Palm Crosses

Date : 1 April 2023

Venue: LKC Hall

Time: 9.00 to 12 noon

Easter Sunday Brunch (Bring a plate)

Date : 9 April 2023

Food or cash contributions are welcome.

KARDIA - YOUTH ALPHA SERIES (5 FEB - 26 MAR 2023)

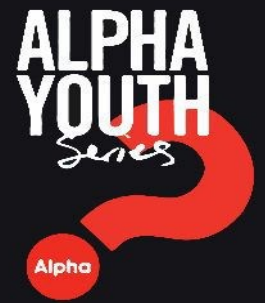
EXPLORE

LIFE

FAITH

MEANING

WITH US!



Every Sunday (from 5 February to 26 March 2023)

12:30pm - 1:45pm

Ascension Hall @ Church of the Ascension

*Refreshments will be provided



* If there are any queries, please contact Angelina at 81390411.

LINE DANCING

Learn the steps & kick up some fun !

DATE: 9 MAR 23 (THURS)

TIME : 9.30 AM TO 10.45 AM

COST: \$2 PER PERSON

VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION

REGISTER BY : 7 MAR 23



**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION AT 6283-3988 (OFFICE HOURS ONLY,
CLOSED ON MONDAY)**

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

COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR

19 November to 1 December 2023

70
CELEBRATING
70 YEARS
OF GOD'S
GOODNESS
AND BEYOND
1953-2023
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Led by Revd Ian Chew
& Revd Huang Hui Jen

\$4900/adult (twin sharing)

Briefing date: 12 March (Sun),
12pm @ MPH

Register through Church
Office if you are interested



Church of the Ascension

Men's Network
Monthly Prayer
Meeting

**Walking Into Our
Destiny in God**

by Ps. Edward

**Saturday 4 Mar 2023
7.30am | Ascension Hall**

— All are welcome —

SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - 2 YEAR PROGRAMME



SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

2-year programme for teens (Secondary 1 & 2)



Starting on 26 February (Sun)

*Sessions are conducted on
2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am*

Please sign up with admin@ascension.org.sg
or call the church office at 6283 3988

WATER BAPTISM CLASS (FEB-APR 2023)

water Baptism



Start date: 26 February (Sun), 1pm

Duration of course: 6 weeks (Feb-Apr 2023)

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|-------------|----------------------------|
| 26 February | Introduction & Salvation |
| 5 March | The Apostle's Creed Part 1 |
| 12 March | The Apostle's Creed Part 2 |
| 19 March | The Lord's Prayer Part 1 |
| 26 March | The Lord's Prayer Part 2 |
| 1 April | Baptism Retreat |

Baptism date: 8 April (Sat), 11am Service

To register, please email admin@ascension.org.sg
or call the church office at 6283 3988

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. The AGM will be held on **23 April 2023, at 11.30am**. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.
2. The Electoral Roll (ER) is being updated and revised for AGM and will be made available soon. To be on the ER, you have to be baptised, confirmed, over the age of 17 and actively supporting the church. Please email Clare if you have any enquiry concerning the AGM.
3. Members on the ER are encouraged to opt for a soft copy (pdf) instead of a printed copy of the AGM report. If you require a hard copy, please email:
 - admin@ascension.org.sg with your full name to make a request.

COA - TELEGRAM

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The Province of
South East Asia

PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

Pastoral Letter in response to Church of England's
decision to conduct blessings for same-sex unions

Pastoral Letter by The Province of South East Asia

The Province of South East Asia has written a pastoral letter in response to Church of England's decision to conduct blessings for same-sex unions. We encourage you to read this pastoral letter and pray for the Anglican Communion.

The pastoral letter can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.anglican.org.sg



Check out courses
and activities organised by
Diocese of Singapore

ANGLICAN LAY TRAINING

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
JAN - DEC 2022

[Registration details available here](#)



DIOCESAN
CERTIFICATE OF
BIBLICAL
STUDIES

Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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

CYCLE OF PRAYER 2023

Bishop Titus' Synod Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season!
Download a copy from the diocesan website at anglican.org.sg



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Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 26 FEB - 4 MAR 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Vicar:

Revd Ian Hadfield

Clergy, staff and parishioners

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore: Mental health and well-being of working adults, students and homemakers amidst a rise in burnout.
- Israel: God's peace and protection to prevail In the midst of escalating tensions between the Israelis and Palestinians.
- Ukraine: God's healing for the wounded and protection for the civilians caught up in the conflict, as war rages on.

3) PARISH:

- Sermon series on "Brokenness" (Season of Lent).
- Season of Lent:
 1. Letting go of all distractions and hindrances in following Christ.
 2. Establishing spiritual disciplines in our lives to keep close to God.
 3. Sharing with others boldly and freely about God's grace for them.
- Senior Sunday School classes for our 13- and 14-year-old youths, which start on 26 Feb (Today).

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

Doris Chew, Evelyn Tan, 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

"For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ."

Romans 5:17