



Almighty and everlasting God, who in Your tender love towards the human race sent Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of His patience and humility, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; 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.

2 Apr 2023
Palm Sunday

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Pursuit of Brokenness"

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:36-45

3:30pm: COA Memorial Service

UPCOMING

6 Apr (Thur) 8pm **Maundy Thursday Service**
"The Heart of Brokenness"
Jn 13:1-17
Ps Alex Wong

7 Apr (Fri) 10am **Good Friday Service**
"The Cry of Brokenness"
Lay Readers (Chi Loong, Dennis, Esther, Kia Wang, Victor, Vincent, Yuri)

8 Apr (Sat) 11am **Easter Eve Baptism Service**
Jn 19:38-end
Revd Ian Chew

9 Apr (Sun) 8am & 10:30am **Easter Sunday Services (Bring-A-Plate)**
"The Redemption of Brokenness"
Jn 20:1-18
Revd Ian Chew

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VICAR'S MESSAGE 2 APR 2023

Dear COA Family,

All of us have gone through many experiences in our lives. Those of us who are older would have even more.

Some of them are positive. We remember with fondness the achievements we have gotten. They may be an academic award, an athletic medal, or a certificate of attainment for a musical, artistic or sporting skill. These achievements are able to give us great confidence for our future.

However, other experiences may not be so positive. We may remember with fear and sadness the scoldings, insults and rejections when we tried to do something for the first time. Or the disappointment when we failed to make the grade. These have the effect of keeping us from trying out something new.

Yet the Apostle Paul counsels us to leave our past experiences behind in order to achieve God's future for us.

*"But one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind** and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"*
Philippians 3:14.

And of the two – past failures and past successes – it is ironically the **successes** that may hinder us more! The reason is simple: we may be so enamoured by our successes that we live in past glories. We remember and reminisce the times when we were successful, respected and strong. It puffs us up with pride so that we fail to trust God for what he has in store for us.

This was exactly what the Apostle Paul tried to leave behind.

Although he was such an eminent scholar of Judaism and was known and respected for his zealousness, he counted his past pedigree and achievements as rubbish. He continually forgot all the past glories to press on to what was ahead.

And then he says that everyone who is mature should have this perspective in mind.

Church, we too need to have this perspective. God has done wonderful things in our past and we thank him for them, but we also need to commit them in his hand. Our past successes are not the foundation of our faith. Only the Holy Spirit will lead us to fresh new pastures and new ways of trusting in God. And only then will we become mature and be fully fruitful and effective in what we do.

God bless,
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

If you are driving to church:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9> (Please contact the church office if you cannot access the online form.)
- 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**.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If your home or email address or contact number has been changed, please notify the church office to ensure you continue to receive COA correspondence. You can notify us in any of the following ways:

1. Call the church office at 62833988
2. Email to admin@ascension.org.sg
3. Write to 13 Francis Thomas Drive, Singapore 359339

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 CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday School classes start at 10:30am. The children will be dismissed after 10.30am English Service.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



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!



VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for a suitable candidate 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/>

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>

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 - 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 <https://t.me/Ascensionaires>

COA MEMORIAL SERVICE : 2 APR 2023

Date: Sunday, 2 April (Today)

Time: 3.30PM

Venue: Sanctuary



EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 APR

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



EASTER *Sunday School*



"He is not here; he has risen!"
Matthew 28:6

9 APRIL, SUNDAY AT 10.30AM

Little Gems

18 months - 6 years old
Peace Room, Level 1

Kids for Christ

Lower and Upper Primary
Ascension Hall, Level 3

Please invite your children and their friends to join us as we celebrate this Easter with songs, games and lots of fun!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): 23 APR

1. Notice and Agenda of AGM 2023. Notice is hereby given that the 59th AGM of the Church of the Ascension will be held at the Sanctuary on **Sunday, 23 April 2023, 11:30am**, for the following purposes:

- a. To confirm the Minutes of the 58th AGM held on 24 April 2022
- b. To approve the Annual Report for 2022
- c. To approve the Financial Statements for 2022
- d. To approve the Budget for 2023
- e. To elect members to the Parochial Church Council
 - i) People's Warden
 - ii) 3 Synod Representatives
 - lii) 7 Committee Members
- f. To appoint the Auditor for the ensuing year
- g. To transact Any Other Business

2. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being updated and revised for AGM on 23 April 2023. The Electoral Roll is now posted at the foyer in LKC Hall. Please let Clare know by **Today**, if any names have been left out, or if you wish to be reinstated or to be an Electoral Roll member. (You have to be baptised, confirmed, over the age of 17 and actively support the church).

3. AGM REPORT 2022

The AGM Report is made available in the following link. Please click [here](#). This link is available from 2 April (**Today**) onwards.

4. NOMINATION FOR ELECTION

Nomination opens on 2 April 2023. Nomination forms can be accessed through (i) COA's website, or (ii) hard copies from Church Office. The completed nomination forms must be submitted before **Sunday, 16 April 2023**, 1:00pm (email to pcc_secretary@ascension.org.sg; or return hardcopy to Church Office).

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Raising of Questions at AGM. Electoral Roll members who wish to raise questions at AGM should email the Hon Secretary before **Sunday, 16 April 2023**, 1:00pm (pcc_secretary@ascension.org.sg). Only questions that are submitted in writing will be addressed at the AGM. The Chairman reserves the right to allow for any follow-up questions during the AGM.

NEW CHAPLANCY STAFF

We warmly welcome Sam Goh who joined us as Chaplaincy Worker on 28 Mar 2023. Sam will be working with and ministering to the students at St Andrew's Junior School.



BB WEEK 2023

5 MAR - 2 APR



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www.BB.org.sg

**BUILDING A SURE FUTURE
STAYING STEDFAST IN OUR VALUES**



**7J Singapore Company
Giving.sg**

BB Week 2023 is the annual fundraising activity to seek BB supporters' help to fund the Companies and the Brigade. Proceeds will go towards training, development and equipping of the members of 7J Singapore Company in St Andrew's Junior School. The Boys' Brigade in Singapore is an approved Institution of Public Character (IPC) in Singapore. Any donation above \$50 is entitled to tax deduction. We seek your generous donation and help to share and raise support for our 7J BB Company. You may do so by scanning the QR Code on the left.



Donors may consider giving towards the Brigade as a whole as well. The Boys' Brigade in Singapore is a charity organisation which depends on friends and well-wishers for its operations. You may do so by taking a BB Week Flyer at the entrances where further information is available.

Kindly approach Shaun Foo if you would like to donate via leaflets (cheque, credit card) or donation cards (cash)

COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR



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19 November to 1 December 2023

Led by Revd Ian Chew
& Revd Huang Hui Jen

\$5450/adult (twin sharing)

Registration at LKC Hall after 8am and 10:30am service on 2 April (Today) and 16 April.

To submit the following upon registration:

1. Tour Booking Form
2. A copy of passport
3. One passport-size photo
4. Sign up deposit of \$1000 by Cash/
Cheque or PayNow)

DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE

Diocesan Apologetics Course: The Evidences for God



Course Teacher: Dr Andrew Loke, Associate Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University

Dates: 12, 19, 26 April, 3, 10, 17 May, 21 & 28 June (Wednesdays) Via Zoom

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm Cost: \$20

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3YitpXc>

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



Diocesan Theological Studies THE CHRISTIAN AND SALVATION

Course Details

Dates: 18 April - 6 June 2023 (Tuesdays)

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm Via Zoom Cost: \$20

Register at <https://bit.ly/3kMJKpD>

For more information, drop an email to
lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com

Church of the Ascension



Holy Week 2023

2 April

Palm Sunday (8am & 10.30am)

The Pursuit of Brokenness

Revd Ian Chew

6 April

Maundy Thursday (8pm)

The Heart of Brokenness

Ps Alex Wong

7 April

Good Friday (10am)

The Cry of Brokenness

Lay Readers

9 April

Easter Sunday (8am & 10.30am)

The Redemption of Brokenness

Revd Ian Chew



BROKEN NESS



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 2 - 8 APR 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

DEANERY OF INDONESIA

Dean: Revd Dr Timothy Chong

Clergy, staff and congregation of the 28 churches in the various clusters:

Jakarta Cluster, Bandung Cluster, Medan Cluster, Riau Islands Cluster, Surabaya Cluster, W. Kalimantan Cluster and N. Kalimantan Cluster, Sulawesi Cluster, NTT Cluster and Bali Cluster.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore: Pray for seniors are in need of nursing home and caregivers and assisted living flats, and for God's provision and care for our seniors, amid our rapidly ageing population.
- US: Pray for God's comfort on the families who lost their loved ones in the Covenant school shooting in Nashville, US.

3) PARISH:

- Sermon series on "Brokenness" (Season of Lent).
- Holy Week Services: Pray for openness and readiness of heart to participate in the services and hear God's word through the messages.
- Members who will be baptised on 8 Apr 2023:
Adults - Hannah Ho Si Qin, Kan Wing, Lucien, Naomi Ho Si En, Richard Durrani, Samuel Sou, Ang Seow Pinn, Lee Gladys, Oh Hsien Liang Timothy;
Children - Charlie Oh, Marcus Ho Jia Ren, Tan Jing Hong Daniel, Tan Jing Jie Darius, Tan Jing Wei Declan.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

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

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name."

Phil 2:8-9