



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, who in Your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

23 Apr 2023
Easter 3/ AGM

10:00am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Transforming Power of God's Word"

Bible Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-41;
Luke 24:13-35

***AGM** starts 11.30am, after service.

UPCOMING

23 Apr (Sun) AGM (Today)
11:30am - Sanctuary
1pm

27 Apr (Thur) ComLink -
9:45am - "What's A Cooking?"
11:30am Healthy Kueh Pie Tee
LKC Hall

28 Apr (Fri) Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service
10:30am - Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)
12:30pm Revd Soon Soo Kee

30 Apr (Sun) Easter 4
8am & "Grace of Forgiveness"
10:30am Ephesians 4:17-32
Matthew 18:21-35
Ps Edward Zaccheus

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VICAR'S MESSAGE 23 APR 2023

Dear COA Family,

“And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins” Luke 5:37-38.

Jesus told this parable to John's disciples to tell them that they needed to **adopt a new mindset and have a new heart**. This is akin to having new wineskins for the new wine that God is pouring into their hearts. They had judged Jesus' disciples to be sinning for not fasting. And Jesus had to correct their thinking to not judge by human standards but according to God's truth.

This lesson is something we have to learn all the time and should always be learning. If we honestly examine ourselves, we are all prone to judging events and the actions of others by our own human standards and according to our own preferences. And our judgments may not always be right. We need to have the honesty and humility to constantly evaluate our understanding and examine our heart motives before God.

One example of “having old wineskins” in our church is clinging on to the perception that what we have done in the past is always right.

Some members have approached me to tell me how things in Church of the Ascension have been done a certain way in the past and should continue in the same way into the future. And I am sure that this perspective is not unique to them.

But is this form of thinking correct?

Could the Lord actually be leading us to adopt “**new wineskins**” for the new season that He is leading us into?

There is a grave danger to mindlessly holding on to our traditions or past practices, however fruitful or effective they might have been then. This is because they can potentially become our basis of hope instead of the Holy Spirit's fresh leading in every season of our lives. They can become the idols that we cherish in our hearts that prevent us from embracing the good that God has intended for us.

So beloved, let us together be continually open to the Lord's illumination in our hearts and be ready to have new wineskins by letting the Spirit change our hearts and renew our minds.

Please don't get me wrong. I am not saying that I have all the answers too. But I believe that this journey into the future that God is leading us in our AGM today is one where He is teaching us to be renewed in our trust in Him as much as He is laying out His plans for us.

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

* Please take note that there **will not** be any Sunday School classes on AGM Sunday (Today).

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>

KIDS FOR CHRIST CAMP (8 - 9 JUNE 23)

Rise Up!



GROW DEEPER IN FAITH
KIDS FOR CHRIST CAMP

**BUT GROW IN GRACE, AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.
2 PETER 3:18A**

**8 (THURS) TO 9 (FRI) JUNE 2023
9AM TO 4PM
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

**7 TO 12
YEARS
OLD**

**\$20
PER CHILD**

**SCAN HERE
TO SIGN UP**



**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUERIES, PLEASE
CONTACT SHIRLEY
AT 07667304**



KIDS FOR CHRIST CAMP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with Kids For Christ Camp from 8th to 9th June 2023. Interested in joining us? Please scan the QR code to sign up.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): TODAY

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 (Today), 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
 - iii) 7 Committee Members
 - f. To appoint the Auditor for the ensuing year
 - g. To transact Any Other Business
2. **AGM ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**
 - a. Electoral Roll members are to proceed to the back of the sanctuary (by the baptism font) to register your attendance after service.
 - b. If you are not able to attend, please sign to indicate your apologies.
 - c. Non-ER members who are attending the AGM are to sign in as Observers.
 - d. All are to be seated in the Sanctuary by 11.30 am.
3. **AGM REPORT 2022**

The AGM Report is made available in the following link. Please click [here](#).

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 28 Apr 2023

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

Speaker: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.

Do join us if you are 60 years and above. Please contact the Church Office for registration and more information.





WHAT'S A COOKING?

Healthy Kueh Pie Tee

DATE: 27 APRIL 23 (THURS)

TIME: 9.45AM TO 11.30AM

COST : \$5 PER PERSON

**VENUE : LKC HALL, CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION**

CLOSING DATE : 21 APR 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.



TALK ON FALL PREVENTION FOR SENIORS



The view that falls are an inevitable part of life, particularly as we age, can create fatalism and complacency when it comes to how we respond to the problem. But there is growing evidence and awareness that many falls are preventable and that prevention efforts are effective (WHO, 2016).

Hence, the purpose of this interactive talk is to educate the stakeholders on practical measures they can take to “Stay In The R.A.C.E” to prevent falls throughout their golden years.

6 May, Saturday at 10am

Location: Ascension Hall (Level 3)

Speaker: Ms Clara Lee, Physiotherapist
from St Andrew’s Community Hospital

Clara has been serving the community as a community physiotherapist for more than 7 years and she is motivated to help patients with chronic conditions, injuries, disabilities or surgical complications live full lives through rehabilitation. She is passionate about bringing rehabilitation to the local heartlands as well as overseas particularly in lower income countries.

All Seniors of COA (including Chinese Ministry) are welcome to be a part of this event! Young church members who have elderly parents may wish to attend to know more about the subject for caregiving purposes.

**To register, call the church office at 6283 3988
or Whatsapp @COAelderfellowship**

VISITATION MINISTRY -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



JOIN THE VISITATION MINISTRY
If you have a heart for the Elderly, join us.
For more information
contact Ps Edward @81571244
or call the Church office.

COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR

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19 November to 1 December 2023



Registration at LKC Hall after 8am and 10:30am service on 30 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)

Led by Revd Ian Chew
& Revd Huang Hui Jen

\$5450/adult (twin sharing)

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



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 23 - 29 APR 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

DEANERY OF CAMBODIA

The Anglican Church of Cambodia (ACC)
Church of Christ Our Peace, Phnom Penh
Church of the Good Shepherd
Rural Missionary District
Project Khmer H.O.P.E.

Dean:

Revd Steven Seah

Vicar:

Revd Steven Seah

Pastoral Staff-IC: Mr Chan Teo, Ms Esther Ku

Vicar:

Revd Tit Hieng

Pastoral Staff-IC: Kao Mach

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore: Pray for God's blessings on the Government's care of the elderly, especially in the implementation of Healthier Sg.
- Asia: Pray for easing of the heatwave experienced in many Asian countries, especially in Bangladesh, China, India, Laos and Thailand.

3) PARISH:

- Easter season - renewal, restoration and empowerment.
- AGM (Today)
- Thanksgiving for outgoing PCC and empowerment for the new PCC 2023/2024

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

*“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself...So those who received his word
were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”*

Acts 2:39,41