



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.  
Amen.

### 9 Apr 2023 Easter Sunday (Bring-A-Plate)

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Redemption of Brokenness"

Bible Reading: Jn 20:1-18



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### UPCOMING

12 Mar  
(Wed)  
8pm

Hour of Power  
Via Zoom

13 Apr  
(Thur)  
9:45 am -  
11:30 am

Comlink  
"Line Dancing"  
LKC Hall

16 Apr  
(Sun)  
8am &  
10:30am

Easter 2  
"The Hope of Restoration"  
Acts 2:14, 22-32; Jn 20:19-31  
Ps Barnabas Sim

The Vicar, staff and PCC would like to wish everyone a Blessed Easter. May this season be filled with the joy and power of the Risen Christ!

HAVE A  
*blessed*  
EASTER

## VICAR'S MESSAGE 9 APR 2023

Dear COA Family,

Today is Resurrection Sunday.

Traditionally, we greet one another with the phrase, "The Lord is Risen", with the reply, "He is Risen indeed!"

The reason for such greetings is because everything changes with the resurrection of Christ.

Paul tells us about the significance of the resurrection in his letter to the Corinthian church: "*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*" (1 Cor 15:20).

In other words, what Jesus is like, we will be become in future because he is the model for all of us.

And we must not mistake resurrection as a form of ethereal existence in eternity. The understanding of resurrection we have as Christians is one that is consistent since the time of the Jewish people. It is not simply life as a spiritual being which lives forever and ever, but one with a **bodily** existence.

There has always been an understanding in Jewish thought that the body and soul of a person are part of the same one person and should not be separated. It is only with Greek philosophy that the body and spirit are separated to the detriment of Christian thought.

And it is only with the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we have a clear idea of what our resurrection body will be like. It will be glorious, free from weakness, sin or suffering and will continue for ever. Our identities will not be lost but renewed in our new resurrection bodies. No wonder this is such a great hope for Christians!

As I speak to people suffering with ailments and pain with little hope of recovery, the anticipation of the new perfect and glorified resurrection body is such good news that it is almost too good to be true. Yet that is what we can look forward to with the resurrection of Christ. That is why Easter is such a joyous occasion and season.

Happy Easter!

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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 APR 23 (TODAY)

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CELEBRATING  
70 YEARS  
OF GOD'S  
GOODNESS  
AND BEYOND  
1952-2022  
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!

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TITUS

Hear what is on Bishop Titus' heart for us as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday!  
Please click on this link: <https://youtu.be/Ev0HUv2pSaE>

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Julia, Siang Hock, Clarice and Jeremy, on the passing of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Mdm Koh Hum Chiow, who went home with the Lord on 5 April 2023. Let's continue to uphold the family in our prayers.

## 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
    - iii) 7 Committee Members
  - f. To appoint the Auditor for the ensuing year
  - g. To transact Any Other Business

### 2. 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](mailto:pcc_secretary@ascension.org.sg); or return hardcopy to Church Office).

### 3. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is being updated and revised for AGM on 23 April 2023. Only ER members can vote and stand for elections at the AGM. The Electoral Roll is now posted at the foyer in LKC Hall and outside MPH for verification. Signed up members, please ensure your name is on the ER and notify Clare if it is missing. (You have to be baptised, confirmed, over the age of 17 and actively support the church).

### 4. AGM REPORT 2022

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### 6. SUNDAY SERVICES ON AGM SUNDAY (No lunch will be provided.)

There will only be one English service at 10am. The Chinese service will start their service at 2pm after the AGM.

## HOUR OF POWER ONLINE 12 APR 2023

**Date:** Wed 12 Apr 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



# LINE DANCING

Learn the steps & kick up some fun!

DATE: 13 APR 23 (THURS)

TIME : 9.45 AM TO 11.30 AM

COST: \$2 PER PERSON

VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

REGISTER BY : 11 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

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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**



## COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR



# COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR

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 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](mailto: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





*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 9 - 15 APR 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### DEANERY OF LAOS -

Acting Dean:

Church of the Holy Spirit, Vientiane:

Anglican Relief and Development Agency (ARDA)

Revd Ian Hadfield

Clergy, staff and parishioners

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore: Pray that those with special needs in our community will find suitable schools and workplaces to learn and grow. Pray also for employers and society in general to be mindful of their needs and help them integrate into society.
- China and Taiwan: Pray for peace and a non-escalation of hostilities among the governments across the Taiwan Straits.

### 3) PARISH:

- Pray for God's grace upon us as a church to trust in God and respond in love towards others amidst the brokenness in our lives and the world.
- Pray for God's blessings on the upcoming AGM and His leading and direction for COA in the year ahead.
- Pray for the God's blessings on our Easter services and Children's Easter Programme.

### 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

*Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

**Jn 20:17**