

# **COLLECT FOR TODAY**

God our redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son: grant, that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His continual presence in us He may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

# 14 May 2023 **Easter 6/ Mother's Day Service**

8am & 10:30am

**Preacher: Joyce Ewing-Chow** 

Sermon: "Living with Love and

Generosity"

Bible Reading: James 1:2-18

John 14:15-21

# **UPCOMING**

18 May (Thurs) 9:45am- 11:30am	ComLink - "What's A Cooking?" Mother's Day Special LKC Hall
21 May (Sun) 10am	Easter 7/ Combined Ascension Sunday Service "The Joy of Eternal Life" Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11 Revd Ian Chew
26 May (Fri) 10:30am -	Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service Ascension Hall (AH) Revd. Soon Soo Kee



Reva Soon Soo Kee

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# **VICAR'S MESSAGE 14 MAY 2023**

#### Vicar's Address at AGM 2023 (Part 3)

Dear COA Family,

This is the concluding part of my address at the recent AGM. (Please check out the COA website for the previous parts.)

#### 3. Life in our Communities

We are also partnering with our fellow SAV parishes to reach out to Potong Pasir and Bidadari. This is a continuation of the Bishop's organisation of all of our churches into Area Groups. Together, we can be more effective than any one church doing it alone.

While we already have programs like the monthly Happy Saturday outreach to the elderly spearheaded by our Chinese Services, this year we will embark on our cooperation in a more intentional way. We will coordinate all of our individual parish outreach events in a common list. It will be accessible on all of our church websites. Members from each of our parishes will be able to bring friends to join any of the activities. We will also be having a combined SAV Family Day which is a community outreach event on 7 Oct (Sat) morning. More details will be given soon.

We focus on our community because of who we are. By Anglican understanding, we are a Parish rather than a Church. A church, strictly speaking, serves its members. A Parish, on the other hand, serves the geographical community it is situated in. It is like the England parishes of old where the church is at the heart of community life in the village. So we cannot ignore the needs of Potong Pasir and Bidadari where we are situated.

At the same time, we cannot ignore our outreach to our family and friends, the circle of influence that God has individually placed us in. You are the light of the world and you are to shine the light of Christ and share the hope of the Gospel with your friends. To help us with that, our services are open to all of you for bringing your friends. There are also special services like Easter, Ascension Day and Christmas that may be more suited. Also, we will be embarking on an Alpha in July for 2 months. These help you to reach out to your friends. Please use them.

#### 4. Life in Our Missions

At last year's AGM, I spoke about the setting up of a BEAM committee to spearhead our overseas missions. There have been some delays to setting this up as we needed time to re-envision how to engage with our traditional mission fields of Thailand, Kalimantan and Medan. With this in mind, I hope to have the committee set up by this coming year. In fact, several of us have already been in discussion and ground work has been done in exploratory trips to our mission partners. I hope to bring you more details of this in future.

There are many things that I have touched on today but what is most important is our understanding of who we are as God's people. We are not an organisation but a church. God's life resides in us. All of us are individually members of the Body of Christ. Our Lord

calls every one to step up to fulfil the Great Commission and utilise the gifts he has given to us to help the Body grow. Each one of us matters. May we realise this and respond by putting our hands to the plow together and

have our hands on deck.

Blessings,

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 1st & 3rd 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 <a href="mailto:admin@ascension.org.sq">admin@ascension.org.sq</a>

If you are driving to church:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <a href="https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9">https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9</a> (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

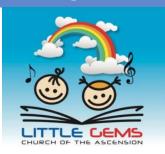
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



# **COA CHILDREN MINISTRY**

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

\*Please note that there will be no Little Gems and Kids for Christ on 21 May, Ascension Sunday.





#### **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 <a href="mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg">admin@ascension.org.sg</a> or call the Church Office if you wish to serve in this area.

Come serve with us!



#### 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 <a href="here">here</a> 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 <a href="https://t.me/Ascensionaires">https://t.me/Ascensionaires</a>

# **CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE (30-31 MAY 2023)**

Church office will be closed on 30-31 May 2023 for Staff Retreat (29-31 May 2023). The office reopens on 1 June (Thursday).

For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.



# 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.



# **COMLINK - WHAT'S A COOKING: 18 MAY 2023**

# WHAT'S A COOKING?

# Mother's Day Special

Baked Honey Soy Chicken (with mash potatoes) and Broccoli Apple Walnut Cranberry Salad

DATE: 18 MAY 23 (THURS)

TIME: 9.45AM TO 11.30AM

COST: \$10 PER PERSON

(WITH 3 COURSE MEAL)

VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH

OF THE ASCENSION

CLOSING DATE: 12 MAY 23

To register, please call Church of the Ascension at 6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday)

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

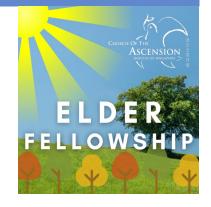


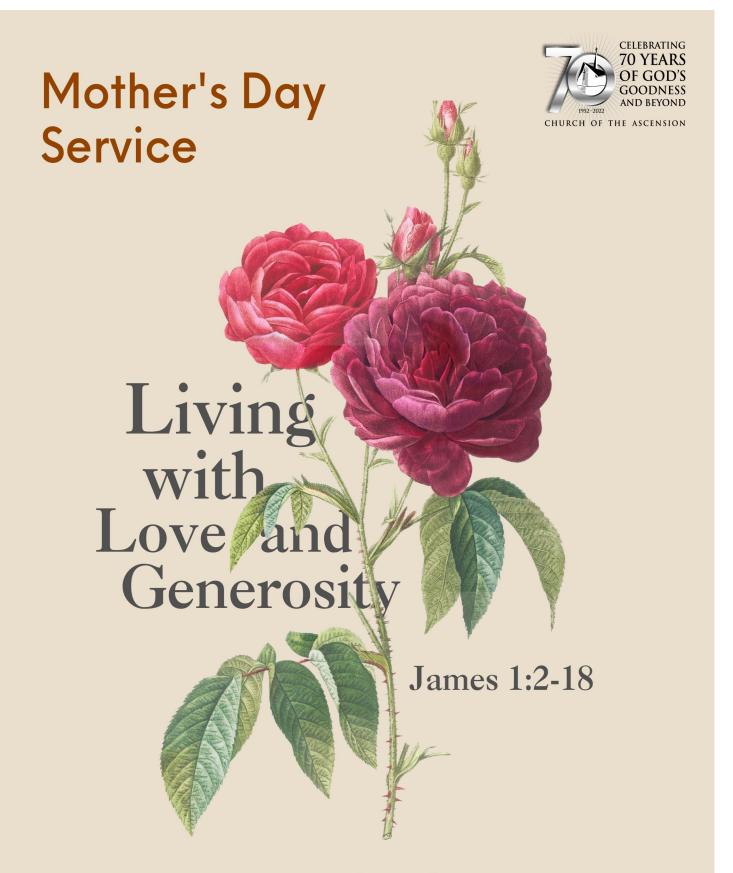
# **ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Date: Friday, 26 May 2023
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Venue: Ascension Hall (AH)
Speaker: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Lunch will be provided after Service at Ascension Hall.

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





Joyce Ewing-Chow 14 May 2023, Sunday

8am & 10:30am, Sanctuary

# ASCENSION SUNDAY SERVICE

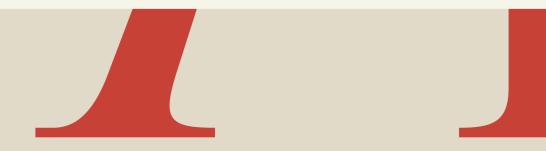




# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CELEBRATES GOD'S GOODNESS 71 YEARS AND BEYOND

21 MAY 2023 I COMBINED SERVICE AT 10AM



REVD IAN CHEW
JOHN 17:1-11; ACTS 1:6-14
THE JOY OF ETERNAL LIFE

# Church of the Ascension May Service Schedule



7 May SAV Area Group Sunday (8am & 10.30am)

Faith and Team Work

Revd Joseph You

14 May Mother's Day Sunday (8am & 10.30am)

Living with Love and Generosity

Joyce Ewing-Chow

21 May Ascension Day Sunday (10am)

The Joy of Eternal Life

Revd Ian Chew

28 May Pentecost Sunday (8am & 10.30am)

Day of Power and Presence

Revd Soon Soo Kee



# 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### **DEANERY OF VIETNAM**

Dean:

Church of Christ Our Hope (Ho Chi Minh)

Church of the True Light (Hanoi)

ABBA English Centre (Hanoi)

Revd Jonathan Wong Clergy, staff and parishioners Clergy, staff and parishioners Principal, staff and students

# 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's blessings on Healthier SG as it seeks to provide better health care

and benefits through its programmes, such as free health screening and

Myanmar: Pray for God's intervention and peace as violence continues in the country two

years into military coup.

#### 3) PARISH:

- Easter season renewal, restoration and empowerment.
- Mother's Day celebration services on 14 May 2023 (Today).
- COA 71st Anniversary Service on 21 May 2023, 10am.

# 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) -

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 - scan to show results to be normal and blood tests to show improvement in the results.

"And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing... Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

James 1: 4:17