



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal God, the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where Christ is gone before, and where with you and the Holy Spirit He is worshipped and glorified, now and for ever. Amen.

21 May 2023
**Easter 7/ 71st Anniversary/
 Ascension Sunday Combined
 Service**

10am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Joy of Eternal Life"

Bible Reading: Acts 1:6-14;
 John 17:1-11

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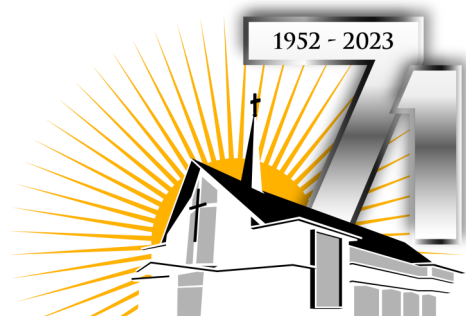
Email: admin@ascension.org.sg
 Website: www.ascension.org.sg
 Event Calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

UPCOMING

26 May (Fri) 10:30am - 12:30pm	Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service Ascension Hall (AH) Revd Soon Soo Kee
28 May (Sun) 8am & 10:30am	Pentecost Sunday "Day of Power and Presence" Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39 Revd Soon Soo Kee

We give thanks to God
 for His Goodness and
 Faithfulness over
 COA, 71 years and
 beyond....

Happy 71st Anniversary!



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
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VICAR'S MESSAGE 21 MAY 2023

Dear COA Family,

It's been a year since our 70th anniversary celebration service. How time flies! As I pondered over what to write in this week's devotion, I felt led to recount God's blessings of us in the past year so that we can be reminded of and give thanks to God for his faithfulness. This is especially important since we are so prone to forgetting God's keeping and leading us!

Firstly, I thank God for leading and guiding us as a church according to his will and direction. Last year, the Lord led us to **Rebuild God's House** after a season of trial. This year, we are led to **Grow Deeper** to prepare ourselves for God's new work in our midst. Our services were gradually restored in terms of being able to meet and sing freely without restrictions. Our members came back for physical worship services. We were also blessed by the sermon series of Nehemiah and 1 Corinthians last year and Encountering Jesus in the OT and Brokenness this year.

Besides that, I thank God for the renewing and refreshing of our **cell groups**. Our cell group communities are the crucial building block of our church. It is in these groups that we can truly share our lives with and support one another. We learnt how important cell groups were during the pandemic when physical gatherings in church were prohibited. Last year, by committing to meeting and participating in the church-wide bible studies, there was a renewed sense of fellowship with one another and vision to continue. A much-needed cell group structure was also formed to care for the cell leaders.

Our **outreach ministries** were also revived. Elder Fellowship resumed meeting on a monthly basis and has continued ever since with renewed vigour. We are seeing more ladies from the community participating in our Comlink outreach programmes. Our Kardia and children ministries have seen more youths joining, due to the camps and programmes that were organised. Our Visitation Ministry has seen an influx of volunteers to care for our homebound members.

Our **chaplaincy** to St Andrew's Junior School, Ascension Kindergarten and Little Seeds Preschool (Ascension) has also seen closer cooperation between our church and the school leaders and staff. New opportunities and open doors were presented to us to reach out. An example was the Up and On Programme for the Primary 6 boys in SAJS that have yielded much fruit. Some of our members have also taken up the role of host parents for the foreign students in St Andrew's Hall. We have seen an increase in our Chaplaincy staff strength to 4 and we thank God for each one of them.

Lastly, I also thank God for bringing in **new friends and visitors** from the community into our church. Many of them have been baptised, confirmed and have joined our cell groups. They are such an encouragement to us and we thank God for all of them. A growing church is a sign of a healthy church (see Acts 2).

All of these reminders echo what the Lord also said to the Israelites before they entered the Promised Land:

"During the forty years that I led you through the wilderness, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet. You ate no bread and drank no wine or other fermented drink. I did this so that you might know that I am the Lord your God"
Deuteronomy 29:5-6.

May we be encouraged by God's faithfulness towards us at our anniversary as we trust Him to lead us into the future He has prepared for us!

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	10:30am	Ascension Hall (Level 3)

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

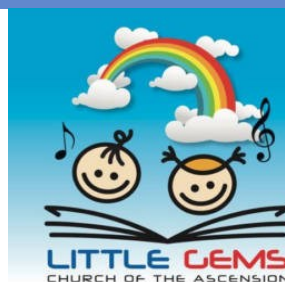


COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

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

*Please note that there will be no Little Gems and Kids for Christ **Today**, Ascension Sunday.

*From **28 May** onwards, KFC will be held at MPH.



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!



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>

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.

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 the Ascension Hall.

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



KIDS FOR CHRIST CAMP (8 - 9 JUNE 2023)

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

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PER CHILD

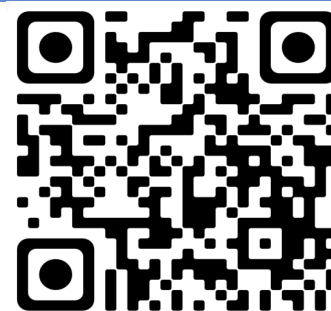
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IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUERIES, PLEASE
CONTACT SHIRLEY
AT 07667304

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.



KFC RISE UP CAMP - VOLUNTEERS' BRIEFING SESSION

Date: 28 May 23

Time: 12pm

Venue: MPH



THE ASCENSION
KINDERGARTEN

The Ascension Legacy

The Ascension Kindergarten represents a significant chapter in the lives of many young children and their families. We invite you to join us at our Family Day as we celebrate and commemorate The Ascension Legacy.

Come and write your story.

24 May 2023 (Wednesday)

Current students:

8.30am - 10am / 10.30am - 12pm / 1.30pm - 3pm

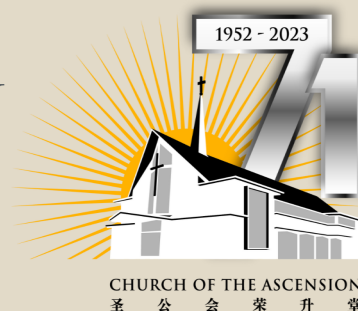
Alumni & Friends: 3pm - 4pm



For more details, email us at kindergarten@akg.edu.sg

ASCENSION SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE - 21 MAY 2023

ASCENSION SUNDAY SERVICE



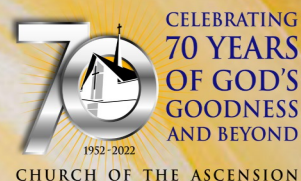
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
CELEBRATES GOD'S GOODNESS
71 YEARS AND BEYOND

21 MAY 2023 | 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



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 21 - 27 MAY 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BOARD:

Warden of St Peter's Hall & Diocesan Training:
Associate Wardens:

Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman
Revd Canon Huang Ao-you
Revd William Chee
Revd Dr Jeremy-Joe Tan (Hon.)
Ds June Tan

Trinity Theological College, Theological students and Ordinands

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: More children are coming down with adenovirus infections; symptoms include fever and pink eye. Pray for God's protection over the children and speedy recovery for those infected.

Thailand: Pray for God's wisdom to be upon Thailand as the new government is being formed. Pray for a smooth, stable, and peaceful transition of leadership.

3) PARISH:

- COA 71st Anniversary Service on 21 May (today): We give thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness these 71 years and ask for His help to continue loving and serving Him with joy.
- KFC Children Camp (8 - 9 Jun 2023): Pray for the 45 registered children to grow deeper in their faith and encounter God powerfully in the camp.
- Smooth transition of Mandarin Service to 10:30am. Pray for members to adjust quickly to the change in service time.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

Evelyn Tan, Joanne Lau,
Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin,
Wong Wah Kum, Zephania 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 - scan to show results to be normal and blood tests to show improvement in the results.

"And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

John 17:11