



God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

28 May 2023
Pentecost Sunday/ Whitsunday

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Sermon: "Day of Power and Presence"

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-21;
John 7:37-39

UPCOMING

4 Jun (Sun)
8am & 10:30am

Trinity Sunday (TTC Day)
"Praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"
Ephesians 1:3-14;
Matthew 28:16-20
Revd Dr Edwin Tay

8 & 9 Jun (Thu & Fri)
9am - 4pm

KIDS FOR CHRIST CAMP
"Grow Deeper in Faith"
Ascension Hall

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Dear COA Family,

It is easy to speak about loving one another and yet it is also the most difficult task for us to do. This is because we are all selfish and self-centred people. But love one another we must because this is the greatest commandment that Christ has laid down for us: love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself (Matt 22:37-39).

We are to love one another because we are part of God's family and God has first loved us. When we live in love, God is truly present among us. 1 John 4:11-12 says,

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

So what are some characteristics of love that God demands of us?

Here is a seemingly obvious and intuitive one that is yet one that is extremely difficult to accomplish: **do not live in hate of your brother or sister.**

1 John 4 continues:

*"We love because he first loved us. **Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.** For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen" (v19-20).*

Now hate is not the anger we feel when someone offends us or others we love. That is a normal emotion arising out of the love for self or others. We simply do not want to see people get hurt because we are all created in the image of God.

However, hate is developed when we hold on to that hurt, continue to reside in feelings of anger and wish the worst for that person. We wish that the offender would receive the worst punishment possible leading to him or her going to hell. We do not want salvation for that person because we feel he or she does not deserve it. This thought is not according to God's will because he desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

So what can we do?

Stop living in hate. Instead, let us confess our wrong thoughts and desires to God, choose to extend forgiveness and leave all justice in the hands of God. After all, God says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" (Romans 12:19).

Instead, pray for God's salvation for those you know are straying. If your enemies are hungry, feed them. Do not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Let us not live in hate but choose to love our brothers and sisters with God's love. This is how we know that we truly love God.

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.

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

*There will be no Little Gems and Kids for Christ Sunday School classes for the month of June.



Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)

BREAKFAST AT LKC

We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers. Please email Elaine Chin at elainekohwy@yahoo.com.sg or call the Church Office if you wish to serve in this area.



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 & 2 JUN 2023

The church office will be closed on the following dates:-

- 1) 30-31 May (Tuesday and Wednesday) for Staff Retreat (29-31 May 2023). The office will reopen on 1 June (Thursday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.
- 2) 2 June (Friday) PH (Vesak Day). The office will reopen on 3 June (Saturday). For any urgent matters, please contact 98333197.

VICAR ON LEAVE

Revd Ian will be on leave on 5–22 June. For any urgent matters, please contact the church office or approach our pastoral staff.

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**

**\$20
PER CHILD**

**SCAN HERE
TO SIGN UP**



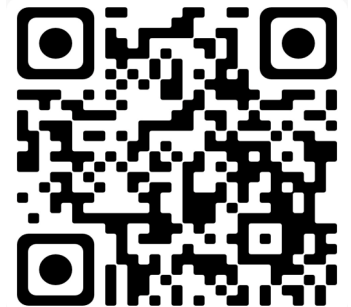
**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUERIES, PLEASE
CONTACT SHIRLEY
AT 07667304**



Registration for the camp is **closed**. We look forward to seeing you at the camp!

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 (Today)

Time: 12pm

Venue: MPH

YAAAS FAM - 29 JUN 2023

YAAAS FAM

The First-Ever Parent-Child Bonding
Outdoor Sports & Games Jointly
Organised By The 3 SAV Churches



Date: 29 June 2023

Time: 9am-12.30pm

Venue: St. Andrew's Junior College Field

Fee: \$5 for each Adult-Child Pair

Age: 5-12 years old



Sign Up Now!

Registration & Payment via QR Code

Registration Deadline: 4 June 2023

*For enquiries, contact Lili Chng at
lilichng@cor.org.sg*

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord
Psalm 127:3a



The event is open to all families with children aged 5-12 years old. It is the first ever parent-child bonding event jointly organised by the three parishes in St. Andrew's Village: Church of the Ascension, Chapel of the Holy Spirit and Chapel of the Resurrection. Register by 4 June via the QR code provided. For any queries, please contact Angel at 81390411.

OFFERING

WHITSUNDAY 2023

Give to support and strengthen school chaplaincy work

MINISTRY INCLUDES

- Sharing the gospel to pre-believers
- Discipling new or un-churched Christian students
- Mobilising disciplined Christian students to be active witnesses

FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BE USED TO

- Subsidise manpower costs for chaplaincy staff
- Train chaplaincy staff

OFFERING

WHITSUNDAY 2023



If you would like to give towards this meaningful ministry, please direct your givings to the church and indicate 'Whitsunday 2023'.



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BISHOP TITUS' SYNOD ADDRESS

19 MAY 2023

Synod Presidential Address

Relationships:
The Foundation of Discipleship

Bishop Titus' Synod Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season!

Please click [here](#) for the link.

CHINESE MINISTRY OUTING: DESARU 2D1N (16-17 JUNE 2023)

2D Desaru



迪沙鲁乐悠悠

Day 1 Singapore - Desaru (Fruit Fiesta Lunch & Dinner)

第一天 新加坡 - 迪沙鲁 (水果大餐, 晚餐)

Assemble at designated point and depart to custom via 2nd link. Meet & greet by Malaysia tour guide and proceed to Gelang Patah for breakfast at own expenses. After breakfast, continue our journey to Desaru.

集合于指定出发地点等候出发, 我们将从第二通道进入马来西亚。导游接待前往享用早餐(自费)。接着前往迪沙鲁

Desaru Fruit Farm with farm tour 参观迪沙鲁水果园

- Guided farm tour to 100 acres tropical fruit land 室内导游安排参观果园
- Learn about the followings : GAP-Good Agriculture Practice/ IPM-Integrated Pest Management
- Stroll thru the passion fruit & Jambu trail 了解水果种植, 水翁街道
- Collect information in the agriculture gallery 农贸博物馆

Lunch with Fruit Fiesta 水果大餐

Check in hotel, free & leisure 入住酒店, 自由活动

Proceed to Kota Tinggi for Dinner and Firefly Watching Experience 享用晚餐, 观赏萤火虫

Day 2 Desaru - Pengerang - Singapore (Breakfast, Lobster seafood lunch)

第二天 迪沙鲁 - 泗湾岛 - 新加坡 (早餐, 龙虾海鲜午餐)

Breakfast at hotel, check out and proceed to Pengerang 早餐在酒店, 退房前往泗湾岛

Visit Famous biscuit shop then follow by Lobster seafood lunch 前往泗湾岛著名饼店, 接着享用午餐

Shopping time @ AEON Shopping mall 购物时间 - AEON购物商场

Return to Singapore 返回新加坡

- Home Sweet Home - 旅途愉快!

PACKAGE INCLUSIVE OF 配套包括:

- ♣ TRAVEL BY AIR-CONDITIONED COACH 乘搭舒适旅游巴士
- ♣ 1 NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATION 1晚酒店住宿
- ♣ 4 MEALS 4餐
- ♣ TRAVEL INSURANCE 旅游保险 (80岁以下)
- A) PERSONAL ACCIDENT 个人意外 \$10000 (80岁以下)
- B) PERSONAL ACCIDENT MEDICAL 个人意外医药 \$500
- ♣ TIPPINGS 小费

Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice.

本社保留在不可预见情况下有权更改景点游览的先后顺序, 以实际路况/天气为准

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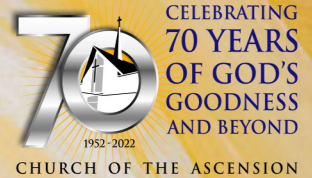
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16/06/2023

Those who are interested, please contact Caroline at 98333197. Last day of registration is on 4 June 2023.

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: 28 MAY - 3 JUN 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION HOSPITAL (SAMH) AND SINGAPORE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (SACS)

- Pray for the patients, residents, students and clients under the care of SAMH-SACS, as well as their family members.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers to draw closer to God as the source of inspiration for their work and lives.
- Pray for the Boards, Management Committees, executives and professional caregivers to have the wisdom, skills and passion to manage and deliver high quality services for those in need.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for close bonding between parents and children in the upcoming school holidays. Pray also that the children will be suitably engaged in wholesome activities and educators will find a time of rest and refreshing.

Global Peace: Pray for peace to prevail in the Russia and Ukraine war, cessation of hostilities in Myanmar's civil war and for tensions to ease in the Taiwan Strait.

3) PARISH:

- 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.
- Educators and students who are taking their semester break.
- Pentecost Sunday (**Today**): Pray for the Holy Spirit to abide with us so that we may live in hope and grow in faith and love.

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
- stones in left kidney.
- urinary tract infection.
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart
Felicia Koh - scan to show results to be normal and blood tests to show improvement in the results.
Steven Syn - restoration and wellness.

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

John 7:38