



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

7 May 2023
Easter 5/ SAV Area Group Sunday

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Joseph You

Sermon: "Faith and Team Work"

Bible Reading: Exodus 17:7-16
 John 14:1-14

UPCOMING

10 May
(Wed)
8pm

Hour of Power
 Via Zoom

14 May
(Sun)
8am &
10:30am

Easter 6/ Mother's Day
 "Living with Love and Generosity"
 James 1:2-18
 Joyce Ewing-Chow

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

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Event Calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

Vicar's Address at AGM 2023 (Part 2)

Dear COA Family,

This is a continuation of my address at the recent AGM. (Please check out the COA website to read the first part.)

2. Life in our Chaplaincies

Let me move on to our Chaplaincies. They are Open Doors that God provided for us to reach out and should never be taken for granted or de-emphasised. We have a responsibility to be faithful to what God has granted to us.

Let me start with **St Andrew's Junior School**. We are thankful for a close relationship between our church and the school and a common vision among both leaderships of how to pastorally care for the students. Due to this, there are increasing opportunities to reach out to the staff and students in morning devotions, assembly sessions, staff chapels, recess ministry and after-school programs. Our effectiveness is limited by the number of church staff and volunteers we have to reach out. With this in mind, we have increased the number of staff in the Chaplaincy team to 3 - Ps Barnabas Sim (as lead), Shaun Foo and Sam Goh. I also appeal to members who would want to be involved to let Ps Barnabas know of your interest as well.

Next we have **Ascension Kindergarten (AK)**. We are thankful for the long history and close links between the school and us. Shirley Kwek, our Chaplaincy worker, continues to share at the devotions while Dianne Seet also leads in songs. Many of the children joined us this year for both the Little Gems Camp and Easter Children Program. We will continue to reach out to the children through our Chaplaincy and support the operations of the school.

The next half of this year will be a crucial year as AK transits from being a kindergarten to a childcare. Societal trends have accelerated the need for such a change. Many young parents require childcare services as both parents working full-time becomes the norm. In addition, changes in government policy means that subsidies are available for the working parents and operators in childcare, but not in kindergarten. To remain financially viable, we have little choice but to change and change quickly. So from June this year, Little Seed Pre-School (Ascension) (APS) will renovate our existing AK building to prepare for the transition. The AK children will be using venues in COA, the Diocesan Building and the SA Boarding House from June to end Oct on weekdays for their curriculum. Regardless, our Chaplaincy ministry will not be affected, whether AK remains as a kindergarten or childcare. Let's continue to support them in our prayers and whatever means we are able.

We also thank God for our **APS** which is flourishing very well. Enrolment is good, most classes are at full capacity and there is a waiting list to join. This year we thank God for being able to resume the Sports Day which will be held at the Sports Hub on 26 May (Fri). It will be an opportunity for us to connect with the parents.

Another Chaplaincy ministry we have is **St Andrew's Hall**. This is a Hall for about 250 foreign scholars studying in 15 schools. We have always been part of this Chaplaincy ever since the Hall was set up in 2012, but this year it will be much more important for us because I will be appointed the Chaplain of the Hall by the Bishop. How can we be involved? By being Host Parents to the scholars. I am thankful that 10 sets of parents in COA are currently taking care of 26 students in the Hall. Some of the youths are also attending our church now. I ask that more of you be ready to serve as Host Parents for the new batches of students. Let us also warmly welcome the foreign students in our midst.



VICAR'S MESSAGE 7 MAY 2023

Finally, we will be taking up a new Chaplaincy later this year – the **Aljunied Nursing Home**. This is a 9-storey, 210-bed nursing home that is situated next to Pelton Canal and will be completed by the end of the year. It will be operational by the first quarter of next year. In view of the ageing population and the increasing needs and ministry to the elders, the PCC and I believe that the Lord is leading us to serve in this area too. To prepare for this new work, we will be hiring a full-time Chaplaincy staff for this ministry later this year.

At this point, you may think that there is a lot for us to do. But there is another way of looking at all of these Chaplaincy ministries: as God's gracious open doors for us. No other denominational churches have the opportunities and goodwill that we the Anglican Church have – openings in education and healthcare granted by the government to engage the community. Let's therefore be thankful for these opportunities and step forward in faith together

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 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

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.

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

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 the following date:-

- 1) **30-31 May 2023** - for Staff Retreat (29-31 May 2023). The office will reopen on 1 June (Thursday).

For urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

SAMH-SACS SUNDAY 2023: LOVE NEVER FAILS



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- 1 Serving the community with Medical, Senior, Psychiatric, Autism, as well as Family and Children Services.
- 2 Please donate to **SAMH and SACS Chaplaincy Fund** to enable our chaplains to continue caring for the spiritual and emotional needs of our patients/clients and staff with Christ's love.
For 2023, SAMH Chaplaincy Fund needs to raise **\$650,000**, while SACS Chaplaincy Fund needs to raise **\$150,000**.
- 3 Please make cheque donations payable to St. Andrew's Mission Hospital or Singapore Anglican Community Services. Please indicate **"For Chaplaincy Fund"** on the back of the cheque.

Donations in support of SAMH and SACS Chaplaincy Fund are not eligible for tax deduction.

PRAYER POINTERS FOR SAMH-SACS



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- 1 Pray for the patients, residents, students and clients under the care of SAMH-SACS, as well as their family members.
- 2 Pray that our staff and volunteers will draw closer to God as the source and inspiration for our work and our lives.
- 3 Pray for our Boards, Management Committees, executives and professional caregivers to have the wisdom, skills, grace and compassion to manage and deliver high quality services for those in need.
- 4 Pray for the generous support regardless of amount from individuals, churches and corporate donors in our efforts to raise the required funds for our work.
- 5 Pray for the Chaplaincy Teams (chaplains and volunteers/befrienders) to provide spiritual support and pastoral care to staff, patients, residents, students, clients and volunteers.
- 6 Pray that members of each parish in our Diocese will find meaningful and creative ways to support SAMH-SACS in prayer, in encouragement, in giving and in volunteer service.

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**

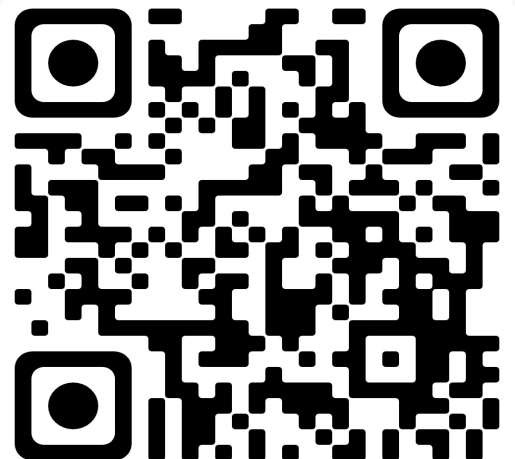


**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUERIES, PLEASE
CONTACT SHIRLEY
AT 07667304**



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.





Mother's Day Family Talks

Bridge of
Communication

Speaker: Mdm Belinda Yuan

- Master of Social Science Counselling
- Certified Professional Counsellor
- License of China Psychological Consultant
- CEO of Ao Xiang Counselling Service
- Lecturer of BSS Dao Geng Discipleship Training Institute

Date: 13 May 2023

Time: 10.30am-12.00noon

Venue: Potong Pasir Community Club #02-04

HAPPY SATURDAY



Supported by: Potong Pasir CCC



St Andrew's Village Community Projects
圣安德烈村社区服务计划

HOUR OF POWER ONLINE 10 MAY 2023

Date: Wed 10 May 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



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.



Mother's Day Service

70 CELEBRATING
70 YEARS
OF GOD'S
GOODNESS
AND BEYOND
1952-2022
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



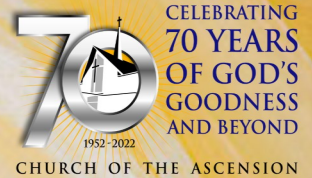
Living
with
Love and
Generosity

James 1:2-18

Joyce Ewing-Chow
14 May 2023, Sunday
8am & 10:30am, Sanctuary

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



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
THE JOY OF ETERNAL LIFE
JOHN 17:1-11
ACTS 1:6-14



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 7 - 13 MAY 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE: SAV AREA GROUP PARISHES

Chapel of the Holy Spirit
Chapel of the Resurrection
Church of the Ascension

Vicar: Revd Joseph You
Vicar: Revd David Lee
Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

Pray for God's blessings on the combined chaplaincy and outreach programs of all three parishes to the schools in St Andrew's Village, Potong Pasir and Bidadari communities.

Pray for God's blessings on the SAV Combined Family Day on 7 Oct (Sat) morning.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

- Singapore: Pray for the inter-ministry committee to be set up to help parents and schools tackle youth drug abuse. Pray for our youths not to fall into the prey of drug addiction.
- World: Pray for protection for people in countries facing significant climate hazards such as heat waves, floods and droughts.

3) PARISH:

- Easter season - renewal, restoration and empowerment.
- Mother's Day celebration services on 14 May 2023.
- 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) - 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.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father... If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

John 14:12; 14