



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, You have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our heart whereby we call You Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

25 Jun 2023
Trinity 3

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Bp Raphael Samuel

Sermon: "Christ Restores!"

Bible Reading: Joel 2:19-27
Mark 5:21-34

UPCOMING

30 Jun (Fri) 10:30am - 12:30pm	Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service Ascension Hall (AH) Revd Soon Soo Kee
2 Jul (Sun) 8am & 10:30am	Trinity 4/ Youth Sunday "King of My Heart" 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Mark 12:28-33 Angelina Lim
6 Jul (Thurs) 10am - 12:30pm	Comlink Visit to Peranakan Museum
9 Jul (Sun) 8am & 10:30pm	Trinity 5 "I am the Bread of Life" Exodus 16:9-31 John 6:22-35 Revd Ian Chew

Connect with the Ascension Family



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

VICAR'S MESSAGE 25 JUN 2023

Dear COA Family,

How do we know that we will receive eternal life?

This is a very vexing question that many would ask, especially on their deathbed. It is actually an important question to ask, because the Bible commands us to examine and test ourselves – to see if we are in the faith (2 Cor 13:5).

Romans 8 actually tells us how we can be sure:

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory” (Romans 8:16-17).

Working backwards in these verses, we know that we are heirs of God (have received eternal life) if we are children of God. As God’s children, we can expect to receive all that he has intended and prepared for us.

How do we know that we are God’s children then?

By the Holy Spirit’s witness in our hearts that we are not orphans but truly belong to the living God. The earlier verse tells us that the Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children – it is a sureness of conviction in our hearts that cannot be denied.

So how do I continue to encourage these people who are unsure of their salvation? I will tell them three things:

1. Know God as their loving heavenly Father. He is the One who has created them and purposed all that is good for their lives. He is the One who has provided for all of their needs. He is the One who has loved them as his very own from the beginning.
2. Know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. According to God’s will, Jesus the Son has come to die on the cross for the sins of the world, and was raised from the dead for the justification of the world. Jesus is the way, truth and life.
3. Know the Spirit as the One who is with them right now, applying the truth of God in their lives and assuring themselves of their future eternal inheritance in God.

Yet such an assurance is not just for the dying. We need to be filled with such an assurance day by day in our lives. This provides us with strength for living in faith daily for the Lord.

How can we then be sustained in this assurance on a daily basis?

By sharing in the sufferings of Christ. If there is something that is right but difficult to do in your life, and if it involves a form of sacrifice on your part either of time, possessions or pride, you are sharing in the suffering of Christ as you do it. This is because our Lord Jesus similarly did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. He came to undergo suffering on our behalf. By suffering together with Christ, we are identifying with his mission and person. And we can look forward with confidence to share in his glory as well.

So, beloved, whatever difficult circumstances or trials that you might be going through at this time, take heart and persevere in obeying God. Do not give up. All of your efforts empowered by the Spirit are working for your eternal inheritance which you will receive in the age to come.

God bless,
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

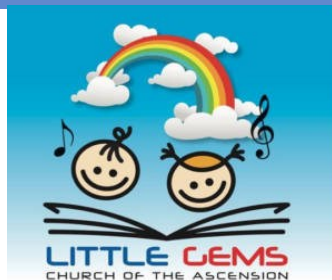
- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

*There will be no Little Gems and Kids for Christ Sunday School classes for the month of June. It will resume on 2 Jul 23, 10.30am at MPH.

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 - 29 JUN 2023

The church office will be closed on 29 June (Thursday) - PH (Hari Raya Haji). The office will reopen on 30 June (Friday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

VACANCY FOR FULL-TIME ADMIN OFFICER AT TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (TTC)

TTC is looking for a suitable candidate to fill up the above position. Interested applicants, please contact christineting@ttc.edu.sg for more information or to submit your CV.

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 30 Jun 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.



SELF-CARE FOR MENTAL WELL BEING - 22 JUL 2023

Self-Care for Mental Well Being

Date: 22 July 2023

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Youth Building, Ground Floor, St George's Church, 44 Minden Road

Speaker: Ms Michelle Tan, Outreach Manager, CAL

Jointly organised by St George's Church and Caregivers' Alliance Limited (CAL)

The talk will help participants to consider the importance of self-care for their mental well-being and to avoid burnout while caring for others affected by mental or chronic illnesses. Participants will learn practical ways to self-care.

This talk is intended for people who are already carers or see themselves becoming carers in the near future.

Interested participants may find out more and register at this link by **20 July 2023**.

<https://stgeorgeschurch.churchcenter.com/registrations>

REGISTRATION FOR ADMISSION TO P1 IN ANGLICAN SCHOOLS 2024 (PHASE 2B)

MOE has announced the dates for Phase 2B of the Primary One registration:

From: Monday 24 July 2023, 9am

To: Tuesday 25 July 2023, 4.30pm

Result: Monday, 31 July 2023

Parents will need to:

1. Fill up Form A for endorsement by Vicar or authorised person by **17 July 2023** with the following supporting documents:

a. Child/ward's Birth Certificate

b. Parent's Baptism and Confirmation Certificates

Form A may be obtained by written request to admin@ascension.org.sg or contacting the church office at 62833988.

Please submit your form to Church office at least two weeks in advance for processing (by 17 July 2023).

2. Submit the endorsed Form A, together with other necessary documents as indicated on the MOE website, within the time period stated above. Submission is to be made through the FormSG using SingPass.

For more info about Phase 2B and the P1 registration exercise, you may visit:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSES

Baptism Course (Jul-Aug 2023)

Date: 16 Jul – 19 Aug 2023,

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension

Baptism is one of the most significant milestones in a believer's walk with God. It is a public declaration of our personal decision to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Baptism Class

Commencing:
16th July 2023

Contact office for details



Schedule for Baptism Course

Sunday 16 Jul 2023 - Introduction & Salvation
Sunday 23 Jul 2023 - The Apostles' Creed Part 1
Sunday 30 Jul 2023 - The Apostles' Creed Part 2
Sunday 6 Aug 2023 - The Lord's Prayer Part 1
Sunday 13 Aug 2023 - The Lord's Prayer Part 2
Saturday 19 Aug 2023 - Baptism Retreat

Baptism Service: Sunday 27 Aug 2023, 10:30am

To register, please click on the QR code or the link [here](#).



Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

Date: 24 Sep - 28 Oct 2023,

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming Bishop.



The Confirmation Course is for:

1. Those seeking confirmation / membership in Church of the Ascension (COA).
2. Those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at COA.

Schedule for Confirmation Course

Sunday 24 Sep - The Ten Commandments (1-4)
Sunday 1 Oct - The Ten Commandments (5-10)
Sunday 8 Oct - The Work of the Holy Spirit
Sunday 15 Oct - Anglicanism & Church History
Sunday 22 Oct - The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Saturday 28 Oct (10am-12pm) - Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Service: Sunday 29 Oct 2022, 10.30 am

To register, please click on the QR code or the link [here](#).



ALPHA COURSE : JUL - SEP 2023



Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who are searching for the meaning of life
- Those who are exploring Christianity and the Church
- New Christians or Newcomers to Church

Schedule :

Dates: 16 July – 10 Sep, 2023 Sundays
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Venue: DOS Building, #01-06
No. 1, Francis Thomas Drive

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16/7: **Is there More to Life Than This?**

23/7: **Who is Jesus?**

30/7: **Why did Jesus die?**

6/8: **How can we have faith?**

13/8: **Why & how do I pray?**

20/8: **Why and how should I read the Bible?**

26/8 (Sat) 9 am – 3:30 pm **Alpha Weekend**

Venue: 3rd Floor, Ascension Hall, Church of the Ascension.

- **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
- **What does the Holy Spirit do?**
- **How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?**
- **How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**

10/9: **Why and how should I tell others?**

13/9: **How does God guide us?**

Cost: It's free! (Lunch Included)

Register by 9 July! [Click here to register online](#)

Enquiries: admin@ascension.org.sg

Fun Food Trail

Join us for a pre-Alpha activity on

8 July morning!

Get to know the people.

Explore great food around!



KARDIA - YOUTH SUNDAY BBQ : 2 JULY 2023

Kardia youth invites you!

YOUTH SUNDAY BBQ

Beach - Friends - Food - Games

July 2nd, 2023 ▪ 3:30 PM - 8:00pm

East Coast Park Area C Pit 18 Near to Carpark C2

More information and signup at
<https://tinyurl.com/COAYouthDay2023>

Enquiries : Shaun 85220891



MY WISHES FOR ASCENSION KINDERGARTEN

My hopes and dreams for Ascension

TELL US HOW ASCENSION
HAS MADE A POSITIVE
IMPACT IN YOUR LIVES.
DO SUBMIT YOUR
RESPONSES BY 31 JULY 2023



The Ascension Kindergarten opened its doors to young children and families in 1964. Many generations of Ascensionaires hold fond memories of fun times singing praise songs, playing all day and being loved by teachers.

In 2016, the Ministry of Education first announced its plans to build preschools within its primary schools to improve quality and accessibility. The government also continues to fund childcare centres and increase teacher's salaries. With the increase in operating costs and dwindling enrolment for kindergartens, Ascension need to change its model so that it can continue to reach out to young children and families. It will operate as a childcare from Jan 2024

Schedule of Work and events

- June • Renovations commence
- Children will be relocated within SAV
- July • Announcement of new preschool name
- Oct • Return to Science Block

Between June to October, do expect

- limitation in parking spaces
- storage of bulky resources in COA and Youth Room
- Use of LKC Hall during weekdays

We apologise for the inconveniences caused and thank you for your patience.



Peranakan Museum

DATE: 6 JUL 23 (THURS)

TIME: 10AM TO 12.30PM

VENUE: CITY HALL MRT (EXIT B)

**FEES: FOC (SINGAPOREANS & PRS)
\$12 PER ADULT (FOREIGNERS)**

REGISTER BY: 4 JUL 2023

**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.

Diocesan Theological Studies Module 7

The Christian and the Church

4 JULY TO 22 AUGUST 2023 (EVERY TUESDAY)

7.30 - 9.30 PM

VIA ZOOM

COST: \$20

REGISTER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3OXER8K](https://bit.ly/3OXER8K)

CONTACT PERSON: LUCILLA TEOH, LUCILLATEOH.DTS@GMAIL.COM

TEACHING TEAM

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PASTOR GABRIEL JUSTIN TAN

REVD WILLIAM CHEE

REVD THOMAS J. ISAAC

REVD DR JEREMY-JOE TAN

PRESENTED BY:



THE DIOCESE
of SINGAPORE



The Christian and the Church

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18 ESV).

The Church is a key part of the life of a Christian. Just because protestant Christianity rejects the doctrine that

salvation comes through the Church or that the Church is the ark of salvation, the Church should not be thought of as just an addendum to Christian life. In Ephesians, we read that God has a marvelous plan for and through the Church in the world today and all of us, when we believe and follow Jesus,

are part of the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Christian life is lived within a local church.

Topics include: History and Nature of the Church, Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church, The Church and Society and in the World.

REGISTRATION:

Dates: 4 July to 22 August 2023 (Every Tuesday)

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm Via Zoom

Cost: \$20

Register via: <https://bit.ly/3OXer8k>

#PARISH OF THE WEEK - COA RUN : 12 JULY 2023

The Diocese of Singapore will be launching a campaign, #ParishoftheWeek, from July 2023, where one Anglican parish will be featured each week. COA will be featured as Parish of the Week from 11 to 16 July.

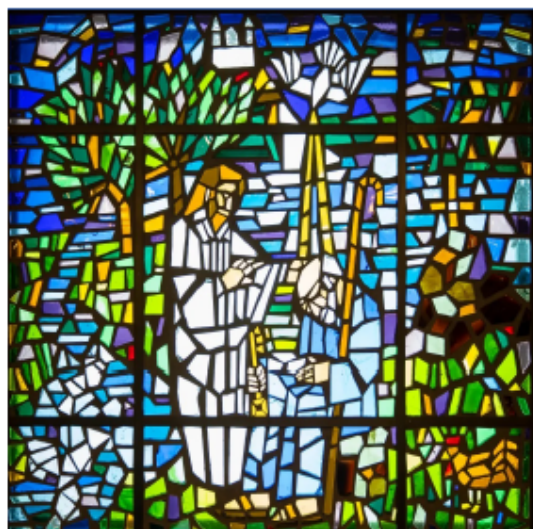


On 12 July, Wednesday, a group of clergy will be leading a run and praying for COA. COA members may also participate in this run (approx. 5.4km). If you are interested in participating in the run or would like to join the fellowship, please contact Clare or call the church office by 2 July.

All runners will need to be at COA by **7am** on 12 July. Below is the programme for your reference:

Time	Activity / Description
Before 7am	Parish gates to be opened
7am	All personnel to arrive
7.10am	Briefing by Running clergy
7.25am	Prayer
7.30am	Flag off with members of parish cheering them on
End of Run	Parish to welcome the returning runners
	Light Refreshment and Fellowship
8.45am	Closing prayer and blessings for the parish

For more information about Parish of the Week, please visit the diocesan website at <http://anglican.org.sg/potw>



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies

*Thursday
Evenings on
Zoom!*

Term 3 2023

Old Testament

Module 3 The Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel)

Instructor: Revd. Canon Dr. Lewis Lew.
Revd. Aaron Cheng, Dr. Gilbert Tan

10 lessons: 6 Jul – 7 Sep 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 16 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod3>



New Testament

Module 9 The Acts of the Apostles

Instructor: Mr. Stanley Tay

9 lessons: 6 Jul – 31 Aug 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 16 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod9>



Click or scan the QR code to sign up.
Course fees: \$10.00 | Exam fees: \$5.00

Payment instructions provided on registration.

Exam is optional. For more information on DCBS, please visit this link:

<https://sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies/>

For other enquiries, write to dcbs.sph@gmail.com



JULY -- AUGUST SERMON SERIES

Church of the Ascension
July-August Sermon Series



I AM SAYINGS OF JESUS

John 8:12

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

9 July	Revd Ian Chew	I am the Bread of Life
16 July	Ps Barnabas Sim	I am the Light of the World
23 July	Ps Loke Chi Shyan	I am the Gate for the Sheep
30 July	Ps Edward Zaccheus	I am the Good Shepherd
6 August	Revd Soon Soo Kee	I am the Resurrection and the Life
13 August	Dr Leow Theng Huat	I am the Way, Truth and Life
20 August	Revd Ian Chew	I am the True Vine



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 25 JUN - 1 JUL 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Acting Vicar:

English & Mandarin Congregations:

Kiddy Ark Childcare & Development Center:

Revd Brandon Loy

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Supervisor and staff

Anglican High School:

Principal and staff

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's protection on Singapore youths as it has been reported that they have been increasingly targeted by terrorist groups.

China: China's youth unemployment situation is said to be getting worse. Pray that God will help the young graduates in China get through this difficult time and find employment within a reasonable time frame.

3) PARISH:

- Cell group ministry: Pray that the ministry will continue to be a place where church members are refreshed and encouraged.
- Youth Sunday and Youth Sunday BBQ, 2 Jul 2023.
- July - August sermon series: Pray that everyone will discover deeper revelations of the characteristics of Jesus, as we begin the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus series.

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 - Tiny cyst on the liver.
Awaiting for MRI scan. Pray for favorable results and no further tests need to be done.
Steven Syn - restoration and wellness.

"So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 10:32