



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

**16 Jul 2023**  
**Trinity 6**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Ps Barnabas Sim

**Sermon:** "I am the Light of the World"

**Bible Reading:** Psalm 19:7-14;  
John 8:12-18

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

## UPCOMING

**16 Jul (Sun) 12:30 - 2:30pm** **Alpha #1**  
"Is there more to life than this?"  
Youth Room, #01-06  
DOS Building

**23 Jul (Sun) 8am & 10:30pm** **Trinity 7**  
"I am the Gate for the Sheep"  
Jeremiah 23:1-4  
John 10:1-10  
Ps Loke Chi Shyan

**27 Jul (Thurs) 8:30am - 11:30am** **Comlink**  
Fellowship Walk to  
Bishan Park via Kallang  
PCN

**28 Jul (Fri) 10:30am - 12:30pm** **Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service**  
MPH  
"The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"  
Psalm 50:14-15  
Revd Ian Chew

## VICAR'S MESSAGE 16 Jul 2023

Dear COA Family,

We are currently going through the sermon series on the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus. This is in line with our vision and direction for this year to **grow deeper** – deeper in knowledge of, faith in and love for Christ.

Yet as we study more into the sayings of Jesus, we discover that some of them can be truly *shocking*.

Take for example his words found in Matthew 10:34-36 addressed to his disciples:

*“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’”*

They sound simply outrageous. Does Jesus truly intend to sow discord within the household which God has created and brought together? What can we make of his statements?

The key to understand what he is saying is to understand it in a spiritual sense.

In God’s view, there is nothing more important than to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. This is because God has created all of humanity for himself and we are only truly fulfilled and truly living and functioning properly if we fully obey all of his commands. To love another more than God is not only to commit the sin of idolatry, but also to live a wholly deficient and defective life.

This applies even within the household. If a member of the household insists on rebelling against God and live in ways contrary to God’s commands, there is no choice for a child of God but to separate from the sinner. We cannot call bad actions good nor affirm wicked attitudes and behaviours. We cannot join in wickedness nor condone sinful thoughts and acts. There has to be a clear separation between what is holy and what is common.

Some may think that this response to our family and loved ones seems cruel. Actually, it is not. It is the most merciful and humane thing to do because it is the only way to call out sin as it truly is – sinful and destructive to the person practising it. By conforming to the words of Jesus to turn against sinners, we are actually participating in God’s work to save them from eternal damnation.

This is also what it means for us to be the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). Light can only shine in darkness – where there is a stark contrast between what is good and what is evil. We cannot shine for Christ if we are totally similar to the people of this world we live in. No one will see any difference in us if our attitudes, values and mindsets are just like theirs. We can only shine if our lives are qualitatively different, which is when the Holy Spirit has transformed us by renewing our minds (Romans 12:2).

May we hear the words of Christ with faith afresh this week and let our lives be transformed to be like Him!

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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



## BREAKFAST AT LKC

We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers.  
Please email Elaine Chin at [elainekohwy@yahoo.com.sg](mailto: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.

## VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for suitable candidates to fill the following position:

- Associate Chaplain for St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied). Interested applicants,  
please click on the below URL <https://ascension.org.sg/jd03> and send your resume to  
[admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

## #PARISHOFTHEWEEK – CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

- The Diocese of Singapore is embarking on a 2-year campaign: Parish of the Week,  
where one different parish is featured each week.
- This week, the Parish of the Week is, our very own Church of the Ascension (COA).  
You can view a video about COA via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or the Diocesan  
Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.
- For YouTube Link, please click [here](#).

## COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR - TEACHING & BRIEFING SESSIONS

For those who have signed up for the Holy Land Study Tour (19 Nov - 1 Dec), there will be teaching and briefing sessions before the trip. The details are as follows:-

**Dates:** 23 July, 27 Aug, 24 Sept & 22 Oct.

**Time:** 12.30pm - 2pm

**Venue:** Ascension Hall, Level 3

For any queries, please contact 81002203.

## PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS

We are starting a church prayer support group for parents whose children have gone astray or are in need of prayer. The group will meet once a month to:

1. create a safe space for concerned parents to share openly,
2. assure and extend comfort to the parents that they are not alone in this journey and
3. pray for God's divine intervention in the lives of the children.

The prayer support group's first meeting is on **22 Jul (Sat) at 9am in Ascension Hall**. Interested parents, please contact Ps Edward at 81571244 or email to: [edward.z@ascension.org.sg](mailto:edward.z@ascension.org.sg) to register.

## ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Date:** Friday, 28 Jul 2023

**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Venue:** MPH

**Speaker:** Revd Ian Chew

**Sermon:** The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving

Lunch will be served at the LKC Hall.

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



## MEN'S NETWORK RETREAT 2023

**Date:** 19 - 20 Aug 2023

**Place:** St. Giles Hotel (JB) The Mall Mid Valley 666Southkey

**Cost:** \$200/pax including

1. Hotel room (Twin sharing w/breakfast)
2. Conference Room for two days (lunch & teabreak will be provided for both days).
3. Two ways transfer from COA - Hotel - COA (MPV)

Spouses at \$150/pax (lunch included for both days)

**More details will be given out later.**

## 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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Singapore 359340

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)

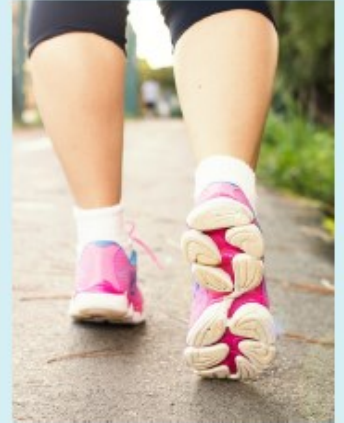
**Register by 9 July!** [Click here to register online](#)

**Enquiries:** [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

# Fellowship Walk

TO BISHAN PARK

VIA KALLANG PCN



**DATE:** 27 JUL 23 (THURS)

**TIME:** 8.30 AM TO 11.30 AM

**COST:** \$2 PER PERSON  
(INCLUSIVE OF A DRINK  
& A PACKET OF BISCUITS)

**MEETING PLACE:** ENTRANCE OF CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

**REGISTER BY:** 25 JUL 23



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 any unforeseen circumstances arise.



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

## 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](mailto: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>

## TTC OPEN HOUSE 2023

TTC  
OPEN HOUSE  
2023



### Considering a theological education?

Come join us for lectures, worship at our chapel, to dine with our community, to tour our campus, and to interact with our faculty and students.

Wed 23 Aug 2023 | 8.30am–2pm  
Trinity Theological College  
490 Upper Bukit Timah Rd

Register by Sun 20 Aug 2023  
at [ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse2023](http://ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse2023)  
or via this QR code



# STUDYING AND INTERPRETING THE BIBLE BY CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



## *Christian Education 2023*

Studying & Interpreting the Bible  
with Kua Wee Seng  
Saturdays | 1000-1200

- 5 Aug - Gospels & Parables
- 12 Aug - Law & Prophets
- 19 Aug - Psalms & Wisdom Books
- 26 Aug - Book of Revelation

Interested participants may email to  
[evangelinekhoo@cogsanglican.org](mailto:evangelinekhoo@cogsanglican.org)



We all interpret the Bible when we read it. The question is whether we interpret it accurately. This course will help us look at selected genres of the Bible and provide basic principles of interpretation of each of the genre. We will also look at selected Bible passage of each genre to learn how to apply the principles of interpretation in understanding the Word of God in the different genres.

**Speaker:** Mr Kua Wee Seng  
**Date:** 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2023 (Saturday)  
**Time:** 10am - 12nn  
**Venue:** Church of the Good Shepherd  
2 Dundee Road S(149454)  
Block B, Level 2, Room 1

Interested participants please email: [evangelinekhoo@cogsanglican.org](mailto:evangelinekhoo@cogsanglican.org)

Registration closes on **4 August 2023**

## 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>



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 9 - 15 JUL 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### Church of the Ascension

Vicar:

English and Chinese Congregation:

Revd Ian Chew

Clergy, staff and members

God's Leading

- Pray for God's leading for Church of the Ascension (COA) to grow deeper in faith and love for Christ and one another.

God's Strength and Favour

- God's strength and favour in COA's Chaplaincy Ministry to the Little Seeds Preschool (Ascension), Ascension Kindergarten, St Andrew's Junior School and St Andrew's Hall. This adds up to a total reach of 2153 students and 210 staff.

God's Guidance

- God's guidance for direction and steps of faith to reach out to the Potong Pasir community and beyond.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: The Samaritans of Singapore has recently published the findings that suicides in Singapore in 2022 have increased by 25% to 476. Pray for God's healing of those with mental health struggles and protection on those with suicidal tendencies. Pray especially for the youths who are suffering disproportionately from mental illness to know the peace of Christ.

World: Pray for peace in the electoral process for the post of Prime Minister in Thailand. Pray that the churches in grow in unity and faith and the gospel to be preached to all people groups in Thailand.

### 3) 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.  
Janet Hale - relief from pain in the  
stomach.

*"Again 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.'"*

John 8:12