



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

23 Jul 2023
Trinity 7

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Ps Loke Chi Shyan

Sermon: "I am the Gate for the Sheep"

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-4;
John 10:1-10

Connect with the Ascension Family



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

UPCOMING

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

28 Jul (Fri) **Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service**
10:30am - 12:30pm
"The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving"
MPH

30 Jul (Sun) **Trinity 8**
8am & 10:30am
"I am the Good Shepherd"
Psalm 23
John 10:11-18
Ps Edward Zaccheus

5 Aug (Sat) **COA Prayer Walk**
8 - 10am
MPH

VICAR'S MESSAGE 23 Jul 2023

Dear COA Family,

One of the most precious things that we can ever lose is not money, status or possession, no matter how much or valuable. This is because once lost, we can always earn them back through hard work or God will provide enough for all that we need.

The most precious thing that we can ever lose is our **credibility**. This is because once it is lost, it is almost impossible to gain it back, no matter how hard we try.

Credibility is a most important value which we own. Without credibility, we will not be able to gain the trust and respect of others. We will also find it impossible to lead, serve or relate with others in a meaningful way without their ability to believe what we say.

We could see this lesson most acutely in the recent episodes of misconduct found among some of our political leaders. No matter how hard they may attempt to win back the trust of the people whom they serve, they will not succeed because people will find it hard to believe them again. This is made especially worse in the case of the one who had been living a double life: speaking about having integrity while engaging in sin.

While having credibility in relation to our work is important, **having credibility in proclaiming the gospel is infinitely more important**. The former concerns things of this life which will pass away, the latter concerns the issue of eternal life which remains forever. In all that we do then, we must strive to protect our credibility in preaching the gospel.

What would credibility in our Christian life and witness look like?

The Apostle Paul explains it this way:

"We (Paul and his companions) put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way"
(2 Corinthians 6:3-4).

In other words, he lives his life in such a way that no contrary speech, action or behaviour can be found in his lifestyle which may cause anyone to find fault with his message. In all things he does, he seeks to maintain his credibility in being a messenger of the gospel to everyone. This comes at a great sacrifice to his personal convenience and even safety of his life.

Every great endeavour requires a great sacrifice. The athlete who desires to win medals at the Olympics must sacrifice his freedom to play and pleasure to a greater degree than others in order to achieve his goal. The worker who aims to complete a difficult project must give up his time to other pursuits to focus on his task at hand. It is the same with the gospel.

Church, are you willing this day to sacrifice your access to your rights privileges, and to personal pursuits of wealth and leisure, which may not be wrong in themselves but may hinder your Christian witness?

May I encourage you to preserve your credibility for the gospel at all costs as this is the most worthwhile pursuit which will lead to great and eternal reward. And the Lord, who sees all that you do in secret for him, will reward you openly in the presence of his heavenly angels!

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 or click on the link and kindly fill in the form to help us keep in touch with you. Click [here](#).

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.

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

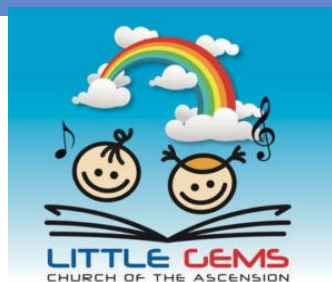
- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday school classes start at 10.30am.
The children will be dismissed after 10.30am
English Service.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



BREAKFAST AT LKC

Welcome to our 'Refreshment Corner' and enjoy your fellowship with the food and beverage.

We praise God and are grateful for the generous monetary contribution we have been receiving.

If anyone is interested in contributing in kind (eg. food and drinks), please contact Elaine Koh (94511625) or Clare at the church office.

We also seek your kind cooperation in not placing any food contribution at the 'Refreshment Corner' without first informing Elaine or Clare.



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

VICAR AWAY (5 - 9 AUG 2023)

Revd Ian and Vincent Lim will be in Thailand from 5-9 August on a mission exploration and engagement trip with the Deanery of Thailand leaders. Please keep them in prayer.

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"
Psalm 50:14-15

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.



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 **26 Aug (Sat)** at **9am** in **Ascension Hall**.

Interested parents, please contact Ps Edward at 81571244 or email to:

edward.z@ascension.org.sg to register.

MEN'S NETWORK RETREAT 2023

Date: 19 - 20 Aug 2023

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

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.

COA - WORSHIP MINISTRY - DRUM LESSONS



**Interested in
learning to play
the drums?**

**Drum lessons
conducted by Shaun Ho
Fri evenings or Sun afternoons**

Requirements

- willing to learn and practice
- willing to serve God through drumming for worship

Contact Eliza at 90882443 to sign up

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 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

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.

COA -- CHURCH CAMP 2024

Church of the Ascension

Church Camp 2024

**FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSES
TOGETHER**

DATE: 1ST - 4TH JUNE

**VENUE: AMERALD RESORT
HOTEL, DESARU**

SPEAKERS:

**REVD TIMOTHY &
MRS JOYCE EWING CHOW -**

More details to come

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

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



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

Registration closes on **4 August 2023**

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 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 Chapel of the Holy Spirit (CHS). You can view a video about CHS via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.
- For YouTube Link, please click [here](#).

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
or via this QR code



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DIOCESAN PRAYER CONFERENCE
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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
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REGISTER NOW
RM100
CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 1st, 2023

<https://bit.ly/PRAYCON23>

Join us for a powerful time of prayer as we seek God's guidance and blessing for our personal lives, families, churches, and nations. Together, we pray strategically with deeper understanding for the church and our nation. We will also focus on praying for Sabah, asking God to break through spiritual strongholds and bring salvation, transformation and revival to the region.

Date: 30 Aug - 1 Sep 2023

Venue: St Patrick's Church, Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia

Closing Date: **30 August 2023**

Interested participants may find out more and register at <http://bit.ly/PRAYCON23>



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 23 - 29 JUL 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Vicar:

Revd Joseph You

English, Mandarin and Tamil Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

St Andrew's Secondary School:

Principal and staff

- Courage to embrace new things that God is doing within the church.
- Courage to believe that God will bring about fresh anointing to the church.
- Outreach efforts within St Andrew's Village and the Potong Pasir community.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for our government to have wisdom, a passion for justice and righteousness and a heart full of compassion as we navigate through the series of political crisis in our nation.

Climate Crises: Pray for God's protection and deliverance of people and families in North America, Southern Europe and Asia suffering under the record-breaking heat wave engulfing these regions.

3) PARISH

- July - August sermon series: Pray that we will grow in our knowledge of and faith in our Lord through the seven "I Am" Sayings of Jesus series.
- Alpha: Pray for a wonderful response to our Alpha course which has commenced on 16 July. Pray also for God's Spirit to continue to bless the hosts, helpers and all the participants.
- COA Prayer Walk -- 5 Aug 23.

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.

Janet Hale - relief from pain in the
stomach.

Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss of
red

blood cells

"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

John 10:9