



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech You to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Your laws and the works of Your commandments; that through Your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

30 Jul 2023
Trinity 8

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Ps Edward Zaccheus

Sermon: "I am the Good Shepherd"

Bible Reading: Psalm 23;
John 10:11-18

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

UPCOMING

5 Aug
(Sat)
8am - 10am

Men's Network
National Day Prayer
Walk
MPH
There is no Hour of Power in August.

6 Aug
(Sun)
8am &
10:30am

Trinity 9
"I am the Resurrection and the Life"
1 Cor 15:12-20
John 11:17-27
Revd Soon Soo Kee

17 Aug (Thur)
9:45am -
11:30am

Comlink
"What's A Cooking" -
Kueh Salat
LKC Hall, COA

VICAR'S MESSAGE 30 Jul 2023

Dear COA Family,

Just this week I was conversing with a very experienced pastor about church ministry and he shared with me the state of his church.

Everything has been going well in his church – the members are going regularly for church services, serving faithfully in various ministries and enjoying the fellowship with one another. In other words, they are all very happy to belong to the church. Yet he still feels a sense of deep unease.

And this is the main issue – they have grown to be too comfortable in the state that they are. They seem unwilling to consider stepping out in new areas of ministry that the Lord is possibly calling them as a church. The church has grown to become inward-looking and self-serving. And he is deeply concerned and grieved about this state of affairs.

This is an especially dangerous state for any church to be in. Jesus' response to the church in Laodicea which had grown satisfied and complacent was this:

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked" Revelation 3:15-17.

Jesus was rebuking the church harshly and spoke of his ultimate judgment of rejecting the church if they continued in their self-satisfied ways.

Church, let us learn from the lesson of my fellow pastor's church and the church in Laodicea. It is important always to be spiritually hungry for God and his kingdom.

The first blessing of the beatitudes that Jesus pronounced to his disciples was this: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:3. The word "poor" in the Greek refers to being destitute, like a beggar on the street with totally nothing in his possession. Our Lord desires us to be hungry for him, his righteousness and his kingdom at all times!

In other words, the church of Christ must always be characterised by a deep yearning and hunger for God, and is never satisfied or complacent where they are.

I pray that this will help all of us to examine our own lives.

Have we reached a stage where we think that it is enough, we will limit God to ruling in some areas of our lives but not others? That we will respond in certain areas of ministry but not in all that He is calling us? That we have other priorities of our own besides our Lord's will for us?

May we not come to this dangerous state but continue to fervently seek his kingdom in our lives. Then our church will truly be in a blessed place.

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.

In consideration of hygiene and proper coordination, we seek your kind cooperation in informing Elaine or Clare before placing any food contribution at the 'Refreshment Corner'.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The COA Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) starts on 15 Aug for six 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.

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: 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.

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

CONFIRMATION COURSES

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

What's A Cooking ?

Kueh Salat



DATE: 17 AUG 23 (THURS)
TIME: 9.45AM TO 11.30AM
COST : \$6 PER PERSON
**VENUE : LKC HALL, CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION**
CLOSING DATE : 11 AUG 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.

NATIONAL DAY PRAYER WALK 2023 - 5 AUG 2023

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5/8/23 (SAT)
8.00 - 10.00AM
MULTI PURPOSE HALL

ALL WELCOME

organised by
MEN'S NETWORK

Men's Network Retreat 2023

Speakers

Sat: Pastor Ian Chew

Sun: Pastor Edward

19/8 - 20/8

St. Giles Hotel

The Mall Mid Valley Southkey (JB)

\$200/pax

Spouse \$150/pax 2 lunch are included.

Without joining meeting

**Cost including: Hotel room (Twin sharing w/breakfast), Conference Room
for 2 days with 2 lunch & 2 Teabreaks.
Two ways tranfer from COA - Hotel - COA (MPV)**

All are welcome



SAV Family Day



8 Oct 2023, Sunday

9am-1:30pm

St. Andrew's Junior
College



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

DIOCESAN DIGEST (JULY 2023)

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The latest issue of the Diocesan Digest is out! Find out the latest news and developments within the diocese. Download your copy at www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/

NATIONAL DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2023 - 17 AUG 2023

The National Council of Churches Singapore (NCCS) will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 58th National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service. All Christians are invited to join this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we seek the Lord together for Singapore.

No registration is required.

Date: Thursday 17 August 2023

Time: 7:45pm to 8:45pm

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2023

Let us come together with praise and thanksgiving unto our God for Singapore

Thursday 17 August, 7:45pm to 8:45pm
St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary

Message by Rt Rev Lu Guan Hoe
"May All The Peoples Praise You, God"

No registration required



STUDYING AND INTERPRETING THE BIBLE BY CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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**



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



TTC OPEN HOUSE 2023

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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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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
TAWAU

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: 30 JUL - 5 AUG 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

Area Group 5 (COR, COA, CHS)

1. Unity of Purpose
2. Wisdom and strength for Chaplaincy work to St Andrew's schools
3. Favour for outreach to Potong Pasir and Bidadari

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's leading that the right candidates to contest for the Presidential elections. Pray for His guidance and wisdom on the eventual chosen one to lead the country with righteousness and integrity.

World: Pray for relief from the heat wave that is affecting many countries in North America, Europe and Asia. Pray for God's protection and deliverance of people caught in forest fires due to the record high temperatures as well.

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 good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11*